

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 10, 2024

Supervisor Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order at the Garfield Township Hall on September 10, 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)

Barsheff declared a conflict with item 7a.

Agostinelli moved and Duell seconded to approve the agenda as presented accepting Barsheff's conflict.

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:05)

a. Minutes

August 27, 2024 Regular Meeting
(Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund	\$27,328.47
(Recommend Approval)	

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to adopt the consent calendar as presented.

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

Nays: None

4. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

None

5. Correspondence (6:04)

Korn noted correspondence from Amy Cell which will be discussed later in the meeting.

6. Reports**a. County Commissioner's Report (6:04)**

County Commissioner Brad Jewett reported that annual reports were received from the MSU extension and from Networks Northwest. They have held some study sessions regarding the budget. A ribbon cutting will be held at Camp Grelick tomorrow.

b. Construction Report (6:06)

Township Engineer Jennifer Graham reviewed her report that she submitted in writing. She added that the Stoneridge PRV is up and running. Confirmation of the EGLE energy grant was received for the township HVAC system.

c. Sheriff's Report (6:09)

Lieutenant Raska stated that they are still not able to get stats. He added that Garfield CPO's have been busy and they will be working with Metro Fire on a car seat inspection program.

d. GT Metro Fire Report (6:11)

Fire Chief Paul Mackin reviewed statistics from August 2024 and added that they have onboarded three new candidates. The final inspection on the new fire engine was performed and the engine will be delivered in a couple weeks. The department is wrapping up the Safe Neighborhood program with 800 alarms installed for the year. There will be a 9/11 ceremony held tomorrow morning.

e. MMR Report (6:17)

MMR Operations Manager Amy Fairchild stated that MMR ran over 700 calls in August. Their classes have been helpful in getting new candidates onboard.

f. Planning Department Report for September 2024 (6:19)

Planner John Sych submitted his report in writing and noted that High Tops will be reviewed this week by the PC. He added that there is new signage for motorists entering Garfield Township.

f. Parks & Rec Report (6:23)

The Parks & Rec Report was submitted in writing.

h. Clerk's Report (6:23)

McManus submitted her report in writing and added that the Clerk's office is getting ready for elections.

i. Supervisor's Report (6:24)

Korn reported that the county is working to hire a new DPW director. He added that the website and branding committee met today and brought forth some new ideas. He asked board members whether to paint mast arms on traffic signal poles. Board members discussed the issue of painting the mast arms.

Schmuckal moved and Barsheff seconded to keep the mast arms metallic and not be lighted.

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

7. Unfinished Business**a. Discussion of candidates for the Township Manager position (6:33)**

Board members discussed the three candidates who were interviewed. The board decided to invite two candidates back for second interviews. Board members discussed the proposed second interview questions that the board would like specific answers to. The Amy Cell people will work to get those two candidates back for interviews and will also help with the second interview questions.

8. New Business**a. Public Hearing - Consideration of the amount of property tax millage to levy for the 2025 General and Fire Fund accounts (6:42)**

Schmuckal moved and Agostinelli seconded to levy the tax millage at 1.75 mills for township general operating costs and 2.75 for Metro Emergency Services.

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

9. Public Comment: (6:43)

Alisa Korn, speaking on behalf of the Traverse City Housing Commission stated that the TCHC is applying for a tax credit for phase two of Carriage Commons. She also commented as a Road Commission Board member and explained why the board was now given the choice to paint the mast arms. Judith Danford of NW Silver Lake Road commented on the candidates interviewed.

10. Other Business (6:51)

Schmuckal commented on the BATA traffic on LaFranier Road. Duell updated board members on the Joint Rec Authority and said that they are going to bond for some projects. He also commented on the lack of water pressure in that area. McManus stated that the board needed to work on the 2025 budget in the coming weeks. Macomber commented that Building Inspector Rich Derks has retired.

11. **Adjournment**

Korn adjourned the meeting at 6:59 pm.



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