

**Charter Township of Marquette
Marquette Township Board – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.
Via Teleconference (Zoom Meeting)**

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
 Linda Winslow, Trustee
 John Markes, Trustee
 Pete LaRue, Trustee

Members absent: Dan Everson, Trustee (excused)

Staff present: Jon Kangas, Township Manager
 Roger Zappa, Township Attorney
 Jason McCarthy, Township Planner/Zoning Administrator
 Ryan Diederichsen, Township Staff Planner
 Dulcee Ranta, Township Assessor

Committee

Members Present: Mike Springer, DDA, and IOHRA.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes January 19, 2021
- B. Bills Payable
 - 1. Checks 160428 to 160467 in the amount of \$104,412.54.
- C. Received Committee and Other Reports
 - 1. Utility Billing Calendar – February 2021
- D. Correspondence not Requiring Board Action
 - 1. State of Michigan Notice of Hearing for the Gas Customers Of Semco Energy Case No. U-20822

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion – Trustee Markes

Second – Trustee LaRue

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Durant - Aye

Clerk Ritari - Aye

Treasurer Johnson -Aye

Trustee Markes -Aye

Trustee Winslow- Aye

Trustee Everson - Absent

Trustee LaRue - Aye

Carried (6-0)

Absent (1)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Supervisor Durant, wanted to add Iron Ore Heritage Rec Authority update from Mike Springer under Community Linkage.

MOTION: To approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Treasurer Johnson

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Durant - Aye

Clerk Ritari - Aye

Treasurer Johnson -Aye

Trustee Markes -Aye

Trustee Winslow- Aye

Trustee Everson - Absent

Trustee LaRue - Aye

Carried (6-0)

Absent (1)

BOARD EDUCATION/PRIVILEGED COMMENT: None

COMMUNITY LINKAGE:

Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority Update – Mike Springer, gave the Board an update on the recent activities of the Iron Ore Heritage which included a possible acquisition of property within the Township for recreational activities.

MOTION: To direct the Township Supervisor to draft a letter of Support on behalf of the Charter Township of Marquette for the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority’s proposed acquisition of property.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Treasurer Johnson

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Durant - Aye
Clerk Ritari - Aye
Treasurer Johnson -Aye
Trustee Markes -Aye
Trustee Winslow- Aye
Trustee Everson - Absent
Trustee LaRue - Aye

Carried (6-0)

Absent (1)

ASSURANCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE:

Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority Update – Mike Springer, gave the Board an update on the recent activities of the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority.

Board - Committee Updates

MOTION: To appoint Thomas Fure to the Recreation Committee for a (2) Two Year Term to end in December 2022.

Motion – Supervisor Durant

Second – Trustee LaRue

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Durant - Aye
Clerk Ritari - Aye
Treasurer Johnson -Aye
Trustee Markes -Aye
Trustee Winslow- Aye
Trustee Everson - Absent
Trustee LaRue - Aye

Carried (6-0)

Absent (1)

DRAFT Committee Reports

Tom Bronkon, Township Library Council, gave a brief update from the last meeting.

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

POLICY DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

Review and Authorize Purchase of Recycling Carts
(Background from Manager Kangas)

MOTION: Authorize the purchase of 1,500 recycling carts from Cascade Cart Solutions in the amount not to exceed \$69,050.00.

Motion – Trustee Markes
Second – Trustee LaRue

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Durant - Aye
Clerk Ritari - Aye
Treasurer Johnson -Aye
Trustee Markes -Aye
Trustee Winslow- Aye
Trustee Everson - Absent
Trustee LaRue - Aye

Carried (6-0)

Absent (1)

Consider of Township Impala a Surplus Asset
(Background from Manager Kangas)

MOTION: To Declare the 2013 Chevy Impala surplus and authorize staff to advertise the vehicle for sale to the highest bidder with a minimum bid of \$5,000.00.

Motion – Treasurer Johnson
Second – Clerk Ritari

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Durant - Aye
Clerk Ritari - Aye
Treasurer Johnson - Aye
Trustee Markes -Aye
Trustee Winslow- Aye
Trustee Everson - Absent
Trustee LaRue - Aye

Carried (6-0)

Absent (1)

Consider Adoption of a Marijuana Fee Schedule
(Background from Planner McCarthy)

MOTION: To amend the current fee schedule with the proposed Marijuana Fees as recommended by staff.

