

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
VIRTUAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 26, 2020 - Amended

Chuck Korn called the Virtual Town Board Meeting to order on May 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via the Zoom Application.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of Board Members – Meeting held via ZOOM

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

Staff Present: Planning Director John Sych

1. Public Comment (6:03)
None

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:06)
Duell moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

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

3. Consent Calendar (5:10)

a. Minutes
May 13, 2020 Regular Meeting
(Recommend Approval)

b. Bills
General Fund \$33,887.86
(Recommend Approval)

Gourdie Fraser

Developer's Escrow Fund – Storm Water Reviews, Utility Plan Reviews, Oversight and Closeout	\$8,742.50
Utility Receiving Fund	\$1,310.00
Park Funds/DNR Trust Fund	\$2,030.00
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$12,082.50

(Recommend Approval)

c. Close-out and Turnover Documents for Contractor's Drive Water Main Extension – Service Connection
(Recommend Approval)

d. COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan (Receive and File)

Consent item B was removed to item 4.

Agostinelli moved and McManus seconded to adopt the consent calendar as presented.

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

4. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

a. Bills

General Fund (Recommend Approval)	\$33,887.86
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Gourdie Fraser

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Utility Plan Reviews, Oversight and Closeout

\$8,742.50

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Board members asked questions about a bill.

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to approve the Bills in the amount of \$33,887.86 and Gourdie Fraser Bills in the amount of \$12,082.50.

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

5. Correspondence

None

6. Reports

a. Construction Report (6:13)

Jennifer Hodges reported that bids are coming in high for many proposed projects. Water usage is being closely monitored on the east side of the township due to many proposed developments. An additional water tank may be needed at some point in the future. She is also performing some work on the Cass Road drainage project which has been scaled back. The Silver Lake Park paving is almost complete and lots of utility plan reviews are being completed along with storm water reviews. Board members asked questions and discussed the report.

b. North Flight Report (6:21)

Paul Owens reported that in April they were down in transport numbers by 20-30%. North Flight is well staffed and has plenty of PPE equipment. The transport numbers went up on the Memorial Day

holiday. Owens reported that North Flight signed an agreement with Acme Township for services.

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

Commissioner Brad Jewett reported that they approved the Administrator review. The county is open for business, but not open to the public. A tentative opening date for the county offices is June 14th.

d. Parks and Recreation Report (6:29)

Garfield Township Park Steward Derek Morton said that they are working around the weather and cleaning up the Silver Lake Dog Park. He is working with Engineer Jennifer Hodges on the landscaping of the parking lot at Silver Lake. The Commons Recreation area is battling vandalism and rogue trails. He is taking ideas for the new River East Park. Morton added that the Old Mill Demo was pushed back to the second week of June.

e. Treasurer's Report (6:34)

Blood Law shared her report in writing and explained a few fund changes to the board

f. Supervisor's Report (6:37)

Korn said the offices are open to the public, but ask that visitors to the township wear face masks. The township has exceeded state requirements for opening safely. Korn said he attended a GT Metro Authority meeting today and their financial audit was completed and a Station 11 renovation design was approved. Station 11 renovations are phased at this time.

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. New Business

a. Public Hearing and Findings of Fact – PD 2020-78 Good News Automotive C-G Rezoning (6:41)

Planner John Sych said the Good News Automotive is requesting to be rezoned from I-G General Industrial to C-G – General Commercial at 3100 Cass Road. The rezoning request is consistent with the Master Plan. Korn opened the Public Hearing at 6:43pm. Hearing no one wishing to comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded THAT the Planning Commission's recommended Findings of Fact for the application Z-2020-01 as provided in PD Report 2020-78 and forming part of this motion, BE APPROVED.

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

Schmuckal moved and Walters seconded THAT application Z-2020-01, submitted by Good News Automotive Inc., to rezone Parcel No. 05-310-001-00 from the I-G General Industrial Zoning district to the C-G General Commercial zoning district and constituting Amendment No. 23 to Garfield Township Ordinance No. 68, BE APPROVED based on the adopted Findings of Fact and for the reasons set forth in PD Report 2020-78.

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

Schmuckal moved and Agostinelli seconded THAT Resolution 2020-08-T for adopting Amendment No. 23 to Garfield Township Ordinance No. 68, rezoning Parcel No. 05-310-001-00 from the I-G General Industrial zoning district to the C-G General Commercial zoning district BE ADOPTED.

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

b. Public Hearing – PD 2020-79 – Parkland Ordinance – Proposed Amendment (6:47)

Parks Steward Derek Morton said that the Parks Commission has already approved these proposed amendments and they are consistent with the Zoning Ordinance. Korn opened the Public Hearing at 6:50pm and hearing no one wishing to comment, closed the public hearing.

Schmuckal moved and Walters seconded to adopt Resolution 2020-09-T adopting Amendment No. 3 to Ordinance No. 50, Township Parkland Ordinance, as described in the supporting attachments to Planning Department Report 2020-79.

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

c. Consideration of City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Matt Cowall, Director of the Joint Recreation Authority explained the proposed 2020-21 budget to board members and added that roads will be paved in the Barns Park area in August. Board members asked questions on the proposed budget and Cowall explained that the budget was made with the COVID-19 closings in mind since revenue in Barns Park was affected by the closure.

Duell moved and Walters seconded to adopt the City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

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

Nays: None

d. Discussion of Commercial Use and Permitting for Boardman River Valley (7:06)

Korn explained that The River Outfitters is asking for permission to use a portion of the Boardman River near the YMCA as a kayak exit site. Board members were concerned with traffic, parking and the homeless camps in the area. They also shared concerns with a for profit enterprise doing business on township property. Board members discussed the matter and determined that more investigation was warranted. **Referred it back to the Parks Commission.**

e. Consideration of Adoption of Final Version of Trail Maintenance Plan (7:16)

Korn said MDOT has changed a couple things in the plan and board members asked questions regarding the maintenance plan, insurance coverage and an amortization schedule. It is understood that the endowment will be invested and the interest will be used to make any improvements.

Agostinelli moved and Blood Law seconded to adopt the Final Version (amendment #3) of the Trail Maintenance Plan for the Boardman Lake Loop as presented.

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

9. Public Comment:

None


10. Other Business (7:34)

Agostinelli commented on the rugby goals that have remained in place and Korn said that the agreement will be reviewed. The next meeting will be done via Zoom as well.


11. Adjournment

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40.

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



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