

**Charter Township of Marquette
Marquette Township Board – Regular Meeting
Monday, November 3, 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: Dave Wiegand, Planning Commission, Recreation, and Roads Committee
John Markes, Zoning Board of Appeals

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2014 and Special Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2014
- B. Received Committee/Other Reports
 - 1. MCSWMA Board Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2014
 - 2. Water Production Report – September 2014
 - 3. Presque Isle Power Plant Ash Landfill Deposit Report
 - 4. Zoning Board of Appeals Draft Minutes from October 16, 2014 and Zoning Board of Appeals Bylaws Adopted on October 16, 2014
- C. Correspondence Not Requiring Board Action
 - 1. Correspondence from UPPCO regarding Notice of Hearing
 - 2. Newsletter from PWPL for September/October 2014
 - 3. Correspondence from UPSET
- D. Bills Payable

1. Checks 150786 to 150842 in the amount of \$394,736.12.
Note the Voided Checks

E. Financial Statements

1. Financial Statement – September 2014
2. Treasurer’s Report – September 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 Truscott

Second – Clerk Ritari

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Wiegand, 350 Brookton Rd., thanked the Marquette Royales Hockey Team for coming out to help put up the hockey boards at Lions Field and thanked the other folks also that came out and helped.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Trustee Durant, gave a brief planning commission report and spoke about the Lighting Ordinance that the Planning Commission is working on and they are seeking input for that Ordinance.

Clerk Ritari, commented about the ZBA Bylaws in the packet and reminded everyone to come out at vote.

Trustee LaRue, thanked everyone for coming out to the Road Millage Informational Meetings and thanked Dave Wiegand and Township Staff for putting on the meetings for the past month.

Supervisor Liimatta, echoed Dave Wiegand’s comments about thanking the Marquette Royales Hockey Team for helping with the Ice Rink Boards at Lions Field.

Supervisor Liimatta, commented on the Road Rehabilitation plan and mentioned about the Erie Street closure at Lions Field for the park renovation project.

FORUM DISCUSSION (Thirty minutes maximum, no formal actions)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consider approval of construction contracts for previously approved ice rink/warming house building

Supervisor Liimatta and Manager Girard, gave the board an update where we are at on this project and it will be carried over to the next agenda or possible special meeting to get it completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider Meeting Request Letter from City of Marquette

Supervisor Liimatta, apologized this didn't get into the online packet and instructed the clerk to put it in and re-upload for the residents to view. Also, this is an informational item from the City of Marquette in regards to the Truck Traffic Issue.

Consider Municipal Counsel Rate Increase
(Background Memo from Supervisor Liimatta)

MOTION: To approve the rate increase effect January 1, 2015 from Bensinger, Cotant & Menkes, P.C. for legal services from \$103.00 per hour to \$114.00 per hour.

Motion – Treasurer Johnson
Second – Trustee Durant

Ayes - 7
Nays - 0

Carried

Consider Fire Department Staffing Request
(Background Memo from Manager Girard and Chief Sims)

MOTION: To approve the increase the members of the Marquette Township Fire Department On-Call Firefighters from (30) thirty to (35) thirty-five members and commence recruiting activities immediately.

Motion – Treasurer Johnson
Second – Trustee Durant

Ayes - 7
Nays - 0

Carried

Consider Correspondence from MCSWMA Regarding Tipping Fee and Memo from Superintendent of Public Works Regarding Landfill Tipping Fee
(Background Memo from Superintendent Page)

This is an informational Correspondence for the Township Board and Superintendent Page is available for any questions that the Board might have.

Consider Budget Amendment No. 2014-10

*Budget Amendment No. 2014-10
November 3, 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 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| General Fund | | | |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Capital-Building & Grounds | 125,000 | 96,500 | (28,500) |
| Capital-Recreation | 171,209 | 199,709 | 28,500 |
| Solid Waste Fund | | | |
| Revenues | 333,745 | 350,745 | 17,000 |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Sanitary Landfill | 104,200 | 125,200 | 21,000 |
| Contingency | 16,668 | 12,668 | (4,000) |

MOTION: To approve Budget Amendment No. 2014-10.

