

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**January 24, 2023**  
**(Amended)**

The Town Board Meeting was called to order at the Garfield Township Hall on January 24, 2023 at 6:01p.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 Amended Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:02)**

*Barsheff moved and Duell seconded to approve the amended agenda as presented.*

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

*Nays: Non*

**3. Consent Calendar (6:02)**

**a. Minutes**

January 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting  
(Recommend Approval)

**b. Bills**

(i) General Fund \$49,999.79  
(Recommend Approval)

(ii) Gourdie-Fraser  
Developer's Escrow Fund – Storm Water  
Reviews, Utility Plan Review, Oversight  
& Closeout \$6,997.50  
General Utilities \$1,396.55  
Total \$8,394.05  
(Recommend Approval)

**c. Proposed Amendment to the Floodplain Management Ordinance  
(Ordinance No. 72)**

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

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

**4. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar (6:04)**

None

**5. Correspondence (6:04)**

None

**6. Reports**

**a. Construction (6:04)**

Engineer Jennifer Graham submitted a report in writing and added that the Cedar Run water extension has begun. County ARPA funds were awarded for Cedar Run and the Silver Lake sewer extension. Tank inspections are complete and master spec updates were completed with the DPW. Graham stated she is continuing to perform plan reviews and storm water reviews.

**b. Grand Traverse Metro (6:10)**

A report was submitted in writing.

**c. MMR Report (6:10)**

MMR Operations Manager Amy Fairchild reviewed the calls in the area for December 2022. She added that there is a new ambulance at Station 12 and a new truck will be coming to Station 11. A paramedic class will be coming to this region and scholarships will be available.

**d. Sheriff's Report (6:15)**

Undersheriff Mike Shea asked board members to listen to a presentation on the Flock Safety system and to determine if this is something that the townships of Grand Traverse County should pursue. Sheriff Deputy Randy Fewless talked about the product and gave examples of crimes that were solved using this system. A representative from Flock Safety gave a presentation on the system and discussed how it worked to help solve crimes. Board members asked questions about the program and indicated that they would be in favor of investigating such a program.

**e. County Commissioner's Report (7:00)**

County Commissioner Lauren Flynn introduced herself as the new District 2 Commissioner and stated that she would be available to answer any questions.

**f. Supervisor's Report (7:01)**

Korn reported that he attended a meeting on chronic homelessness in the region and stated that there were 70 people identified as chronic homeless in the **area**. The region recently became a MPO – Metro Planning Organization – which opens the doors for transportation federal funding. Korn also met with representative from the Road Commission about Randolph and Fulton streets.

**7. Unfinished Business**

**a. Consideration of \$18,726.00 for the Submersible Tank Mixer Installation in The Birmley Elevated Water Tank (7:07)**

Engineer Jennifer Graham explained the mixer installation for the Birmley Elevated Water tank. Installing a mixer will improve water quality and water pressure for residents.

*Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to approve purchase and installation of a mixer for the Birmley Elevated Water Tank in the amount of \$18,726.00.*

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

**8. New Business**

**a. Consideration of Approval of 2023 Spring Tree Planting near Kid's Creek in Conjunction with Ecoseeds and CRA (7:16)**

Parks Steward Sean Kehoe stated that township staff has been working on a project to help restore the old buffalo pasture between Kid's Creek and the Buffalo Ridge Trail. This grant between the CRA- Conservation Resource Alliance and Ecoseeds would provide about 3000 trees. The total cost would be approximately \$43,000 and would be split 50/50 with in-kind donations accepted on behalf of the township.

*Schmuckal moved and Barsheff seconded to approve the estimated cost (\$21,500) associated with the 2023 Spring Tree Planting near Kid's Creek in Conjunction with Ecoseeds and CRA.*

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

b. **Consideration of Going into a Closed Session to Discuss a Real Estate Purchase (7:19)**

*Duell moved and Schmuckal seconded to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing a real estate purchase.*

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

*Nays: None*

Korn opened the regular meeting at 7:39pm.

9. **Public Comment: (7:38)**

None

10. **Other Business (7:38)**

Schmuckal asked to set up an Ethics Committee meeting.

11. **Adjournment**

*Korn adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm.*



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