

**Charter Township of Marquette
Marquette Township Board – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 7:00 P.M
Marquette Township Community Center**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Liimatta at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Dennis Liimatta, Supervisor
Randy Ritari, Clerk
Ernest Johnson, Treasurer
Dianna Truscott, Trustee
Pete LaRue, Trustee
Lyn Durant, Trustee

Member absent: Danny Pompo, Trustee (excused)

Staff present: Randy Girard, Township Manager
Jason McCarthy, Township Planner and Zoning Administrator
Roger Zappa, Township Attorney

Committee

Members present: John Markes, Zoning Board of Appeals
Dave Wiegand, Planning, Roads, and Recreation Committee
Mike Springer, Roads and Recreation Committee
Dan Adamini, Recreation Committee
Paula Liimatta, Recreation Committee

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes March 3, 2015
- B. Received Committee/Other Reports
 - 1. PWPL Township Advisory Council Minutes December 3, 2014
 - 2. Fire Department Activity Report – February 2015
 - 3. Fire Marshal’s Report – February 2015
 - 4. Sheriff’s Activity Report– February 2015
 - 5. Recreation Committee Draft Minutes from February 17, 2015 and Agenda for March 17, 2015
 - 6. Planning Commission Minutes – February 25, 2015
- C. Correspondence not Requiring Board Action

1. Correspondence from Superintendent Kirk Page Regarding Monthly Rubbish Drop Off
2. WE Energies 2014 Fly Ash Activity
3. Marquette County Road Commission Correspondence Regarding Seasonal Load and Speed Restrictions Beginning March 13, 2015 and Tree Clearing Along Several County Roads
4. Correspondence from Charter Communications

D. Bills Payable

1. Checks 151420 to 151482 in the amount of \$339,665.15.
Note the Voided Checks

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion – Trustee LaRue

Second – Trustee Truscott

Ayes - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

Motion – Trustee Truscott

Second – Treasurer Johnson

Ayes - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Springer, 206 Eagles Nest Rd., thanked Clerk Ritari for recognizing the members of the Recreation Committee that were present and would like to reserve comment for Agenda Item 9A.

Reg Durant, 2523 US41 West, commented on his support of the Trust Fund Grant Resolutions and Lions Field and how the Iron Ore Heritage Trail is a gem in our Community.

Brian Savolainen, UPEA, would be available for questions on Agenda Item 8B.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Trustee Durant, gave a brief Library Meeting and Planning Commission report. She also commented that the Board always hears if something is wrong and would like feedback if we are doing things right!

Treasurer Johnson, gave a brief report from the Township Business Association Meeting.

Trustee LaRue, gave some comments on the Tax Tribunal.

Clerk Ritari, commented that the last day to register for the May 5th election is Monday April 6th, 2015, and Marquette Township has spent over \$270,000 defending ourselves against the Tax Tribunal.

Supervisor Liimatta, commented on the presentations he has been doing about the Tax Tribunal to various local groups.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consider 2015 Fire Officer Appointments
(Background Memo from Manager Girard)

MOTION: To approve the following Fire Department appointments for year 2015 predicated upon the established criteria:

Hose Lieutenant - Gregory Sharp

Motion – Trustee Truscott
Second – Trustee LaRue

Ayes - 6
Nays - 0
Absent - 1

Carried

Consider Local Roads Update and Request for Public Hearing for State Revolving Loan Fund
(Background Memo from Manager Girard)

Manager Girard and UPEA, gave a brief presentation and their recommendations.

MOTION: To approve the UPEA Phase 1 Evaluation Agreement for a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00.

Motion – Trustee Durant
Second – Trustee LaRue

Ayes - 6
Nays - 0
Absent - 1

Carried

MOTION: To schedule Public Hearings on a Possible Water Project (State Revolving Loan Fund) and Local Roads Rehabilitation Project for the April 7, 2015 Board Meeting.

Motion – Clerk Ritari
Second – Trustee LaRue

Ayes - 6
Nays - 0
Absent - 1

Carried

MOTION: To authorize the Clerk to sign the UPEA Agreement on behalf of the Township for Phase 1.

