

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 28, 2018

Supervisor Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on August 28, 2018 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, Lanie McManus, Jeane Blood Law, Molly Agostinelli, Dan Walters, Steve Duell and Chuck Korn

1. Public Comment (6:00)

None

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

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

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:01)

a. Minutes

August 14, 2018 Regular Meeting (Recommend Approval)

August 21, 2018 (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund **\$149,958.27**
(Recommend Approval)

Gourdie-Fraser

Developer's Escrow Fund – storm Water Reviews **\$ 3,065.00**

Developer's Escrow Fund – Utility Plan Review

Oversight and Closeout **2,252.50**

Utility Receiving Fund **76,060.50**

Total **\$81,378.00**

(Recommend Approval)

c. MTT Update (Receive and File)

d. Consideration of Contractor's Application for Payment No. 2 to Elmer's Crane and Dozer for NW Water System Improvements in the amount of \$470,966.96 (Recommend Approval)

e. PD 2018-92 Introduce and schedule Draft 2018 Master Plan for September 25, 2018 (Recommend Approval)

Consent item b. Bills - General Fund was removed from the consent calendar by a board member.

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to approve the agenda as amended.

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

4. Items removed from the Consent Calendar (6:03)

a. Bills

Board members asked questions regarding the bills.

Schmuckal moved and Walters seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$149,958.27.

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

5. Correspondence (6:06)

- a. Email from Lizabeth Wojes regarding trees at Silver Lake Park
- b. Email from Rebecca and Tom Childs regarding removal of trees at Silver Lake Park
- c. Email from Darryl Case regarding a Metro call

Board members discussed the correspondence regarding Silver Lake Park and the landscaping plan along Silver Lake Road.

6. Reports

a. Construction Report (6:17)

Jennifer Hodges from Gourdie-Fraser said DM will be back to disinfect and test the new tank and said the new tank would then be in service. She said that the Cass Road drainage district is slowly moving forward and the Boardman Valley Nature Preserve has been challenging from an engineering standpoint and is behind schedule a bit. Customers at the south end of the Township are interested in extending the water main. She added that she has been busy with plan reviews and stormwater reviews.

b. GT Metro Fire Report (6:22)

Metro Chief Pat Parker reported that there were 446 total calls in July and 289 were in Garfield Township. He reviewed some recent calls with board members and said that water rescue and car accidents are up this summer. The fire department has been given a house to train in and they received a \$29,000 grant for ballistic gear for first responders. The Memorandum of Understanding with the Grand Traverse Tribe has been extended for another year and firefighters are

busy with some community programs. Board members discussed his report and also discussed the proposal brought forth by East Bay Township for the construction of dorm rooms in Station 9.

c. County Commissioner Report (6:38)

None present

d. Supervisor’s Report (6:38)

Korn reported that the Sabin Dam is seeing lots of silt and that once it is taken out, Logan’s Landing may see some silt as well. Neighborhoods on the south end of the Township are asking about extending the water main, as well as several on the northwest. Northern Nexus met and the County Administrator, Nate Alger is interested in pulling all of these economic growth groups together. There is a meeting scheduled for September 5th to discuss a new CPO with the County.

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. New Business

a. Pat Parker - Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department Budget Assumptions/Issues and Consideration of Resolution 2018-31-T, the 2019 Budget Resolution for the Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority – Introduction and schedule for public hearing on September 11, 2018. (6:43)

Metro Chief Pat Parker reviewed the 2019 proposed Metro Fire budget with board members. He stated that the original draft of the budget was for 2.5 mills, but the proposed budget has been scaled back to 2.35 mills with a 2% wage increase. The proposed budget includes the purchase of utility terrain vehicles. This budget does not affect the lease agreements. Board members discussed the tax tribunals and how the proposed budget would be affected.

Schmuckal moved and Walters supported to schedule a public hearing on September 11, 2018 to consider the 2019 budget for the Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department.

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

b. Consideration of Resolution 2018-29-T, a resolution Opposing HB 6049 and SB 1025 (6:55)

Assessor Amy DeHaan said that these two bills propose to have counties take over assessing for small jurisdictions that cannot hire a full time assessor. She estimates that 81% of assessors could be out of a job. Board members agreed not to support the bills as written.

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to adopt Resolution 2018-29-T, a resolution Opposing HB 6049 and SB 1025.

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

c. Consideration of Resolution 2018-30-T, a resolution Supporting HB 4986 (7:01)

Korn said that this proposed bill would repeal the disabled veterans property tax exemption and make it an income tax credit instead. This has cost the Township \$142,800 over five years. Board members wanted to delay any action on this item until a state representative could be reached for comment on it.

d. Consideration of Financing through the lateral charge process for a public water and sewer system on Eaglehurst Drive in Eaglehurst Estates (7:05)

Jennifer Hodges, Engineer with Gourdie-Fraser, said that the owner of the lots in Eaglehurst, Scott Flaska, also owns a construction company and would like to finance the water and sewer system through the lateral charge process. Board members asked to see other bids for the project to ensure fairness.

9. Public Comment (7:13)

None

10. Other Business (7:13)

Schmuckal mentioned that Image 360 is renovating and a new sidewalk should be required to be installed.

Tennis courts were full at Silver Lake Park.

Duell has been receiving letters regarding the intersection at Keystone and Hoch Roads. Residents can file a request for traffic signals with the Road Commission.

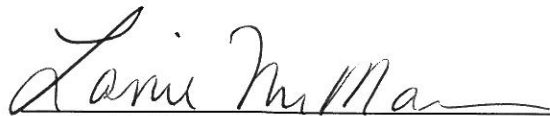
McManus presented pictures of squirrel destruction in Township vehicles.

11. Adjournment

Korn moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm



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