

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 26, 2022

Supervisor Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order at the Garfield Township Hall on July 26, 2022 at 6:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Board Members

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

Absent and Excused: Chloe Macomber

Staff Present: John Sych, Planning Director

1. Public Comment (6:01)

None

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

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve the amended agenda as presented.

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:03)

a. Minutes

July 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
(Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

i.	General Fund	\$65,060.70
	(Recommend Approval)	
ii.	Gourdie-Fraser	
	Developer's Escrow Fund – Storm Water	
	Reviews, Utility Plan Review, Oversight	
	and Closeout	\$12,131.50
	General Utilities	25,610.50
	Park Funds/DNR Trust Fund	5,000.00
	Total	\$42,742.00

(Recommend Approval)

c. Consideration of Change Order No. 2 to Elmer's for River East Park Improvements – Phase I (Recommend removal from agenda)

Board members removed consent remove item C for discussion under agenda item #4.

Duell moved and Schmuckal seconded to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended with the exception of item 3c.

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

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

c. Consideration of Change Order No. 2 to Elmer's for River East Park Improvements – Phase I (Recommend removal from agenda)

Township Engineer Jennifer Graham stated that the pavilion roof will be encapsulated due to insect issues. The change will be rebid and brought back to the board.

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to reject Change Order No. 2 to Elmer's for River East Park Improvements – Phase I.

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

5. Correspondence (6:06)

None

6. Reports

a. Construction Report (6:06)

Township Engineer Jennifer Graham submitted her report in writing and added that the Cedar Run PRV is running smoothly. A permit will be forthcoming this week for the Black Bear Farms project and bids will be sought. She and Supervisor Korn met with EGLE regarding capital projects with the intent of applying for grants and loans.

b. GT Metro Fire Report (6:12)

GT Metro Chief Pat Parker shared statistics from June 2022. There were 557 calls and the EMS ran 480 calls. Union negotiations are ongoing. The department has been training in the old Wendy's building near Four Mile Road. Grass fires are prevalent and the department is busy with fire prevention activities. The board has passed the 2023 budget and Chief Parker will be presenting it to townships soon.

c. MMR Report

Amy Fairchild, Operations Manager, reviewed statistics from Garfield Township which showed 334 incidents in Garfield Township and 480 in the GTMESA area. Hiring continues and students have graduated from the EMS training. They will be trading out ambulances throughout the rest of the year to begin replacing older vehicles

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

Commissioner Brad Jewett stated that the 2023 budget was approved ahead of the technology upgrade. Commissioners will have a special meeting to discuss upcoming millages for the Senior Center, Animal Control, and Veterans Affairs. He reviewed the accomplishments of the BOC which included bonding the pensions, digital documentation, a wage study, and the airport reorganization.

e. Supervisor's Report (6:30)

Supervisor Korn stated that the EGLE meeting was positive and an agreement has been reached with Long Lake Township for a water franchise.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Public Hearing - Consideration of Resolution 2022-11-T, a resolution requesting approval of Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Hammond Road Apartments (6:32)

Brian Stadler, from Outlook Development and CEO of Wolgast Corporation reviewed the Hammond Road Apartment project which will be built in Garfield Township and serve as affordable workforce housing. It will consist of 80 units of family apartments. The project is going through a rezoning at this time. Board members discussed the number of PILOTS in the township and asked for a list of existing PILOTS and their expiration dates.

Korn opened the public hearing at 6:54pm and seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the public hearing.

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to adopt Resolution 2022-11-T, a resolution requesting approval of Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Hammond Road Apartments.

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

b. Consideration of NW Silver Lake Road Sewer Extension Proposal (6:56)

Engineer Jennifer Graham stated that the NW Silver Lake Road Sewer Extension to Francisco's was decided upon and she discussed the options for the extension. She stated that accessing the sewer from the Crown

development would be the best option for the extension and would be the most cost effective. Board members discussed the contract for design and engineering. Margo Thorpe of Silver Lake Road commented on the project and stated that her questions were answered in the letter which Graham provided.

Schmuckal moved and McManus seconded to approve the NW Silver Lake Road Sewer Extension Proposal in the amount of \$62,600.

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

8. New Business

a. Consideration of an increase in salary for the election workers (7:08)

Schmuckal moved and Barsheff seconded to approve the wage adjustments as presented.

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

b. Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority Presentation (7:10)

Chief Pat Parker and Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal Brian Belcher gave an annual report of Grand Traverse Metro Fire. Chief Parker talked about the history of the Fire Department and presented a PowerPoint which explained how the department is run and explaining its personnel tree. Assistant Chief Belcher presented statistics on fire prevention, inspections and causes of fires.

c. 2022-14-T, a resolution declaring Township's intent to create Special Assessment District for road improvements in parts of Blue Star Estates (7:45)

Schmuckal moved and Barsheff seconded to approve Resolution 2022-14-T, a resolution declaring Township's intent to create Special Assessment District for road improvements in parts of Blue Star Estates.

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

9. Public Comment: (7:47)

Margo Thorpe of Silver Lake Road complimented the township board on a good meeting and gave Engineer Jennifer Graham a compliment as well.

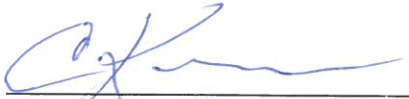
10. **Other Business (7:48)**

Schmuckal asked about a business that has burned and why it is still standing. Brian Belcher stated that the burned building issue is insurance driven and an investigation needs to happen.

Barsheff talked about the McRae Hill Road area and a possible road upgrade.

11. **Adjournment**

Korn adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.



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