

**Charter Township of Marquette
Marquette Township Board – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 7:00 P.M
Marquette Township Community Center**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Liimatta at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Staff present: Randy Girard, Township Manager
Bob Sims, Township Fire Chief
Kirk Page, Township Public Works Superintendent

Committee

Members present: John Markes, Zoning Board of Appeals

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2014
- B. Received Committee/Other Reports
 - 1. IOHRA Agenda from November 19, 2014 and Draft Minutes from October 22, 2014
 - 2. Water Production Report – October 2014
 - 3. Fire Department Officer’s Meeting Draft Minutes from November 5, 2014
 - 4. Draft Minutes from November 10, 2014
- C. Correspondence/Information Not Requiring Board Actions
 - 1. Correspondence from Charter Regarding Broadcast TV Surcharge Increase
 - 2. Correspondence from MCSWMA Regarding Increase in Tipping Fee
- D. Bills Payable
 - 1. Checks 150940 to 151010 in the amount of \$120,736.35.
Note the Voided Checks
- E. Financial Statements

1. Financial Statement – October 2014
2. Treasurer’s Report – October 2014

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion – Trustee LaRue

Second – Trustee Truscott

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

Motion – Trustee Durant

Second – Trustee LaRue

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Trustee Durant, commented that a resident called her and was not happy and didn’t agree with the transfer from the Fire Fund to the Water Fund for Public Fire Protection. Another resident contacted her and supported all the time and effort and educational sessions for the Township Board Members. Lastly an election worker contacted her and felt that they needed to raise the wages due to not having an adjustment for at least six years or more.

Treasurer Johnson, commented on having not seen an updated report on the Fair Ave project and also wanted a board level update on the Lions Field Warming House Project.

Clerk Ritari, commented that most places pay Election Workers minimum wage and don’t provide meals for its workers, and that Marquette Township pays more than minimum wage and does provide meals and snacks for its workers, but he will look into a comparison before the next election. Also, he commented that he has received an email from Dave Wiegand with an update to the Lions Field Warming House project.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Supervisor Liimatta opened the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

FY 2015 Budget

No Comments

FY 2015 Truth in Taxation (Tax Levy)

No Comments

FY 2015 Fire Protection and Prevention Special Assessment (Tax Levy)

No Comments

Supervisor Liimatta closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

FORUM DISCUSSION (Thirty minutes maximum, no formal actions)

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider 2015 Budget

No action on this item at this time

Consider 2015 Tax Levies

MOTION: To reaffirm the 2015 Tax Levies as presented.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee LaRue

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

Consider Adoption of 2015 Fee Schedule

Various Board Discussion on the 2015 Fee Schedule.

MOTION: To adopt the 2015 Fee Schedule as presented.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee LaRue

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Liimatta-Aye

Clerk Ritari-Aye

Treasurer Johnson-Nay

Trustee Durant-Aye

Trustee Truscott-Nay

Trustee Pompo-Nay

Trustee LaRue-Aye

Carried (4-3)

Consider Budget Amendment No. 2014-12

*Budget Amendment No. 2014-12
December 2, 2014*

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MARQUETTE
FY 2014 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 2014 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 2014 in accordance with budgetary information presented to this Board and the limitations defined within this Resolution.

	Current Budget	Amended Budget	Change
Stormwater Fund			
Expenditures			
Administration	20,000	27,000	7,000
Retained Earnings	55,969	48,969	(7,000)

MOTION: To approve Budget Amendment No. 2014-12.

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-Aye

Trustee LaRue-Aye

Carried (7-0)

Consider 2015 Bills Payable Approval List

MOTION: To approve the 2015 Bills Payable List as presented.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Durant

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

Consider Purchase of Multi-Purpose Utility Equipment

(Background Information from Manager Girard)

MOTION: To approve the purchase of Multi-Purpose Utility Equipment from Michigan Sales for an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00. The funding will come from the Metro Authority Fund.

