

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 25, 2018

Supervisor Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on September 25, 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, Steve Duell and Chuck Korn

Absent and Excused: Dan Walters

Staff Present: Roberto Larrea

1. Public Comment (6:00)

Sue Kelly, Vice President of the TCAPS Board of Education said she appreciates the support for the millage and said that she is running for re-election this fall. She gave some information on the TCAPS budget and asks for board support.

Sue Boyko, Director of Northflight talked about a change in leadership and said that Tim Newton is in charge of Northflight.

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:04)

Duell moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Old Business C- Metro Meeting.

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:05)

a. Minutes

September 11, 2018 (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund	\$37,528.77
(Recommend Approval)	

**c. Consideration of Resolution 2018-30-T, a resolution supporting HB 4986
(Recommend Approval)**

**d. Application for Progress Payment No. 5 for NW Water Project for DN Tanks,
Inc. in the amount of \$8,730 (Recommend Approval)**

e. Consideration of Closeout and Acceptance documents for Traditions at Ashland Park (Recommend Approval)

Duell asked to remove Consent Calendar Item 3.c. to Item 4.a. Items removed from the Consent Calendar and Korn said that item 3.e. can be removed altogether.

Schmuckal moved and Agostinelli seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as amended.

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

Nays: None

4. Items removed from the Consent Calendar (6:08)

a. Consideration of Resolution 2018-30-T, a resolution supporting HB 4986

Board members were concerned about benefits to veterans and Korn spoke with house members and found out that the bill is not a benefit to the low income veterans.

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded not to support House Bill 4986. Board members discussed the House Bill and its benefits to the municipal entities. The motion was withdrawn pending more information on the proposed House Bill.

5. Correspondence (6:13)

a. Email from Larry and Diana Hathaway regarding Silver Lake Recreation Area

6. Reports

a. Construction Report (6:14)

Engineer Jennifer Hodges reported that DN Tanks has been getting the new water tank ready to fill. The tank will be filled by Thursday and there will then be more testing and water sampling. Sewer projects are ongoing. She and Korn met with the DEQ and she is submitting for reimbursement on the utility maps grant project. Hodges continues to work with Drain Commissioner, Steve Largent on the Cass Road project and added that the Boardman Valley project is moving along. Hodges agreed to coordinate a meeting and tour of the new tank facility at 5 p.m. before the next meeting.

b. GT Metro Fire Report (6:21)

No report

c. County Commissioner's Report (6:22)

Commissioner Tom Mair said the Easling pool will reopen and there will be an open house. The County Commission will meet and discuss the Senior Center and the future plans for it. There will be a fish fry lunch on September 29th with fish caught in the local area.

Cheryl Gore Follette apologized for not being at meetings all summer and said that the meeting with townships pertaining to the County Planning was a positive meeting and it was determined that a County Planning Commission is not needed.

d. Personnel Committee Report (6:25)

Schmuckal reported that Judith Battle has given her two week notice of retirement so the hiring of an Office Coordinator is more important. The committee has reviewed applicants for the vacant Office Coordinator position and will be interviewing soon. The timing of hiring an applicant was discussed and it was decided to have a special meeting for the purpose of hiring a candidate if needed on October 1, 2018.

e. Treasurer's Report (6:32)

Blood Law stated that overall, revenues are up by 3.97 %. She gave some budget data for the year.

f. Northflight EMS Report (6:33)

No report

e. Supervisor's Report (6:33)

Korn said that he met with the tribe regarding their housing project and said that 99 housing units are expected to be built. A Memorandum of Understanding may be needed for emergency services. The board discussed emergency services and tribal property.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Public Hearing – 2018 Tax Rate Request (6:37)

Supervisor Korn said that 2 mills for the Township and 2.35 mills for the Metro Emergency Services are being proposed. Korn opened the Public Hearing at 6:38 p.m. Seeing no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed. Board members discussed the taxable value.

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to submit the proposed tax rates to the County Clerk.

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

Nays: None

b. Public Hearing – Charter Township of Garfield Master Plan – Consideration of Resolution 2018-34-T, a resolution to adopt Charter Township of Garfield 2018 Master Plan, in accordance with the provisions of act 33 of the Public Acts of 2008, as amended (6:40)

Larrea said that this 2018 Master Plan has been vetted by the Planning Commission and has taken a lot of effort on their part. He reviewed some new features of the plan and said that they were trying to incentivize developers to redevelop some older

properties. Korn opened the Public Hearing at 6:43 p.m. Seeing no one wishing to speak, Korn closed the Public Hearing.

Schmuckal moved and Blood Law supported THAT, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (Act 33 of the Public Acts of 2008), BE APPROVED.

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

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded THAT Resolution 2018-34-T adopting the 2018 Charter Township of Garfield Master Plan, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (Act 44 of the Public Acts of 2008), BE ADOPTED.

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

c. Metro Board Meeting (6:45)

Korn reported that the Metro attorney deemed the approval on a 4-2 vote was legal for the Station 9 improvements. Board members discussed the implications of not passing the Metro budget at the Township level. If the Township fails to respond to Metro in 45 days, it is assumed that the budget is approved. If the Township objects to the proposed Metro budget, the budget will still be approved. If the proposed Metro budget is disapproved for two years in a row by the Township, it will be assumed that the Township wants to withdraw from Metro emergency services. Board members asked that another Metro Board meeting be set to discuss the Articles of Incorporation.

Blood Law moved that Garfield Township officially objects to the proposed 2019 Metro Emergency Services budget as administered under the current Articles of Incorporation. Duell seconded the motion.

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

8. New Business (7:06)

None

9. Public Comment (7:06)

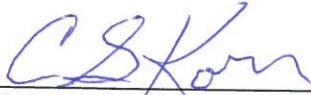
Tom Cash asked about where the new tribal development was located. He commented regarding the Metro Fire budget

10. Other Business (7:08)

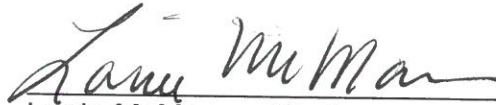
Schmuckal asked about the Master Plan updates.

11. Adjournment (7:09)

Korn moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:09



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