

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 23, 2024

Supervisor Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order at the Garfield Township Hall on January 23, 2024 at 6:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Board Members

Present: Molly Agostinelli, Chris Barsheff, Steve Duell, Chuck Korn Chloe Macomber, Lanie McManus and Denise Schmuckal

Staff Present: Planning Director John Sych

1. Public Comment (6:01)

None

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

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

Yeas: Agostinelli, Barsheff, Schmuckal, Duell, Macomber, McManus, Korn

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:02)

a. Minutes

January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting
(Recommend Approval)

b. Bills,

(i) General Fund \$38,784.35
(Recommend Approval)

(ii) Gourdie-Fraser
Developer's Escrow Fund – Storm Water Reviews,
Utility Plan Review, Oversight and Closeout
\$36,535.00

General Utilities 11,524.00

Total \$48,059.00

(Recommend Approval)

**c. Introduction of Zoning Ordinance, Section 725 Commercial District
Housing Development Amendment and schedule Public Hearing for
February 13, 2024
(Recommend Approval)**

- d. **Introduction of Lederer R-1 Rezoning and schedule for Public Hearing for February 13, 2024 (Recommend Approval)**
- e. **Consideration of proposed road name, Mikhail Blvd in the Marengo 31 Multi-Family Housing Development (Recommend Approval)**

Board members removed consent item 3c to agenda item #4.

Duell moved and Agostinelli seconded to approve the consent calendar as presented.

*Yeas: Duell, Agostinelli, Barsheff, Schmuckal, McManus, Macomber, Korn
Nays: None*

4. **Items Removed from the Consent Calendar**

- a. **Introduction of Zoning Ordinance, Section 725 Commercial District Housing Development Amendment and schedule Public Hearing for February 13, 2024**

Board members asked questions about open space requirements in the proposed amendment.

Duell moved and Barsheff seconded to approve Introduction of Zoning Ordinance, Section 725 Commercial District Housing Development Amendment and schedule Public Hearing for February 13, 2024.

*Yeas: Duell, Barsheff, Schmuckal, Macomber, McManus, Agostinelli, Korn
Nays: None*

5. **Correspondence (6:06)**

None

6. **Reports**

- a. **Construction Report (6:06)**

Engineer Jennifer Graham from Gourdie-Fraser stated that Cedar Run Booster station will be going out for bids. She added that the Stoneridge PRV needs to be replaced and it also went out for bids along with the Silver Lake Sewer extension. She is continuing utility reviews and closeouts. Board members asked questions.

- b. **MMR Report (6:16)**

Amy Fairchild, MMR Operations Manager reviewed the 2023 statistics which showed 3,000 calls in the township and 19,000 calls for the entire area.

c. County Commissioner's Report (6:19)

Commissioners Lauren Flynn and Brad Jewett reported that the Northern Lakes Mental Health audit is ongoing and a PILOT policy has been approved at the county level. They added that the Pavilions money was received by the county.

d. GT County Road Commissioner's Report (6:23)

Alan Lehman from the Road Commission stated that the construction is ongoing on the new Kingsley GTRC facility. He added that MDOT will not help fund the proposed Hammond/Hartman east west corridor with a bridge over the Boardmen River.

e. Personnel Report (6:34)

Barsheff said the committee met and discussed administrative changes pertaining to a Township Manager position. The committee hopes to bring something to the board in February.

f. Supervisor's Report (6:35)

Korn reported that Fire Chief interviews have been done and a special meeting will be held Thursday. The committee is down to two candidates. He also worked on a blight elimination grant and attended a NW Michigan Policy conference.

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. New Business

a. Discussion of Building Department Staff (6:38)

Korn stated that it was the consensus of the Personnel Committee to engage a search firm to find a qualified building official.

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to hire a search firm to find qualified building department staff.

Board members discussed the motion and the details of the turnover.

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Duell, Agostinelli, Barsheff, Macomber, McManus,
Korn*

Nays: None

9. Public Comment: (6:44)

Alan Lehman of Kings Court commented on the building department.

10. **Other Business (6:44)**

Duell asked about liability of ZBA members.

11. **Adjournment**

Korn adjourned the meeting 6:46 pm.



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