Motion – Trustee LaRue

Second – Trustee Durant

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

Discuss 2015 Township Meeting Dates

MOTION: To set the Township Board Regular Meeting Dates as the (1st) first and (3rd) third Tuesdays of every Month in Year 2015 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Community Center.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Durant

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

Consider Manager’s Proposed 2015 Goals and Objectives

Manager Girard, proposed these goals for 2015.

1. Oversee completion of the studies for Departmental Cost Allocation Plan, Cost of Service Analysis/Fee Structure Adjustment, and General Services Administration Indirect Cost.

Allocation Plan by June 30 for consideration in 2016 budget.

Rationale – long overdue, would resolve on-going disagreements of “what’s right”, provides verifiable basis for Board to implement.

2. Facilitate negotiation targeted toward completion of the Mason’s Bluff subdivision.

Rationale – the subdivision represents approximately 30-35 additional home sites, potential tax revenues of \$70K/year +/-, figures in potential completion of Township phase II water project, strong public/private development project.

3. Coordinate administration of Board approved Local Roads Rehabilitation Plan upon voter approval.

Rationale – repeatedly number 1 resident issue, 70% positive millage response, critical for continued residential and commercial development, reduced maintenance/improvement pressure provides fiscal relief for Road Commission to address other road issues such as drainage control, bridge issues, snow/ice control.

Township Board added one additional goal for Manager Girard.

4. Asset Management plans for all Township equipment & vehicles.

MOTION: To approve the Township Manager’s 2015 Goals and Objectives referenced above as agreed upon mutually by the Township Manager and Township Board.

Motion – Trustee Durant

Second – Trustee LaRue

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

Discuss Committee Appointments

1. Board of Review
2. Event Committee
3. Property Maintenance Appeals
4. Marquette Senior Citizen Services Transition Board

Supervisor Liimatta, made a plea to the residents that these are the committees that we need appointments for in the coming year and encouraged residents to apply to the committees or boards they are interested in. They can pick up an application at the Township Hall or from the Township website.

Announcing “Come Catch the Christmas Spirit”

Information Item for the Residents.

Consider Outdoor Lighting Ordinance Recommendation

Township Board gave some input in the outdoor lighting draft ordinance recommendation for the planning commission. Both boards need to sit down and have a joint meeting in the near future for more discussion on this issue.

Update on Sale of Former Township Facility

Informational Item for the Township Board and residents on the purchase agreement for the sale of the former Township Facility.

Manager’s Report

Manager Girard, presented his written report to the board with items covering the Lions Field Recreation Area - Ice Skating Facilities, Winter Weather Conditions, Seasonal Office Hours, Catch the Christmas Spirit, Holiday Solid Waste Collection, Christmas Tree Collection, and Black Friday in Marquette Township.

MOTION: To extend the meeting an additional (10) ten minutes from 9:30 p.m.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Treasurer Johnson

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Treasurer Johnson, reminded the residents about the upcoming tax collection for winter taxes.

Clerk Ritari, commented to the board that he needed a 2015 budget that is passed for the numbers for budget resolution for the next regular meeting.

MOTION: To adopt the 2015 Managers Recommended Budget.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee LaRue

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Liimatta-Aye

Clerk Ritari-Aye

Treasurer Johnson-Nay

Trustee Durant-Nay

Trustee Truscott-Nay

Trustee Pompo-Nay

Trustee LaRue-Aye

Failed (4-3)

MOTION: To extend the meeting to 10:00 p.m.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Supervisor Liimatta

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

FORUM DISCUSSION (NO FORMAL ACTION)

Budget Work Session 2015

The Board continued discussion with the 2015 Budget.

Supervisor Liimatta closed the forum discussion at 10:26 p.m.

MOTION: To adopt the 2015 Managers Recommended Budget.

Motion – Trustee Durant

Second – Trustee Pompo

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 10:27 p.m.

Motion – Trustee Pompo

Second – Trustee Durant

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried



Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk

Dennis R. Liimatta, Township Supervisor