

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 5, 2024

Supervisor Korn called the Special Town Board Meeting to order at the Garfield Township Hall on September 5, 2024 at 1:30p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Board Members

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

1. **Public Comment (1:30)**

None

2. **Business to Come Before the Board**

A. **Discussion with Amy Cell**

Board members had a short discussion regarding the interview process with Amy Cell.

B. **Interview Candidates for Township Manager**

The Trustees interviewed three candidates and asked all three candidates the same set of questions designed to determine leadership style, knowledge of the Township Manager position, background in finance and budgeting, hiring and training new employees, managing growth in the township, communication style, working with others, supporting other employees, community projects, any weaknesses when it came to the position and examples of receiving input from others on challenging issues.

The first candidate interviewed was current Garfield Township Trustee Chris Barsheff who is currently employed by the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office where he has worked his way up since 1996 to his current positions as a Captain of the Corrections Division. In addition to serving as a Trustee, Barsheff also serves on the Grand Traverse Metro Fire Board.

The second candidate interviewed was Jeffrey Thornton who has served as the City Manager for Negaunee, and was the CAO in Alpena County. He was the Village manager and clerk for Caledonia Township in the Grand Rapids area.

Jeffery Sorenson was the third candidate interviewed and he has been

serving as a township supervisor for Cooper Township in the Kalamazoo area since 2000. He is also a certified firefighter and medical first responder. Sorenson also serves as chair of the Kalamazoo County Solid Waste Planning Committee and the Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority.

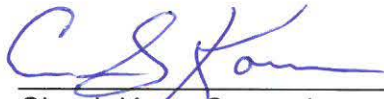
All three candidates answered the questions and were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Board.

3. **Public Comment: (4:36)**

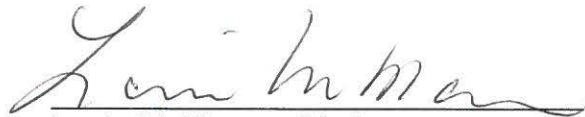
None

4. **Adjournment**

Korn adjourned the meeting at 4:37 pm.



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