

**Charter Township of Marquette
Marquette Township Board – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.
Marquette Township Community Center**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Durant at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Lyn Durant, Supervisor
 Randy Ritari, Clerk
 Ernest Johnson, Treasurer
 John Markes, Trustee
 Dave Wiegand, Trustee
 Dan Everson, Trustee
 Pete LaRue, Trustee

Staff present: Randy Girard, Township Manager
 Roger Zappa, Township Attorney (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)
 Jason McCarthy, Township Planner

Committee

Members present: Frank Chiodi, Planning Commission

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Regular Minutes of April 18, 2017 and Work Session Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2017

- B. Received Committee/Other Reports
 - 1. Recreation Committee DRAFT Minutes of April 18, 2017
 - 2. Planning Commission Minutes of March 22, 2017
 - 3. Road Committee Agenda for May 2, 2017 and DRAFT Minutes of April 4, 2017
 - 4. IOHRA DRAFT Agenda for April 26, 2017; DRAFT Minutes of March 22, 2017; Financial Statements Including Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, Budget vs. Actual, General Ledger, and Bills to be Paid; Bench Placement Sites; Quote for Four ORV Information Stations; 2017 Trail Work List; Executive Committee Slate of Candidates; page 27 from Marquette Trails Master Plan; and Section 3.6 Public Comments Summary
 - 5. Water Production Report – March 2017

- 6. Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Facility Advisory Board Minutes Of March 16, 2017
 - 7. Utility Billing Calendar
 - 8. Supervisor's Report
- C. Correspondence Not Requiring Board Action
- 1. Charter Communication Regarding Channel Line up
 - 2. Charter Communication Regarding Public Access Channel
- D. Bills Payable
- 1. Checks 154854 to 154904 in the amount of \$230,721.57.
Note the Voided Checks
- E. Financial
- 1. Financial Statements – March 2017
 - 2. Treasurer's Report – March 2017

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion – Trustee Markes

Second – Trustee LaRue

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Supervisor Durant, would like to remove from the agenda under New Business: 10.H. Consider Pen, Inc. Zoning Map Amendment Application – Marquette Township Planning Commission Recommendation, and move it to the next meeting, and wanted to move up agenda items 10.F. Consider Draft ORV (Off-Road Vehicle) Ordinance – First Reading and 10.G. Consider 2017 Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Traffic Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Resolution, and reorder the rest of the agenda. Clerk Ritari, would like to add to the agenda under New Business: 10.I. Consider Township Server Replacement.

MOTION: To approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion – Trustee Markes

Second – Clerk Ritari

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Taylor, 892 County Rd. 480, thanked the Board for moving agenda item 10.H. Consider Pen, Inc. Zoning Map Amendment Application – Marquette Township Planning Commission Recommendation to the next meeting for consideration.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Trustee LaRue, commented that the Marquette County Township Association Spring Banquet will be held at the Marquette Township Hall on May 10th and encouraged Board Members to attend.

Supervisor Durant, read a written statement that she prepared in response to recent questions brought up at Public Comment.

FORUM DISCUSSION: (No Formal Actions – 30 minutes max) - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider Draft ORV (Off-Road Vehicle) Ordinance – First Reading

MOTION: To accept the First Reading of the Draft ORV (Off-Road Vehicle) Ordinance with the proposed changes from the Township Board.

Motion – Trustee Markes

Second – Trustee Everson

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

Consider 2017 Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Traffic Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Resolution

Marquette Charter Township Resolution

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has scheduled major highway improvements to reconstruct US-41 in 2019 within the political boundary of Marquette Charter Township, and

WHEREAS, Marquette Charter Township would like to undertake a recreational underpass construction project in conjunction with the MDOT highway reconstruction project, which would include the design, engineering, and construction of a sub-surface crossing of US-41 along with connecting trails and landscaping;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Marquette Charter Township hereby requests the MDOT Ishpeming TCS Office to apply for a MDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant to assist with

funding of the design, engineering, and construction of the proposed sub-surface crossing of US-41 along with connecting trails and landscaping.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by the Charter Township of Marquette Board of Trustees at their regular meeting held on May 2, 2017, at 7 p.m. in the Marquette Township Hall/Community Center, with a quorum present.