**Motion – Trustee Durant
Second – Trustee LaRue**

**Ayes - 6
Nays - 0
Absent - 1**

Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider Proposed 2015 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)
Development Grant & Recreation Passport Grant Application Resolutions – Second
Reading
(Background Information from Planner McCarthy)

MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND
RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION-MARQUETTE CHARTER TOWNSHIP MATCH
WITHOUT DONATED FUNDS – TF15-0077

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Marquette Board of Trustees supports the submission of an application titled, "Schwemwood Park/Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead Barrier -Free Parking/Wetland Overlook TF15-0077" to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for development of Barrier-free Parking and a Wetland Overlook at the Schwemwood Park/Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the Community's 5-Year Approved Parks and Recreation Plan OR Current Capital Improvement Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Marquette Board of Trustees has made a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$21,700.00 matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Marquette Board of Trustees hereby authorizes submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for \$50,000.00, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$21,700.00 (31%) of a total \$71,700.00 project cost, during the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

AYES: Supervisor Liimatta, Clerk Ritari, Treasurer Johnson, Trustee LaRue, Trustee Truscott, Trustee Durant

NAYES:

ABSENT: Trustee Pompo

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 March 17, 2015, at 7 p.m. in the Marquette Township Hall/Community Center, with a quorum present.

Date: __ March 17, 2015 __

Clerk – Randy J. Ritari

MOTION: To approve the Proposed 2015 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Development Grant Resolution for the amount of \$50,000.00.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Treasurer Johnson

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Liimatta-Aye

Clerk Ritari-Aye

Treasurer Johnson-Aye

Trustee Durant-Aye

Trustee Truscott-Aye

Trustee Pompo-Absent

Trustee LaRue-Aye

Carried (6-0)

Absent (1)

RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT PROGRAM
RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION – MARQUETTE CHARTER TOWNSHIP MATCH
WITHOUT DONATED FUNDS – RP15-0041

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Marquette Board of Trustees supports the submission of an application titled, "Lions Field Recreation Area Barrier-Free Trail Project – RP15-0041" to the Recreation Passport Grant Program for development of a barrier-free trail with landscaping and other amenities at the Lions Field Recreation Area; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the Community's 5-Year Approved Parks OR Current Capital Improvement Plan and,

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Marquette Board of Trustees has made a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$19,400.00 matching funds, in cash and/or force account; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Marquette Board of Trustees hereby authorizes submission of a Recreation Passport Grant Application for \$45,000.00, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$19,400.00 (30%) of a total \$64,400.00 project cost, during the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

AYES: Supervisor Liimatta, Clerk Ritari, Treasurer Johnson, Trustee LaRue, Trustee Truscott, Trustee Durant

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Trustee Pompo

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_____ Date: March 17, 2015
Clerk – Randy J. Ritari

MOTION: To approve the Proposed 2015 Recreation Passport Grant Resolution for the amount of \$45,000.00.

**Motion – Trustee Durant
Second – Trustee Truscott**

**Roll Call Vote:
Supervisor Liimatta-Aye
Clerk Ritari-Aye
Treasurer Johnson-Aye
Trustee Durant-Aye
Trustee Truscott-Aye
Trustee Pompo-Absent
Trustee LaRue-Aye**

Carried (6-0)

Absent (1)

Mike Springer, 206 Eagles Nest Rd., thanked the Board for the support of the Recreation Grant Applications, also this is one example he commented to Trustee Durant that the Township Board is doing something right!

Consider Committee Appointment to IOHRA

MOTION: To reappoint Glenn Johnson to the Iron Ore Heritage Trail Recreation Authority for a (3) three year term to expire April, 2018.

**Motion – Trustee Durant
Second – Treasurer Johnson**

**Ayes - 6
Nays - 0
Absent - 1**

Carried

Consider Budget Amendment No. 2015-03

*Budget Amendment No. 2015-03
March 17, 2015*

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MARQUETTE
FY 2015 BUDGET RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Marquette Township Board to establish General and Special Appropriations Acts for the purpose of budgeting Township finances in a manner which does not allow expenditure, including any accrued deficits, to exceed revenues, including any available unappropriated surpluses, and,

WHEREAS, the Marquette Township Board recognizes that unforeseen activities may require amendments to these Appropriations Acts, such amendments shall be made by either formal resolution of the Marquette Township Board; or, by a ten percent (10%) of budget center contingency transfer authorized by the Township Manager, in such a manner so as not to allow the total expenditures, including accrued deficits, to exceed revenues and unappropriated surpluses; and,

WHEREAS, the Marquette Township Appropriations Acts for 2015 do not permit deviations which cause expenditures for any activity to exceed budgeted amounts without amendment to the Act by the Marquette Township Board or the aforementioned contingency transfer; and,

WHEREAS, the Marquette Township Board has duly reviewed the budgets for the General Appropriations Act and the Special Appropriations Act, both Acts include all funds of the Charter Township of Marquette, at public hearings of the Marquette Township Board,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette Township Board hereby amends the Appropriations Acts for 2015 in accordance with budgetary information presented to this Board and the limitations defined within this Resolution.

