

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD**  
**Synopsis of Minutes of December 10, 2024**  
**Township Board Meeting**

A Township Board Meeting of the Charter Township of Garfield was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Board transacted the following business:

1. Public Comment –
  - a. Ben Castiglione introduced himself as a candidate for the vacant Planning Commission seat
2. Approved the Agenda as presented
3. Approved the November 26, 2024 regular meeting and study session minutes
4. Approved the Consent Calendar as presented
5. Received County Commissioner’s Report from Brad Jewett
6. Received Sheriff’s Report from Lt. Roy Raska
7. Received GT Metro Fire Report from Chief Paul Mackin
8. Received Planning Department’s December Report from Deputy Planner, Steve Hannon
9. Received the Parks & Recreation Report in writing
10. Received Clerk’s Report from Lanie McManus
11. Received Township Manager’s Report from Chris Barsheff
12. Received Supervisor’s Report from Joe McManus
13. Held a Public Hearing to establish Logan Valley Rd. & Racquet Club Dr. Road Improvement Special Assessment District and Order Preparation of Special Assessment Roll and approved Resolution 2024-28-T(a)
14. Held a Public Hearing for the 2025 Garfield Township budget – no comments. L. McManus noted one change in the budget since liability insurance came in higher than expected
15. Board did not approve GTMESA payments to East Bay Township for dorm room expansion at Station 9, Resolution 2024-30-T
16. Introduced and approved scheduling a Public Hearing for the January 14, 2025 Township Board meeting to consider Amendment 1 of the Storm Water Control Ordinance No. 49
17. Introduced and approved scheduling a Public Hearing for the January 14, 2025 Township Board meeting to consider the Soil Erosion Ordinance No. 78
18. Board awarded the bid for River East Recreation Area Playground curbing to Game Time/Sinclair in the amount of \$12,478.00
19. Approved the Final ARPA Spending Plan and allocating \$358,483.72 to the Township’s 2024 sheriff’s contract
20. Board approved renaming the annual Poverty Hardship Exemption Policy and Guidelines to Income-Based Exemption Policy and Guidelines
21. Approved Adoption of the 2025 Income-Based Exemption Policy

22. Approved Resolution 2024-34-T, General Fund Budget for 2025
23. Approved Resolution 2024-35-T, Fire Fund Budget for 2025
24. Approved Resolution 2024-36-T, Public Improvement Road Fund Budget for 2025
25. Approved Resolution 2024-37-T, Budget Stabilization Fund Budget for 2025
26. Approved Resolution 2024-38-T, DPW Fund Budget for 2025
27. Approved Resolution 2024-39-T, Park System Fund Budget for 2025
28. Approved Resolution 2024-40-T, Street Light Fund Budget for 2025
29. Approved Resolution 2024-41-T, Special Assessment District Fund Budget for 2025
30. Approved Resolution 2024-42-T, Clerk's Salary
31. Approved Resolution 2024-43-T, Treasurer's Salary
32. Approved Resolution 2024-44-T, Supervisor's Salary
33. Approved Resolution 2024-45-T, Township's Trustee's Salary
34. Approved Resolution 2024-46-T, the Annual Exemption Option as Set Forth in the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act
35. Approved renewing the Michigan Township Par Plan for 2025
36. Board approved the following appointments for 2025:
  - Cara Eule was recommended by Planner John Sych for the vacant seat on the Planning Commission
  - Laurie Lapp will serve on the Joint Recreation Authority
  - Joe McManus and Chuck Korn will serve on the GT Metro Board with Chloe Macomber and Denise Schmuckal as alternates
  - Ben Castiglione will serve on the ZBA as alternate #1 and Kelly Fisher will serve as alternate #2
  - Larry LaCross will serve on the Board of Review
  - Jessica Brutzman will be appointed to the Parks and Rec Commission
  - Molly Agostinelli will serve on the Joint Planning Commission
  - Macomber and Lapp will serve on the Personnel Committee
  - Macomber will serve on Building and Grounds
  - Lapp will serve on the Ethics Committee and be the TTCI alternate with Chuck Korn as the principal
37. Approved Township Board meeting dates for 2025 with the change that November 11, 2025 will be moved to November 4, 2025.
38. Public Comments – None
39. Other Business – Chris Barsheff will attend the Rotary meetings for now. Approved placing Chuck Korn on the GT Metro Board effective immediately.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm  
Joe McManus, Supervisor