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 2014 Winter Freeze Update

(Background Memo from Superintendent Page)

Superintendent Page, gave the board a brief presentation on the 2014 Winter Freeze and followed up on one of the grants that the Township applied for and verbally was approved

from the State of Michigan for \$100,000.00. Also, he recommended some corrective actions to the board so that we can decrease the chances of damages of infrastructure in the future.

MOTION: To approve the recommendation of Superintendent Page to complete replacement of sewer main on Fair Ave. to Oberstar Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$46,500.00.

Motion – Treasurer Johnson

Second – Trustee Durant

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

Consider Oberstar Pay Request #3 for Trowbridge Park Phase 2 Low Pressure Force Main Project

(Background Memo from Superintendent Page)

MOTION: To approve the pay request #3 for the Trowbridge Park Phase 2 Low Pressure Force Main Project for an amount not to exceed \$111,982.20 to Oberstar Inc.

Motion – Trustee LaRue

Second – Clerk Ritari

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

Consider Final Billing #20 (Public Works Bldg #9)

(Background Memo from Jim Clark – Cornerstone Development Corp.)

MOTION: To approve Final Billing #20 (Public Works Bldg #9) for an amount not to exceed \$75,700.23 to Cornerstone Development Corp.

Motion – Trustee LaRue

Second – Treasurer Johnson

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

Consider Manager’s Proposed 2015 Goals and Objectives

Manager Girard, gave a written report to the Township Board that covered the 2014 Manager Goals and Objectives.

Supervisor Liimatta, opened up the discussion on the 2015 Proposed Goals and Objectives and then turned it over to the Township Board to comment on the Township Managers 2015 Proposed Goals and Objectives and then to give some of their own 2015 Proposed Goals and Objectives.

Supervisor Liimatta, would keep this on the agenda until we have settled on (3) three to (5) five reasonable and obtainable goals agreed upon with the Township Manager for Year 2015.

Manager's Report

Manager Girard, presented his written report to the board, which covered the Local Roads Rehabilitation Plan, Hunting Season, and Zoning Board of Appeals information.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Wiegand, 350 Brookton Road, commented about the future of the US 41 Corridor within the township.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Trustee Durant, commented about gathering information from Manager Girard for the Peter White Public Library in reference to the tax tribunal.

Clerk Ritari, commented on the budget session and hopes it does not run long this evening due to the election the following morning.

**MOTION: To take a (5) five minute recess.
Motion – Trustee Durant
Second – Trustee LaRue**

**Ayes - 7
Nays - 0**

Carried

Meeting is in recess at 8:33 p.m.

Supervisor Liimatta called the meeting back in session at 8:42 p.m.

FORUM DISCUSSION (NO FORMAL ACTION)

Budget Work Session 2015

The Board continued discussion with the Fee Schedule and Fire Department section of the 2015 Budget.

Supervisor Liimatta closed the forum discussion at 9:27 p.m.

MOTION: To schedule the following dates as 2015 Budget Work Sessions.

Tuesday, November 11 2014 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Fee Schedule and Wrap up.

Thursday, November 13, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Fee Schedule and Wrap up.

Tuesday, November 18, 2014 in the Second Forum Discussion of the Township Board Meeting. – Fee Schedule and Wrap up.

**Motion – Clerk Ritari
Second – Trustee Durant**

**Ayes - 7
Nays - 0**

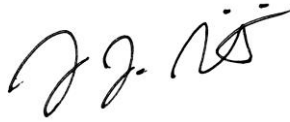
Carried

ADJOURMENT:

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.
Motion – Clerk Ritari
Second – Trustee Durant**

**Ayes - 7
Nays - 0**

Carried



Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk

Dennis R. Liimatta, Township Supervisor