	Current Budget	Amended Budget	Change
General Fund			
Expenditures			
Capital-Recreation	0	90,500	90,500
Insurance	0	7,725	7,725
Fund Balance	429,727	331,502	(98,225)

**MOTION: To approve Budget Amendment No. 2015-03.
Motion – Clerk Ritari
Second – Trustee LaRue**

**Roll Call Vote:
Supervisor Liimatta-Aye
Clerk Ritari-Aye
Treasurer Johnson-Aye
Trustee Durant-Aye
Trustee Truscott-Aye
Trustee Pompo-Absent
Trustee LaRue-Aye**

**Carried (6-0)
Absent (1)**

Consider Vehicle Resolution

**MARQUETTE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING LACK OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN BUS**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Township Board that the Marquette Township Fire Department had previously attempted to acquire a used bus from the Marquette County Transit Authority;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted under MCL 41.801 and MCL 42.13, only the Township Board is permitted to acquire fire department vehicles, equipment, or apparatus;

WHEREAS, the Township Board has not at any time authorized acquisition of a bus for the Marquette Township Fire Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Marquette Township does not claim any ownership interest in a certain 2000 Eldorado bus, vehicle identification number 1HVBEABMXYH285782, has not at any time claimed an ownership interest in this bus, and is not by this Resolution authorizing any measures to obtain an interest in this bus, past, present or future, which was formerly owned by the Marquette County Transit Authority and which is upon information and belief currently owned by the Ahmed Temple.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member: Treasurer Johnson

Second offered by Board Member: Trustee LaRue

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Yes": Supervisor Liimatta, Clerk Ritari, Treasurer Johnson, Trustee LaRue, Trustee Truscott, Trustee Durant

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "No": None

Upon roll call vote, the following were "Absent": Trustee Pompo

The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.

Township Clerk - Randy J. Ritari

MOTION: To approve the Resolution Confirming Lack of Ownership in Bus.

Motion – Treasurer Johnson

Second – Trustee LaRue

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Liimatta-Aye

Clerk Ritari-Aye

Treasurer Johnson-Aye

Trustee Durant-Aye

Trustee Truscott-Aye

Trustee Pompo-Absent

Trustee LaRue-Aye

Carried (6-0)

Absent (1)

Manager's Report

Manager Girard, presented his written report to the Board covering Residential Trash Disposal – First Wednesday, MTA Legislative Day, MGT Cost Studies, US41/M-28 Corridor Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals Activities. Also, he gave recognition to our Service Workers for positive comment received from a resident. Trustee Durant had a question in regards to the follow up to a possible water authority, and Manager Girard stated that he is still working with the other interested parties to see if that will happen. Trustee LaRue asked about the sweeping of the pedestrian paths, and Manager Girard stated that we will be doing that when the snow is gone. Also, Manager Girard

advised folks to stay off the Mud at Lions Field with warm weather upon us. Trustee LaRue, commented about donations for the Lions Field and to contact the Manager if you have any questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Wiegand, 350 Brookton Rd., gave the board a brief update on Lions Field Warming Building and commented on the UPEA Study for the Roads Rehabilitation Project.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Treasurer Johnson, commented about the State of Wisconsin not being happy about the cutting of trees down for the survival of Bats; there was a recent article on it lately that he read.

Clerk Ritari, reminded the residents that Monday, April 6, 2015 will be the last day to register for the May Election and if the Board decides to have a special election for August the timelines for getting stuff into the County by 4:00 P.M. on May12, 2015.

Supervisor Liimatta, commented about the 3 on 3 hockey tournament that had to be canceled due to the warm weather. We are rescheduling the event as a roller hockey tournament on June 21st, 2015. Also, he reminded any interested volunteers that on April 2nd, they will be doing drywall at the Warming Building at Lions Field.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Motion – Trustee LaRue

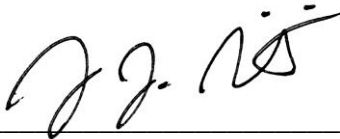
Second – Trustee Truscott

Ayes - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Carried



Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk

Dennis R. Liimatta, Township Supervisor