Motion – Trustee Markes
Second – Clerk Ritari

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Durant - Aye
Clerk Ritari - Aye
Treasurer Johnson - Aye

Trustee Markes -Aye
Trustee Winslow- Aye
Trustee Everson - Absent
Trustee LaRue - Aye

Carried (6-0)

Absent (1)

Consider Allocation of \$1500 from 2020 Budget for New Light Pole(s) in 2021
(Background from Manager Kangas)

MOTION: To reallocate unused street lighting repair and maintenance funds from 2020 in the amount \$1,500.00 to new light poles in the 2021 Budget.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Winslow

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Durant - Aye

Clerk Ritari - Aye

Treasurer Johnson - Aye

Trustee Markes -Aye

Trustee Winslow- Aye

Trustee Everson - Absent

Trustee LaRue - Aye

Carried (6-0)

Absent (1)

Consider Resolution for Authorization to Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing to Board of Review
(Background from Assessor Ranta)

MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2021-0202

Authorization to Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing to Board of Review

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, desires to ease the burden on taxpayers, the assessor, and the board of review by allowing all taxpayers the opportunity to file a protest before the board of review by letter; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, is authorized by THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX ACT 206 of 1893, MCL 211.30(8) to adopt a resolution authorizing a resident taxpayer to file his or her protest before the board of review by letter without a personal appearance by the taxpayer or his or her agent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Marquette, Marquette County that all resident taxpayers, or their agents, are authorized to protest to the board of review by letter. Said letters must be delivered to the physical or electronic address provided in the public notice or publication. For the March meeting of the board of

review, letters must be received prior to the deadline on the publication. For the July and December meetings of the board of review, letters must be received by 5:00 pm on the day prior to the meeting stated on the public notice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Marquette Township shall include a statement notifying taxpayers of this option in each assessment notice under section 24c and on each notice or publication of the meeting of the board of review.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member _____ and supported by Board Member _____.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Yeas:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent and Excused:

The Supervisor declared the motion carried, and Resolution 2021-0202 duly adopted this February 2, 2021.

Randy Ritari, Marquette Township Clerk

MOTION: To adopt the resolution for the Board of Review to be compliant with State Tax Commission requirements.

Motion – Supervisor Durant

Second – Trustee Markes

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Durant - Aye

Clerk Ritari - Aye

Treasurer Johnson - Aye

Trustee Markes -Aye

Trustee Winslow- Aye

Trustee Everson - Absent

Trustee LaRue - Aye

Carried (6-0)

Absent (1)

Consider Liability and Property Insurance Renewal Invoice
(Background from Manager Kangas)

MOTION: To approve the invoice for the 2021 Liability and Property Insurance renewal with Hannula Agency, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$25,334.00.

Motion – Clerk Ritari
Second – Trustee LaRue

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Durant - Aye
Clerk Ritari - Aye
Treasurer Johnson - Aye
Trustee Markes -Aye
Trustee Winslow- Aye
Trustee Everson - Absent
Trustee LaRue - Aye

Carried (6-0)

Absent (1)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MEETING WRAP-UP:

Announcements:

Clerk Ritari, updated the board on the CivicClerk update process and will probably be bringing a proposal to the Township Board next meeting.

Manager’s Report

Manager Kangas, presented his written report.

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 January) – Board of Review items.

Board Member Comment

Trustee Winslow, commented about some street abandonments that need to be resolved in the Northwest part of Trowbridge Park, and reminded the residents about the 1st Wednesday drop-off.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Winslow

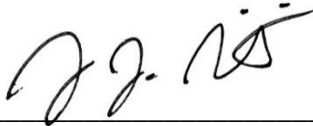
Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Durant - Aye
Clerk Ritari - Aye
Treasurer Johnson - Aye
Trustee Markes -Aye
Trustee Winslow- Aye
Trustee Everson - Absent
Trustee LaRue - Aye

Carried (6-0)

Absent (1)

Supervisor Durant declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk

Lyn J. Durant, Township Supervisor