

**Charter Township of Marquette  
Marquette Township Board – Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.  
Marquette Township Community Center**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Durant at 6:31 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  
                              Ron DeMarse, Township Fire Chief

**Committee**

Members Present:     None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jack Deneau, 2052 Center St., he read a statement in regards to questions about expenditures from the Fire Department Budget.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENT IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Clerk Ritari, commented that the answers to some of the questions raised in public comment were answered in the last board packet.

Supervisor Durant, followed up on Clerk Ritari's comments explaining what happened in regards to the Fire Department Budget and the corrective measure taken to fix the problem.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Clerk Ritari, added the Closed Session Minutes to the: Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 06, 2018.

1. Approval of Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes of February 06, 2018
2. Bills Payable
  - a. Checks 156096 to 156158 in the amount of \$202,997.04
3. Received committee reports and other reports
  - a. Fire Department Officer's Meeting DRAFT Minutes of January 8, 2018 and February 12, 2018
  - b. Fire Department Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes of January 8, 2018 and February 12, 2018
  - c. Sheriff's Department Activity Report – January 2018
  - d. Fire Marshal's Report – January 2018
  - e. Supervisor's Report
4. Financials
  - a. Financial Statement – January 2018

**MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda as amended.**

**Motion – Trustee Markes**

**Second – Trustee LaRue**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

REGULAR AGENDA:

**MOTION: To approve the Agenda as presented.**

**Motion – Trustee Everson**

**Second – Clerk Ritari**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

BOARD EDUCATION/PRIVILEGED COMMENT:

Staff Reports:

Fire Department, Chief DeMarse gave the Board an update from the Fire Department.

Public Works, Manager Girard gave a brief report.

COMMUNITY LINKAGE:

Supervisor Durant, commented on the plan of work that the Township Board is looking at, and some of the items the board is considering.

POLICY DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

Consider Sheriff's Department Amended 2018 Contract

Trustee Wiegand, had some questions and concerns on the 2018 Sheriff's Contract.

Continued Discussion – Water Reliability Study 2013 (Stantec Packet)

Various Board Discussion on the Issue, will include this topic in our Plan of Work Discussion.

Consider 2018 Plan of Work Calendars – Policy Manual Review January / February – Schedule Work Session

**MOTION: To schedule a work session for the purpose of 2018 Plan of Work Calendar and Policy Manual Review January / February on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 from 1:00PM to 3:00PM.**

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

**Second – Trustee Everson**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE:

Pulled items from the consent agenda: None

Board – Committee Updates

Trustee Wiegand, gave an update from the Planning Commission, and Recreation Committee.

Committee Appointments - None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MEETING WRAP-UP:

Announcements

Manager's Report

Manager Girard, presented a written report to the board which covered the Township Ice Rink, DDA Boundary Expansion, US41/M-28 Corridor Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals Information.

Review of Motions Passed & Assignments, if any

Clerk Ritari, reviewed all motions from the meeting and any action items that needed to be done.

Items for Future Agenda (Contributions from Board, deferred items, items planned for future meetings scheduled for March)

Board Member Comment

Clerk Ritari, mentioned that the NMU Hockey Wildcats had an 4 on 4 outdoor exhibition at Township Ice Rink and the event went very well.

Trustee LaRue, gave a Thank You to Biggby Coffee, and Jimmy Johns for supporting Township Events.

Treasurer Johnson, followed up on Clerk Ritari’s commented about the NMU outdoor game.

CLOSED SESSION:

**MOTION: To enter into Closed Session “Pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c) For strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing.”**

**Motion – Clerk Ritari  
Second – Treasurer Johnson**

**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)**

Board entered into Closed Session at 8:12 p.m.

Board returned to Open Session at 8:51 p.m.

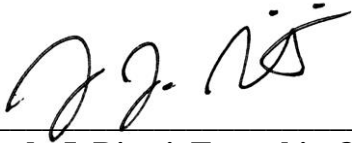
ADJOURMENT:

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

**Ayes - 7**

Nays - 0  
Carried

Supervisor Durant declared the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.



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Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk

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Lyn J. Durant, Township Supervisor