

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 25, 2020 - Amended

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on August 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of Board Members

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

Staff Present: Planning Director John Sych

1. Public Comment (6:00)

Josey Ballenger announced her candidacy for the TCAPS Board.

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

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

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:04)

a. Minutes

July 28, 2020 Regular Meeting
(Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

(i) General Fund \$199,968.06
(Recommend Approval)

(ii) Gourdie-Fraser
Developers' Escrow Fund – Storm Water Reviews, Utility Plan
Reviews, Oversight and Closeout \$13,924.50
Utility Receiving Fund 3,875.00
Park Funds/DNR Trust Fund 2,252.00

Total \$20,051.50

(Recommend Approval)

c. MTT Report (Receive and File)

d. Close-out and Turnover Documents for Traditions at Ashland Park – Phase III (Recommend Approval)

Board members asked to remove Consent item a to agenda item 4.

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

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

4. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar (6:06)

a. Bills

(i) General Fund \$199,968.06
(Recommend Approval)

Board members asked questions about the bills.

Schmuckal moved and Agostinelli seconded to approve payment of the bills as presented.

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

5. Correspondence (6:08)

a. Grand Traverse Conservation District – July 2020 Report

6. Reports

a. Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth Auditor's Report (6:08)

Trina Edwards and Krin Perreault from Dennis, Gartland and Niergarth reviewed the 2019 audit with board members. The township received the highest rating possible on the audit, which is an unmodified opinion. Edwards explained some budget adjustments which were made from the 2018 fiscal year.

b. Construction Report

Township Engineer Jennifer Hodges reported that the DPW has been busy with some issues at Pump Station #1. DTE hit a water line near the Traditions building site which required emergency repairs and she met with John Sych to review the CIP for Garfield Township. Bidding for projects is tricky right now and it is only being done for essential projects because many bids are coming back too high. The Cass Road drainage project is out for bids and was significantly scaled down. In the Silver Lake Parking lot project, the change order will be rescinded and brought back for final approval at a later date due to the issue with a sprinkler head. Board members asked questions about the DTE water main issue.

c. GT Metro Fire Report (6:47)

Chief Pat Parker reported that one employee tested positive for COVID and seven new employees will be coming into the station. The employees voted to be represented by a union and plans for negotiations will move forward. Metro is looking into loans for construction projects and many activities are still being done virtually. The Station 11 remodel is out for

bids and Metro hopes to hear the status of its request for hazard pay funds soon.

Parker then reviewed the 2021 budget which includes a proposed 3% pay increase and two new vehicles.

Schmuckal moved and Walters seconded to schedule a public hearing on September 8, 2020 for the purpose of presenting and adopting the 2021 GT Metro budget.

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

d. North Flight EMS Report (7:00)

Dave Grattopp, North Flight EMS Operations Manager, reported that there have been many COVID transports in the past month but no exposures to his employees. He indicated that call volumes are at or slightly above last year's levels. North Flight is getting a plan together for the Vice President's visit to Traverse City.

e. County Commissioners Report (7:06)

Commissioner Brad Jewett said that the county voted to help fund the TART trail resurfacing project. The Senior Center millage will not be on the November ballot while the 911 millage of \$2.50 will appear on the ballot. The county purchased an Emergency Management Trailer and truck at a huge cost savings and the Federal Transportation Authority approved a plan for a new BATA transfer station. The county building is open by appointment.

f. Planning Department Monthly Report for August – PD 2020-120 (7:18)

Planner John Sych reviewed the projects that the Planning Commission has on their docket. He answered board member questions about the BATA complex conceptual review.

g. Parks and Rec Report (7:25)

Derek Morton said that he is looking ahead to 2021 projects. Plantings for the berm at Silver Lake Park will be done this fall and he is accepting bids for a bathroom heating element. Morton stated that he is looking into trail cams for the Commons area but that deputies have been more visible in that area as well. Boardman Valley issues have been resolved and TAPA would like to pay for some shading screens near the courts. He talked about work done at Miller Creek and Kids Creek. Morton and Tom Vitale are also working to remove invasive species and he is beginning to gather bids for snow removal.

h. Clerk's Report (7:37)

McManus said she is waiting on final numbers before presenting a budget amendment. Her office has been busy accepting absentee ballot applications. She reports that for the next mailing, she will have close to 6,000 ballots to mail.

I. Supervisor's Report (7:38)

Korn spoke about the Boardman River clean-up effort and a resolution to the road connections to the new Oakleaf PUD. IT Right needs to raise its rates but fiber optic may be brought in. There was an official groundbreaking for the West Boardman Loop and the Cass Road spur has been shelved at this time. He updated board members on the Long Lake water hookups.

7. Unfinished Business

a. PD 2020-124 – Amendment to existing fee schedule (7:49)

Schmuckal moved and Agostinelli seconded to adopt Resolution 2020-17-T for amending the Charter Township of Garfield Fee Schedule.

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

Nays: None

8. New Business

a. Consideration of Resolution 2020-18-T, a Resolution amending the Township's Pension Plan (7:51)

Korn explained that this resolution would change the retirement age to 60 years of age.

Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded to adopt Resolution 2020-18-T, a Resolution Amending the Township's Pension Plan.

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

Nays: None

9. Public Comment: (7:55)

Greg Hall of Silver Farms Lane announced his candidacy for Grand Traverse County Sheriff.

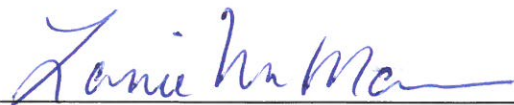
10. Other Business (7:59)

11. Adjournment

Korn adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm



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