

**Charter Township of Marquette
Marquette Township Board – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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
 Dave Wiegand, Trustee
 Dan Everson, Trustee
 John Markes, Trustee
 Pete LaRue, Trustee

Staff present: Randy Girard, Township Manager
 Roger Zappa, Township Attorney
 Dan Shanahan, Township Fire Chief
 John Kangas, Superintendent of Public Works
 Jason McCarthy, Township Planner/Zoning Administrator
 Linda Winslow, Township Deputy Clerk

Committee

Members Present: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 04, 2020
- B. Bills Payable
 - 1. Checks 159010 to 159076 in the amount of \$235,100.83.
- C. Received Committee and Other Reports
 - 1. Fire Department Activity Report – January 2020
 - 2. Sheriff’s Department Activity Report – December 2019 and January 2020
 - 3. Planning Commission Minutes of January 22, 2020
- D. Financials
 - 1. Financial Statement – January 2020

- E. Correspondence not Requiring Board Action
 - 1. Charter Communications Quarterly Franchise Fee Payment
 - 2. Letter from UPSET Regarding Contribution
 - 3. Emergency Management and Safe Schools Resolution

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion – Trustee Markes

Second – Trustee Everson

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee LaRue

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

BOARD EDUCATION/PRIVILEGED COMMENT:

Staff Reports

- 1. Fire Department – Chief Shanahan gave a brief report.
- 2. Public Works – Superintendent Kangas gave a brief report.
- 3. Assessing – Manager Girard gave a brief report.
- 4. Attorney Report – Attorney Zappa gave a brief report.

Planner McCarthy – gave a brief report on the Planning Commission, what it entails to be on the Planning Commission and encouraging interested residents to apply if they are interested.

COMMUNITY LINKAGE:

Opportunity Notice for Planning Commission - Informational

ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE:

Board - Committee Updates

Trustee Wiegand, gave a brief report from the Planning Commission and the Roads Committee.

Trustee LaRue, gave a brief report from the Events Committee.

DRAFT Committee Reports

1. Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2020
2. Fire Department Officer's Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2020

POLICY DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

Consider Scheduling Strategic Plan Meeting

MOTION: To schedule a Work Session for the purpose of Strategic Planning on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Treasurer Johnson

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

Consider Sugarloaf Parking Expansion - Letter of Support Recommendation
(Background from Planner McCarthy)

MOTION: The Township Board supports the proposed parking lot and safety improvements, and directs staff to draft a letter of support for any grant opportunities that Marquette County may seek.

Motion – Trustee Markes

Second – Trustee LaRue

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

Consider Approval Amendment to Stantec Agreement
(Background Information from Superintendent Kangas)

MOTION: Approve the addition of \$6,000 to the existing professional services agreement with Stantec, to be used on a time and material basis, as necessary to complete the implementation of our Cartegraph Asset Management tool. This approval grants the authority to the Superintendent of Public Works to sign the amended agreement.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Markes

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Winslow, 2502 Norwood St., commented about maybe having informational meetings for residents about their tax bills.

MEETING WRAP-UP:

Announcements: None

Manager's Report

Manager Girard, presented his written report which included information on the Community Events Committee, Ice Rink, US41/M-28 Corridor Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

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) – Lost Creek Tax Issues, Asset Management on Water, Ambulance Status, and Road Maintenance report.

Board Member Comment

Trustee Wiegand, likes the idea of having informational meetings for the residents explaining where their taxes are allocated on the bills they receive.

Trustee LaRue, cautioned the residents on being careful at intersections with the high snow banks.

Trustee Everson, mentioned maybe having a Pickle Ball Tournament along with the Softball Tournament at Community Day in August.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Everson

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

Supervisor Durant declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk

Lyn J. Durant, Township Supervisor