

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 14, 2019**

Supervisor Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on May 14, 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, Molly Agostinelli, Dan Walters, Steve Duell, Lanie McManus and Chuck Korn

Staff present: Planner John Sych

1. Public Comment (6:00)

Judi Rollings of Hillview Drive inquired about any plans to revitalize the Grand Traverse Mall. Korn replied that the mall was part of an Opportunity Zone.

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:03)

Blood Law declared a conflict with Bills, but board members waived it.

Agostinelli moved and Duell seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:03)

a. Minutes

April 23, 2019 Regular Meeting (Recommend Approval)

April 29, 2019 Special Meeting (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund

\$340,497.19

(Recommend Approval)

c. Agreement for Collection of Summer Property Taxes (Recommend Approval)

d. Request from Tim Hinkley, President of the Traverse City Boom Boom Club for a contribution of \$3,500 for the 2019 July 4th Fireworks (Recommend Approval)

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

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

4. Items removed from the Consent Calendar

5. Correspondence (6:05)

- a. Grand Traverse Conservation District – April 2019 Report

6. Reports

a. Sheriff's Report – Consideration of Resolution 2019-13-T, Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant Program Application (6:05)

Deputy Chris Barsheff said that there were no statistics to review yet. He attended an Ironman race meeting and discussed the bike portion would run through Garfield Township. He has planned for deputies all along the route. Michigan State Police will also help out at the cost of race organizers. He attended an active assailant conference and was debriefed on some major incidents which occurred across the country. The department is also training fire departments on active shooters and car seat safety checks are ongoing each month. He is seeking board support to apply for a grant through the Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Reduction Program for two ebikes to help get into places that are not conducive to vehicles.

Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded to adopt Resolution 2019-13-T supporting the Township Community Police Officer grant application for two ebikes to the Michigan Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant Program.

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

b. Assessor's Report (6:15)

Township Assessor Amy DeHaan shared the 2019 Assessment Roll Report with board members.

c. Clerk's Report (6:16)

McManus said that her report was submitted in writing. Deputy Clerk Betty Tezak received her Michigan Municipal Clerk Certification. McManus and Tezak will travel to TC West High School to teach students how to vote and talk about absentee ballots.

d. Personnel Committee Report (6:18)

Schmuckal reported that an ad went in the paper for a Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer and the deadline is May 30, 2019.

e. Supervisor's Report (6:19)

Korn reported that he met with members of the Stonefield Subdivision and they would like to do a SAD for their private road. Chelsea Park Phase two and three has been sold to a new developer. He attended meetings

for the Opportunity Zone, the Boardman Lake Loop and an Economic Development Organization Summit.

f. County Commissioner's Report (6:26)

County Commissioner Brad Jewett said that county administration may be reaching out to townships to form a committee for the upcoming 2020 census. Zeke the police dog will retire soon and the county paid an additional \$1.5 million to MERS. Commissioners will attend a goal setting session with county administrators and will choose three – five things to accomplish in the coming year.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Public Hearing – PD 2019-53 – First Amendment to 2018 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan (6:29)

Planner John Sych said this amendment to the Parks and Rec plan includes properties which were considered for acquisition or access easement in the future and provides information on Phase Three of the Buffalo Ridge Trail for the purpose of seeking future grants. Korn opened the Public Hearing open at 6:33pm and seeing no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded to adopt Resolution 2019-11-T, adopting the First Amendment to the 5 year Parks and Recreation Master Plan as attached to Planning Department Report 2019-53.

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

b. Public Hearing – PD 2019-54 Amendment to Parkland Ordinance Prohibiting Marihuana Smoking (6:34)

This amendment will include a prohibition on smoking and vaping of marihuana and tobacco on park grounds. Planner Sych will change the language in the ordinance removing Section 5.d. and expanding Section 4.m. to include marihuana, tobacco or any other products. Korn opened the Public Hearing at 6:42pm and seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the Public Hearing. *Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to adopt Resolution 2019-12-T adopting the Second Amendment to Ordinance No. 50, as amended and attached to Planning Department Report 2019-54.*

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

8. New Business

a. Consideration of the Proposed Comprehensive Annual Budget Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 for the City of Traverse City and the Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority. (6:43)

Recreational Authority Executive Director Matt Cowall explained and reviewed the proposed 2019-20 budget for the Recreation Authority. He said that all operations were in the black and rentals at the barn are

maintaining much of the operations. Other barns are being worked on. Board members commented and asked questions. He added that the Recreation Authority may pursue a ballot question in 2020 for an operating millage extension.

Blood Law moved and McManus seconded to accept the proposed Recreational Authority budget for the year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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

b. Consideration of Consent to Amended and Restated Agreement for Management of the Historic Barns Park (6:56)

Cowell said that this amended and restated agreement further defines what happens if the Recreation Authority would dissolve. The management agreement would stay in effect between the management entities, the City of Traverse City and Garfield Township.

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to approve the Amended and Restated Agreement for Management of the Historic Barns Park.

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

c. Consideration of Letter of Recommendation for Eaglehurst Dr. Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Extension (7:01)

Township Engineer Jennifer Hodges said that the developer asked for financial assistance through the township. The township will fund the cost of the water main and sewer extension and the developer will pay the loan back with interest. Bids were sought on behalf of the developer and Alpers was the low bidder for the project.

Walters moved and Schmuckal seconded to accept the bid from Alpers in the amount of \$185,989.25 for a water main and sanitary sewer extension on Eaglehurst Drive.

Board members discussed the project further.

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

d. Consideration of approval of easements for Drain and Storm Water Overland Flow (7:10)

Drain Commissioner Steve Largent said that there will be easements needed to move forward with the Cass Road Drainage District project. Berma and overland flow drains will be placed on the outlined property. Maintenance will be easier to perform and in the future, these easements may become part of the Garfield Township Miller Creek Natural Area.

These are two critical easements. Township Engineers have reviewed the easements and have approved them.

Walters moved and Agostinelli seconded to approve the Drain and Storm Water Overland Flow Easement PPN 28-05-022-002-10.

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

e. Review Resolution 2019-06-T, A Resolution Adopting Township Trustees Salary (7:19)

Clarification is sought on payment to trustees at a meeting where a vote is taken. McManus said she would watch the meetings again to determine what was decided. An updated trustee expense report to reflect the resolution was sought as was notice to a trustee of any change in a submitted expense report.

9. Public Comment (7:27)

None

10. Other Business (7:27)

CP shopping districts in the township were expanded for growth potential opportunities in the new zoning ordinance. Electronics in meeting room are not working yet because another separate wifi password will be needed to operate the equipment. Board members discussed the proposed parking at Station 12.

11. Adjournment

Schmuckal adjourned the meeting at 7:38pm.



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