

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**November 26, 2024**

Supervisor McManus called the Town Board Meeting to order at the Garfield Township Hall on November 26, 2024 at 6:00p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call of Board Members**

Present: Molly Agostinelli, Laurie Lapp, Chloe Macomber, Joe McManus, Lanie McManus and Denise Schmuckal

Also in Attendance: Township Manager Chris Barsheff

**1. Public Comment (6:00)**

Kelly Fisher of Al Hambra Drive introduced herself as a candidate for the vacant trustee position.

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

Schmuckal asked to add new business item B – Extension of Agostinelli's Planning Commission Appointment.

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

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Agostinelli, Lapp, Macomber, L. McManus, J. McManus*

*Nays: None*

**3. Consent Calendar (6:03)**

**a. Minutes**

November 12, 2024 Regular Meeting  
(Recommend Approval)

**b. Bills**

General Fund \$441,704.28  
(Recommend Approval)

**c. Highlighted List of Board Appointments with vacating or expiring positions (Receive and File)**

**d. Consideration of Resolution 2024-31-T to mend the budget by funding the Township Manager cost center (Recommend Approval)**

**e. Consideration of Britten Expansion – Water Main Relocation Close-out and Turnover Documents (Recommend Approval)**

**f. Consideration Contractor's Application for Payment No. 4 from Elmer's for the StoneRidge PRV (Recommend Approval)**

**g. Consideration of Contractor’s Application for Final Payment from Elmer’s for the StoneRidge PRV (Recommend Approval)**

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

*Yeas: Agostinelli, Schmuckal, Macomber, L. McManus, Lapp, J.McManus  
Nays: None*

**4. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar**  
None

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

**a. Letter from Chris Barsheff declining to take the elected trustee position on the Township Board**

*Schmuckal moved and Macomber seconded to accept the letter of resignation as a Township Board Trustee from Chris Barsheff.*

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Macomber, Agostinelli, Lapp, L. McManus, J. McManus  
Nays: None*

**b. Letter from Supervisor McManus consenting to the delegation of duties to the Township Manager**

**c. MTA New Officials training brochure**

**6. Reports**

**a. County Commissioner’s Report (6:08)**

County Commissioner Lauren Flynn reported that the County Veterans Affairs department approved a veteran’s dental program. Flynn offered an update on a proposed new emergency dispatch building and said an engineering firm has been hired for the project. A county septic ordinance is being discussed and the BOC is still working on their 2025 budget.

**b. Township Manager’s Report (6:13)**

Township Manager Chris Barsheff said he will meet with trustees in the next few weeks regarding the board and asked how much information board members wanted from him. He is coordinating meetings with MDOT and the GTRC as well as TCAPS. He added that Lamar advertising has sued the township even though their application was not even heard. Attorneys are working on the case and looking at a settlement. Board members discussed the challenge of the sign ordinance.

**c. Supervisor’s Report (6:29)**

J. McManus stated that right now roles are being redefined at the township. He asked Board members that if any consent item is to be

pulled from the consent calendar, that the item be stated ahead of time so that the person could be prepared to speak about the item.

7. **Unfinished Business**

None

8. **New Business**

a. **Consideration of accepting Joe McManus' letter of resignation from the Planning Commission and Joint Planning Commission (6:29)**

*Schmuckal moved and Agostinelli seconded to accept the letter of resignation from Joe McManus for his seats on the Planning Commission and the Joint Planning Commission.*

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Agostinelli, L. McManus, Lapp, Macomber, J. McManus  
Nays: None*

b. **Extension of Molly Agostinelli's term on the Planning Commission**

Schmuckal stated that Agostinelli's term on the Planning Commission expired on November 20<sup>th</sup> and proposed extending her term until December 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Schmuckal moved and L. McManus seconded to extend Agostinelli's term on the Planning Commission to December 31, 2024.*

*Yeas: Schmuckal, L. McManus, Lapp, Macomber, Agostinelli, J. McManus  
Nays: None*

9. **Public Comment: (6:32)**

Jennifer Graham congratulated those in new positions with the township and stated she intends to be a resource for all involved.

10. **Other Business (6:36)**

Macomber noted that Steve Duell needed to be replaced on the Joint Rec Authority.

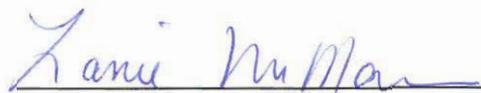
Fern Spence's position on the Parks & Rec Commission was discussed.

Barsheff will follow up on the expiring positions with staff.

11. **Adjournment**

*J. McManus moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:41pm.*

  
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GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION #2024-31-T**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, THAT budget amendment to take \$33,500 from the Fund Balance (101-000-380.000) to fund the Township Manager cost center (101-172-000.000), be approved.

Moved: Molly Agostinelli

Supported: Denise Schmuckal

Yeas: Agostinelli, Schmuckal, Macomber, Lapp, L. McManus, J McManus

Nays: None

Absent and excused:

The Chairman, Joe McManus, declared the motion carried and Resolution 2024-31-T adopted this 26th day of November 2024.

  
Lanie McManus, Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Lanie McManus, Clerk of the Charter Township of Garfield, certify the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2024-31-T which was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Garfield on the 26th day of November 2024.

  
Lanie McManus, Clerk