

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 11, 2025

Supervisor McManus called the Town Board Meeting to order at the Garfield Township Hall on March 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Board Members

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

Absent and Excused: Chuck Korn

Also in Attendance: Township Manager Chris Barsheff

1. Public Comment (6:00)

Ann Drury of Pearl Rose Lane inquired if she should comment on her letter at this time. Supervisor McManus replied that she could speak when the matter came up later in the agenda.

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:02)

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

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:03)

a. Minutes

February 25, 2025 Regular Meeting (Recommend Approval)

February 26, 2025 Joint Township Board and Planning Commission Meeting (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund	\$101,260.72
(Recommend Approval)	

c. MTT Update (Receive and File)

d. Consideration of approving financing for GT Metro's Aerial Ladder Truck purchase, Resolution 2025-06-T (Recommend Approval)

- e. **Consideration of Resolution 2025-05-T amending the Budget to cover the pass through Grant for Angel Care Childcare (Recommend Approval)**
- f. **TCAPS and Garfield Township Agreement for Collection of Summer Property Taxes – 2025 and 2026 (Recommend Approval)**

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

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

4. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar
None

5. Correspondence (6:05)

- a. January 31, 2025 letter from Daniel Smart of Beaver Valley Land LLC
- b. Traverse Connect Investor 2025 Q1 Review for Garfield Township
- c. Traverse Connect 2024 Annual Report

6. Reports

a. County Commissioner's Report (6:05)

County Commissioner Lauren Flynn stated that the BOC is working on a code of ethics and they have approved a contract for 24/7 nursing coverage in the jail. She discussed the transition of the Soil Erosion Department from the county to the township and added that the BOC is also working on an opioid task force strategic plan.

b. Sheriff's Report (6:09)

Lt. Roy Raska reviewed February 2025 statistics for Garfield Township. He added that he attended a rescue task force training attended by emergency responders from the area and that the department was hosting a de-escalation training to be held at the township hall.

c. GT Metro Fire Report (6:10)

GT Metro Chief Paul Mackin reviewed calls in the township and overall Metro area for February 2025. Garfield represented 71% of all incidents. A report indicated that 86 EMS calls were to senior living facilities. The Metro audit is underway and will be presented to the Metro board in May. Mackin added that his department is finalizing an annual plan for the 2025 year.

d. MMR Report

No report

e. Planning Department Monthly Report for February (6:21)

Planning Director John Sych submitted his report in writing and reviewed what the PC would be looking at for their meeting tomorrow. He added

that he has been appointed to the Airport Zoning Board since the airport is going to review zoning in a ten mile radius around the airport.

f. Parks & Recreation Report (6:24)

Parks Steward Sean Kehoe stated that the Parks and Rec report was included in packets. He added that the Snow Dog was tested out and the accessible trail at the Commons is being designed. The parks staff is also discussing an expansion of parking for the River East Park.

g. Clerk's Report Treasurer's Report (6:29)

The Clerk's report was submitted in writing and the financial audit will begin on Monday.

h. Township Manager's Report (6:29)

Barsheff stated that he has called a meeting to review the Township emergency plan and will update the plan accordingly.

-Memo referencing Pearl Rose Lane

Barsheff stated that back in October of 2024, the Board approved a request to name a private drive after a property split. Pearl Rose Lane was approved as the name for the drive off of Birmley Road. After the county assigned new addresses to the three parcels, the owners expressed that they did not want their addresses to change. The township could rescind the name, however such an action would go against the township ordinance. Ann Drury, an owner on the private road, said that the "private road" has always been a shared drive for three homes. According to the ordinance, three parcels require a road name and now the property split has added a fourth parcel. Staff will research the options for the owners and report back at the next meeting.

Barsheff went on to state that the owners of the Cherryland Center are asking to be approved as a redevelopment project area which could allow for more liquor licenses. He is also looking into an insurance claim for roof damage to the township hall. A memorandum of understanding with the county regarding the soil erosion program had the township paying a fee for the existing permits. Garfield Township has now taken over all existing and future soil erosion permits at this time. The county may owe the township for some soil erosion escrows and staff will work out a pro-rated amount for the county.

i. Supervisor's Report (6:55)

J. McManus reported staff met with city staff regarding the water situation and some good progress was made. He is optimistic that an agreement can be reached. The four permits being held up have now been issued to developers. Board members commented and asked questions.

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. New Business

a. Consideration of executing the Settlement Agreement with Lamar OCI North, LLC (7:04)

Barsheff stated that this settlement allows Lamar to build a new sign on Cass Road which fits within the perimeters of the ordinance. An older sign would need to be removed before erecting the new billboard.

Schmuckal moved and L. McManus seconded to allow Supervisor McManus to sign the proposed Settlement Agreement with Lamar OCI North, LLC.

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

b. Consideration of authorizing Township Supervisor to sign the Angel Care Childcare Grand Traverse Band 2% grant application (7:06)

Angel Care Childcare is applying for a grant for upgrades to their classrooms to comply with daycare regulations.

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to authorize Supervisor McManus to sign the Angel Care Childcare Grand Traverse Band 2% grant application.

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

9. Public Comment: (7:08)

None

10. Other Business (7:08)

None

11. Adjournment

J. McManus adjourned the meeting at 7:08pm.



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