

**Charter Township of Marquette
Marquette Township Board – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.
Marquette Township Community Center**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Members absent: Pete LaRue, Trustee (excused)

Staff present: Randy Girard, Township Manager
 Roger Zappa, Township Attorney
 Jason McCarthy, Township Planner/Zoning Administrator
 Rob Cochran, Township Fire Inspector

Committee members
present: Mike Springer, Planning, Recreation, and Roads Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carl Hammerstrom, 33 Middle Island Point Rd., Supports the Library Renewal and would like time to speak on that agenda item.

Paul Marin, 274 Eagles Nest Rd., Supports the Library Renewal and would like time to speak on that agenda item.

Mike Springer, 206 Eagles Nest Rd., gave the Board a brief presentation on the Park Cleanup Day, and the Iron Range Roll.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2018; Joint Work Session with MTBA Minutes of May 15, 2018; and Work Session CIP Discussion Minutes of May 22, 2018
- B. Bills Payable
 - 1. Checks 156480 to 156565 in the amount of \$128,775.59.
 - 2. Budget Amendment No. 2018-05
- C. Received Committee and Other Reports
 - 1. Sheriff's Report – April 2018
 - 2. Fire Department Officer's Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2018; Business Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2018; Officer's Meeting DRAFT Minutes of May 14, 2018; and Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes of May 14, 2018
 - 3. Utility Billing Calendar – June 2018
 - 4. Supervisor's Report
- D. Correspondence not Requiring Board Action
 - 1. Correspondence from Michigan Township Participating Plan
 - 2. Charter Communication Quarterly Franchise Fee Payment

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion – Trustee Markes

Second – Trustee Everson

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Durant-Aye

Clerk Ritari-Aye

Treasurer Johnson-Aye

Trustee Markes-Aye

Trustee Wiegand- Aye

Trustee Everson- Aye

Trustee LaRue-Absent

Carried (6-0)

Absent (1)

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

Motion – Treasurer Johnson

Second – Clerk Ritari

Ayes - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Carried

PRIVILEGED COMMENT:

Andrea Ingmire, Director of Peter White Public Library, gave a brief presentation to the Board about Library Services for Marquette Township and asked the Board to place a renewal of Library Services, and also a Headlee Override Question on the November Ballot to bring the Library Millage back to 1 Mill for Marquette Township.

COMMUNITY LINKAGE:

Planning Commission Response to 2018 Community Survey – Informational for the Board
(Background Information from Planner McCarthy)

POLICY DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

Consider Library Millage and/or Contract

Carl Hammerstrom, 33 Middle Island Point Rd., Supports the Library Renewal and would like it placed on the Ballot for the November Election.

Paul Marin, 274 Eagles Nest Rd., Supports the Library Renewal and would like it placed on the Ballot for the November Election for the Voters to decide.

Various Board Discussion on the Library Renewal Millage

MOTION: To direct the Township Clerk to draft ballot language for the Current Library Renewal Millage to be placed on the November Ballot.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Wiegand

Ayes - 5

Nays - 1

Absent - 1

Carried

Consider Proposed Short-Term Rental Text Amendment – First Reading
(Background Information from Planner McCarthy)

Planner McCarthy, gave a brief presentation to the Board about the proposed amendment.

MOTION: To approve the Proposed Short-Term Rental Text Amendment – First Reading.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Wiegand

Ayes - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Carried

Discussion of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Trail Rerouting Proposal
(Background Information from Planner McCarthy)

Planner McCarthy, gave a brief presentation to the Board about the proposed trail rerouting.

MOTION: To approve the MDNR Proposed Trail Rerouting Proposal.

Motion – Trustee Wiegand

Second – Trustee Markes

Ayes - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Carried

Consider Staff Policy Request Regarding Personnel Policy Revisions

(Background Information from Manager Girard)

MOTION: To approve the Staff Policy request in Personnel Policy Revisions to the Current Policy Manual.

