

**Charter Township of Marquette  
Marquette Township Board – Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.  
Via Teleconference (Zoom Meeting)**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Durant at 6:35 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  
                              Jon Kangas, Township Superintendent of Public Works  
                              Jason McCarthy, Township Planner/Zoning Administrator  
                              Dan Shanahan, Township Fire Chief  
                              Dulcee Ranta, Township Assessor/Deputy Treasurer  
                              Brenda Helgren, Accounts Clerk  
                              Lois Stonehouse, Township Accountant

**Committee**

Members Present:     Mike Springer, Planning, Recreation, and Roads Committee

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENT IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 07, 2020
- B. Bills Payable
  - 1. Checks 159287 to 159347 in the amount of \$145,333.73.
- C. Received Committee and Other Reports
  - 1. Sheriff's Department Activity Report – March 2020
- D. Financials
  - 1. Financial Statement – March 2020

2. Treasurer's Report – March 2020

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

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

**Second – Trustee Markes**

**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)**

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

**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 - Aye**

**Carried (7-0)**

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 – Assessor Ranta gave a brief report.
4. Attorney Report – Attorney Zappa gave a brief report.

COMMUNITY LINKAGE:

Consider Recommendation by Michigan Census 2020

Supervisor Durant, gave information about the Census 2020 and gave the website to look up current information.

Community Webinar on Thursday, May 07, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. for MSU/MDOT 2021 Corridor Project

Clerk Ritari, put up the Flyer for this meeting and Mike Springer gave information about the Meeting.

ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE:

Board - Committee Updates

Trustee LaRue, Events Committee – events on hold due to Virus Pandemic, will know more as dates get sooner.

Trustee Wiegand, no reports until next meeting.

DRAFT Committee Reports - None

POLICY DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

Consider Easement Request from Peninsula Fiber Network

(Background from Manager Girard)

Consensus by the Board to allow Staff to move forward with negotiating on behalf of the Township the Easement Request by Peninsula Fiber Network.

Consider Renewal of Customer Service Agreement with Kennedy Industries for SCADA Systems

(Background from Superintendent Kangas)

**MOTION: Approve the Customer Service Agreement with KISM as presented and authorize the Supervisor to sign on behalf of the Township.**

**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 PILT for Lost Creek - (carried over from April 7, 2020 meeting) (verbal report).

Attorney Zappa, gave a brief update to the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John DePetro, County Commissioner District #1 – Marquette County, gave some information on expansion at the Marquette County Airport.

Mike Springer, Planning Commission Chairperson, spoke about the upcoming Planning Commission Meeting and the U.S. Hwy 41/M-28 Corridor Climate and Health Adaptation Vision meeting that will be coming up in May.

**MEETING WRAP-UP:**

Announcements:

Clerk Ritari, gave some election information for candidate filings.

Manager's Report

Manager Girard, presented his written report which included information on the COVID-19, Community Events Committee, 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 May)

Board Member Comment

Trustee LaRue, wanted to see a flag so we can do the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of our meeting.

Trustee Wiegand, had some more information about the Airport Expansion.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**MOTION: To enter into Closed Session “Pursuant to MCL 15.268 (f) To review and consider the contents of an application for employment or appointment to a public office if the candidate requests that the application remain confidential. However, except as otherwise**

provided in this subdivision, all interviews by a public body for employment or appointment to a public office shall be held in an open meeting pursuant to this act.”

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

**Second – Trustee Markes**

**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 8:22 p.m.

Board Returned into Open Session at 9:21 p.m.

**MOTION: To schedule a special meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 11:00AM to consider Candidates 2, 5, 9, and 13 – which were the only Candidates discussed in Closed Session for Preliminary Interviews for the Position of Township Manager.**

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

**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 - Aye**

**Carried (7-0)**

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

**Second – Trustee Wiegand**

**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)**

Supervisor Durant declared the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

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**Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk**

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**Lyn J. Durant, Township Supervisor**