

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**April 9, 2019**

Supervisor Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on April 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, Michigan.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call of Board Members**

Present: Denise Schmuckal, Jeane Blood Law, Dan Walters, Molly Agostinelli, Steve Duell, Lanie McManus and Chuck Korn

**1. Public Comment (6:01)**

None

**2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:01)**

Blood Law declared a conflict with bills and the board denied any conflict.

*Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve the agenda as presented.*

*Yeas: Agostinelli, Schmuckal, Blood Law, Duell, McManus, Walters, Korn  
Nays: None*

**3. Consent Calendar (6:02)**

**a. Minutes**

**March 26, 2019 Regular Meeting (Recommend Approval)**

**b. Bills**

**General Fund**

**\$309,600.51**

**(Recommend Approval)**

Board members removed the minutes of March 26, 2019 from the consent calendar.

*Duell moved and Schmuckal seconded to adopt the consent calendar as amended.*

*Yeas: Duell, Schmuckal, Agostinelli, Blood Law, Walters, McManus, Korn  
Nays: None*

**4. Items removed from the Consent Calendar (6:04)**

**a. Minutes March 26, 2019**

Duell asked that his name be added to item 7.b. since he attended the meeting as well.

*Walters moved and Blood Law seconded to adopt the Minutes of March 26, 2019 as amended adding Duell's name to item 7.b.*

*Yeas: Walters, Blood Law, McManus, Blood Law, Schmuckal, Duell, Korn  
Nays: None*

5. **Correspondence (6:04)**

- a. Grand Traverse Conservation District – March 2019 Report

6. **Reports**

a. **Clerk's Report (6:04)**

McManus said she submitted her report in writing.

b. **Supervisor's Report 6:05**

Korn reported that the Cass Road Drainage District will be looking at easements very soon. He attended two Metro study sessions and a couple of MTA educational sessions in Grand Rapids. Korn also met with a manager regarding the 2020 US Census.

c. **County Commissioner's Report 6:06**

Commissioner Brad Jewett said that there was an equalization meeting today and property values have risen in the county. The airport tree cutting was discussed and the project is in the hands of the FAA.

d. **Sheriff's Report (6:09)**

Deputy Chris Barsheff reported that the new statistics program is still being learned. There will be a drug takeback on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Traverse Mall. He will submit an invoice soon for the subscription to the speed signage and the department has caught a suspect in the counterfeit money case.

7. **Unfinished Business**

a. **Continued Discussion of Ordinance No. 74, an ordinance to prohibit marihuana establishments within the township (6:21)**

McManus showed numbers from the marihuana issue from the ballots in the last election. She wanted to give the board all the information in order to make a decision on the matter. This matter will be taken up at a Public Hearing at the next Board meeting. Korn opened up Public Comment at 6:24pm. Kip Belcher, from the Michigan State Police, discussed recreational marihuana as it relates to this proposed ordinance. He shared his concerns with allowing recreational marihuana and confirmed that the state does not have any regulations in place at this time. He added that there are many things for the board to consider. Korn closed the Public Comment at 6:30pm. Board members discussed the issue and the problems associated with it. A decision will need to be made in two weeks, but board members discussed opting out for now and then opting back in after further review.

**b. Continued Metro Discussion (6:36)**

Korn said that he attended another Metro study session and the three townships involved were able to agree on a solution. The solution gives each township the same authority. The election of officers, approval of board policies, and contracts using more than 1% of the total budget would all need affirmative votes from each township. Townships agreed to keep the funding formula at the time of equalization. Board members discussed the proposed resolution and shared concerns with the funding formula.

*Duell moved to adopt Resolution 2019-08-T a Resolution to Rescind the Resolution to Withdraw from Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services subject to the conditions therein. Schmuckal seconded the motion.*

*Yeas: Duell, Schmuckal, Walters, Agostinelli, McManus, Korn  
Nays: Blood Law*

**8. New Business (6:55)**

None

**9. Public Comment (6:56)**

None

**10. Other Business (6:56)**

Engineer Jennifer Hodges and Fire Chief Pat Parker discussed a proposed phased parking plan at Station 12 which would involve relocating the walking trail. Board members asked questions about the design. Hodges will put finishing touches on the proposed design and bring it before the Park Commission at their next meeting.

Board members discussed the audio visual in the meeting room and carpeting in the offices.

**11. Adjournment**

*Korn adjourned the meeting at 7:18pm.*



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