Clerk – Randy J. Ritari

Date: May 2, 2017

MOTION: To approve the 2017 Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Traffic Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Resolution.

Motion – Treasurer Johnson

Second – Trustee Everson

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Durant-Aye

Clerk Ritari-Aye

Treasurer Johnson-Aye

Trustee Markes-Nay

Trustee Wiegand- Aye

Trustee Everson- Aye

Trustee LaRue-Aye

Carried (6-1)

Consider Video Conference on Thursday, June 15, 2017 for the Establishment of Policy Governance 4-6 pm

MOTION: To schedule a Work Session for the Purpose of Establishment of Policy Governance on Thursday, June 15, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Markes

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

Consider Public Comment Policy

Supervisor Durant, put this on the agenda as an informational item.

Consider Amending the Articles of Incorporation of the MCSWMA

MOTION: To not support Amending the Articles of Incorporation of the MCSWMA until such time that Equal Representation is addressed by the MCSWMA.

**Motion – Trustee Wiegand
Second – Supervisor Durant**

**Roll Call Vote:
Supervisor Durant-Aye
Clerk Ritari-Nay
Treasurer Johnson-Nay
Trustee Markes-Nay
Trustee Wiegand- Aye
Trustee Everson- Aye
Trustee LaRue-Aye**

Carried (4-3)

Consider Drinking Water Revolving Fund UPEA Invoices

MOTION: To approve the payment of not to exceed \$26,000.00 to U.P. Engineers and Architects with payment to come from account number 591.152.030.

**Motion – Trustee Markes
Second – Clerk Ritari**

**Ayes - 7
Nays - 0**

Carried

Consider Fire Prevention and Protection Special Assessment

MOTION: To establish a public hearing for Tuesday, June 6, 2017; for the purpose of increasing the current 2.5 mill Special Assessment for Fire Prevention and Protection for 2018; by not more than 0.15 to 0.25 mill (2.75 mill maximum) to purchase a BLS ambulance, and to provide the necessary written notice to taxpayers and publication of the required public hearing notices.

**Motion – Trustee Markes
Second – Clerk Ritari**

**Roll Call Vote:
Supervisor Durant-Aye
Clerk Ritari- Aye
Treasurer Johnson- Aye
Trustee Markes- Aye
Trustee Wiegand- Aye**

Trustee Everson- Aye
Trustee LaRue-Aye
Carried (7-0)

Consider Computer Server Replacement

MOTION: To authorize the Township Manager to replace the current Computer Server with New Equipment, with the funds coming from the Capital Budget for Election Equipment (\$6,000.00) and from the Clerk's Budget for Elections (\$3,000.00).

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Markes

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

Manager's Report

Manager Girard, presented his written report to the board with items covering the Semco Proposed Gas Pipeline, Lions Field, DDA, US41/M-28 Corridor Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals Activity.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dan Pompo, 2422 Cherry St., had a question on the Public Comment Policy about Agenda Item time limits?

Robert Sims, 2662 Montgomery St., would like a copy of the comments that Supervisor Durant read earlier in the meeting and wanted to file a FIOA Request with the clerk in regards to the verbiage of the last Special Assessment renewal approved by the Township Board.

Tony Harry, 6369 US41 South, was happy that everyone is working together to make the ORV travel available to people and to make it safe for everyone and will help if anything is needed.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Trustee Wiegand, gave an update on the 2017 Road Rehab Project with timelines.

Trustee Everson, thanked the Fire Department for running the children's fair at the Westwood Mall last weekend – it went really well.

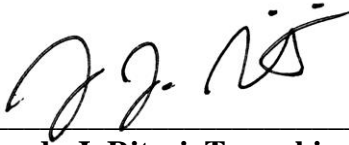
ADJOURMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.
Motion – Trustee Markes
Second – Clerk Ritari

Ayes - 7
Nays - 0

Carried

Supervisor Durant declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk

Lyn J. Durant, Township Supervisor