Motion – Trustee Wiegand

Second – Trustee Markes

Ayes - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Carried

Consider Amendment of the DDA Boundaries

(Background Information from Manager Girard)

MOTION: To approve the Amendment of the DDA Boundaries.

Motion – Trustee Wiegand

Second – Trustee Markes

Ayes - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Carried

Consider Adoption of DDA Ordinance Amendment – First Reading

(Background Information from Manager Girard)

MOTION: To approve the DDA Ordinance Amendment – First Reading.

Motion – Trustee Wiegand

Second – Trustee Markes

Ayes - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Carried

Consider Increase of CIP Baseline Amount

MOTION: To increase the CIP Baseline Amount to \$10,000.00.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Everson

Ayes - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Carried

Consider Resolution Regarding Opposing Bill HB6049 and SB1025 Addressing Assessing Process

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MARQUETTE
Opposing Bill HB6049 and SB1025 Resolution**

Whereas, The requirements for the assessing unit to consist of 5,000 parcels and a tax roll that generates 12 million dollars in tax monies will create a hardship for Marquette County, the largest County in Michigan at 3,424 miles total area.;

Whereas, A County wide Board of Review will pose a disadvantageous hardship to residents due to the extreme travel required to access the County seat. The bill also reads that if the local unit is unable to perform the assessing function at the local unit, they may opt to have the County perform the assessing duties at a fee equal to the one (1) percent administration fee levied on the summer and winter taxes.;

Whereas, Marquette Charter Township requires a MAAO assessor based upon the Commercial and Industrial valuation of property and as the bill reads our assessor of record would not be able to sign the assessment roll as a MMAO assessor based upon our parcel count and valuation.;

Whereas, This bill will require units that would never require a MAAO or MMAO level assessor due to the complexity of their unit to pay more for assessing services. This will create a financial hardship for the rural communities in the Upper Peninsula.;

Therefore, be it further resolved, Marquette Charter Township is opposed to bill HB6049 and SB1025 Resolution.

Motion: _____

Second: _____

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Certification

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the motion adopted at the June 5, 2018 regular meeting of the Marquette Charter Township Board of Trustees.

Randy J. Ritari, Clerk

MOTION: To approve Resolution Regarding Opposing Bill HB6049 and SB1025 Addressing Assessing Process.

Motion – Trustee Markes

Second – Trustee Everson

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Durant-Aye

Clerk Ritari-Aye

Treasurer Johnson-Aye

Trustee Markes-Aye

Trustee Wiegand- Aye

Trustee Everson- Aye

Trustee LaRue-Absent

Carried (6-0)

Absent (1)

ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE:

Pulled items from the consent agenda - None

Board – Committee Updates

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

Committee Appointments - None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carl Hammerstrom, 33 Middle Island Point Rd., spoke about being disappointed due to some of the Township Board Members failing to understand the Charter of Peter White Public Library.

MEETING WRAP-UP:

Announcements

Trustee Markes, commented about Peter White Public Library

Supervisor Durant, thanked her Husband for all his support he gives.

Manager's Report

Manager Girard, presented a written report to the board which covered Office Hours – Memorial Day/Summer, Community Events Committee, Lions Field Recreation Area, 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 June/July) - Proposed Short-Term Rental Text Amendment – Second Reading, Adoption of DDA Ordinance Amendment – Second Reading, Library Millage Language.

Board Member Comment

Trustee Markes – spoke about the Library Millage.

Treasurer Johnson, - spoke about the MML Treasurer's meeting that he attended.

Trustee Everson - spoke about the Library Millage.

Clerk Ritari - spoke about the Library Millage.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Everson

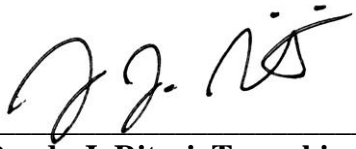
Ayes - 6

Nays – 0

Absent - 1

Carried

Supervisor Durant declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk

Lyn J. Durant, Township Supervisor