CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD TOWN BOARD MEETING September 8, 2020

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on September 8, 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

1. Public Comment (6:00)

None

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

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

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:01)

a. Minutes

August 25, 2020 Regular Meeting (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund (Recommend Approval)

\$36.557.83

- c. Contractor's Application for Payment No. 4 and Change Order No. 3 to North Country Contracting LLC for Silver Lake Park Recreation Improvements (Recommend Approval)
- d. The Crown Phase III Water Main and Sanitary Sewer, Close-out and Turnover (Recommend Approval)

Agostinelli moved and Walters seconded to adopt the consent calendar as amended moving consent items a and c to agenda item #4.

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

4. <u>Items Removed from the Consent Calendar (6:06)</u>

a. Minutes - August 25, 2020 Regular Meeting

McManus said that the second sentence in the Clerk's Report needs to be changed to read, "Her office has been busy accepting absentee ballot applications."

c. Contractor's Application for Payment No. 4 and Change Order No. 3 to North Country Contracting LLC for Silver Lake Park Recreation Improvements (Recommend Approval)

Board members asked to pull this item from the consent agenda because there were still outstanding items uncompleted. Engineer Jennifer Hodges said that she would meet with contractors in the coming week on the outstanding items.

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to postpone payment on the No. 4 and Change Order No. 3 to North Country Contracting LLC for Silver Lake Park Recreation Improvements.

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

Nays: None

5. Correspondence (6:08)

- a. Grand Traverse Conservation District August 2020 Report
- Letter from Jason Torrey regarding local 911 surcharge ballot proposal for November

6. Reports

a. Sheriff's Report (6:09)

Lt. Chris Oosse indicated that calls in Garfield Township in the month of August made up approximately 42% of calls in the county. A grant allowed them to make many more impaired driving stops through the Labor Day weekend.

b. County Commissioner's Report (6:11)

Commissioner Brad Jewett said County Buildings and offices are open by appointment only. Recently, two county employees tested positive for the COVID 19 virus. Jason Torrey will be at the next meeting to address the 911 proposed surcharge. Discussion occurred about the County Building closure.

c. Clerk's Report (6:18)

McManus indicated that her report was submitted in writing and her office is getting ready to send ballots out as soon as they are delivered.

d. Supervisor's Report (6:18)

Korn said he met with EGLE representatives to discuss the Birmley Water Service district. He added that the Finance Committee is looking at 2021 revenues in order to draft a budget. The 2021 budget will likely be

conservative and use some fund balance. He attended various functions in the township including a ribbon cutting and he and the Planning Staff toured Britten property for a potential housing project. The county online permitting system is currently being tested.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

 Public Hearing – Discussion of the amount of property tax millage to levy or the 2021 General and Fire Fund Accounts for fire protections and associated expenses. (6:29)

Korn opened the Public Hearing at 6:33pm and seeing no one wishing to comment, closed the Public Hearing.

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to levy 2.45 mills for Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services and 2.0 mills for the Charter Township of Garfield.

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

b. Consideration of Resolution 2020-19-T, the 2021 Budget Resolution for Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority (6:35)

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to adopt Resolution 2020-19-T, the 2021 Budget Resolution for Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority.

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

c. Consideration of a request from Drain Commissioner Steve Largent to fund the Cass Road Drain Project design engineering services (6:38)

Largent stated that bids are out for the reduced project on Cass Road. Board members asked questions regarding the project. The township will pay for design and engineering services in the amount of \$46,200 and then be credited as part of the at-large assessment. Board members asked for information on the scope of the project thus far and Engineer Jennifer Hodges agreed to present a short powerpoint presentation with all pertinent information.

Walters moved and Agostinelli seconded to enter into an agreement with the Cass Road Drainage District and the Drain Commissioner to fund the Cass Road design and engineering services in the amount of a \$46,200 advance to be reimbursed as a credit on the assessment at-large. Yeas: Walters, Agostinelli, McManus, Duell, Blood Law, Schmuckal, Korn

Nays: None

d. Consideration of awarding a contract to IT Right for IT services (6:45)
Korn stated that he received another bid for IT services from Wyant that
was 50% higher. Board members discussed the bids.

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to award a contract for IT services to IT Right at a cost of \$15,600 per year for three years.

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

Nays: None

9. Public Comment: (6:49)

Steve Largent commented that it has been a pleasure to work with Parks Steward Derek Morton and requested a meeting to determine what could be done in the remainder of the season.

Duell commented in Jimsonweed which is a toxic weed and is near the buffalo fields.

10. Other Business (6:51)

Duell appreciated Derek Morton as well. Schmuckal commented on the County Court waiting lists.

11. Adjournment

Korn adjourned the meeting at 6:54pm

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD COUNTY OF GRAND TRAVERSE, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION 2020-19-T

2021 BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR GRAND TRAVERSE METRO EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of the Charter Township of Garfield, held on the 8th day of September, 2020, at 6:00 pm.

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

WHEREAS, The Township is an Incorporating Township of the Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority ("Metro"), incorporated under the authority of Public Act 57 of 1988, and

WHEREAS, Article XV of the Articles of Incorporation for Metro provides that Metro's annual budget will be funded by contributions from each Incorporating Township in the following manner:

"The total taxable value of ad valorem real property taxes of all Incorporating Townships shall be determined for the current year ("annual district taxable value") and a millage rate shall be determined ("uniform millage rate") by utilizing the annual district taxable value as if it were the taxable basis for funding the proposed annual budgets of the authority."

WHEREAS, Article XV of the Articles of Incorporation also states that:

"Each Incorporating Township shall be allocated its representative share of contribution by applying the uniform millage rate as determined on all ad valorem real property tax base of that Incorporating Township. The calculation is as follows:

Proposed Budget	=	"Uniform	Millage	Rate"
Annual District Taxable Value				

WHEREAS, the "Uniform Millage Rate" for Metro's 2021 Budget is calculated to be 2.45 mills.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township hereby commits to fund Metro's 2021 Budget year with a financial contribution equal to 2.45 mills times the Townships ad valorem real property tax value, which equates to \$4,545,377 (\$2,219,926 for Garfield; \$1,467,843 for East Bay; \$857,608 for Acme);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township agrees to distribute all of this revenue to Metro by May 15, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township can fund Metro's 2021 Budget obligation using any combination of a millage rate and general fund contribution as deemed financially beneficial to the Township.

Motion: Denise Schmuckal Second: Steve Duell

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

Nays: None

Absent and Excused: None

CERTIFICATE

I, Lanie McManus, the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Garfield, hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true copy of a Resolution of the Township Board for the Charter Township of Garfield, adopted during a meeting of the Township of Garfield Township Board, Grand Traverse County, Michigan held on September 8, 2020, at which meeting seven (7) members were present as indicated in said Minutes and voted as therein set forth and that all signatures affixed thereto are the genuine signatures of those so indicated, and that each signatory was duly authorized to affix his or her signature, that said meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan, and that due and proper notice of the meeting as required by law was given to the members of the Township Board, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be and have been made available as required by said Act.

Dated: 9-9-2020

Clerk, Charter Township of Garfield Grand Traverse County, Michigan

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