

**Charter Township of Marquette
Marquette Township Board – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 7, 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 (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)
Kirk Page, Township Public Works Superintendent
Jason McCarthy, Township Planner
Lois Stonehouse, Township Accountant (arrived at 7:38 p.m.)

Committee

Members present: Mike Springer, Recreation, and Roads Committee
Dave Wiegand, Planning Commission, Recreation, and Roads Committee
Dan Adamini, Recreation Committee

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2014

B. Received Committee/Other Reports

1. MCSWMQ DRAFT Minutes from September 10, 2014 Special Meeting
2. Fire Department DRAFT Minutes from September 8, 2014
3. Recreation Committee DRAFT Minutes from September 24, 2014 and Agenda for Special Meeting on October 7, 2014

C. Correspondence Not Requiring Board Action

1. DNR Open House on 10/23/14 at the Township Hall
2. Fire Department Memo Regarding Pump & Ladder Testing

D. Bills Payable

1. Checks 150629 to 150723 in the amount of \$492,201.61.
Note the Voided Checks

E. Financial Statements

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

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion – Trustee LaRue

Second – Trustee Durant

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Supervisor Liimatta, recommended moving up agenda items 8D and 8E to the beginning of New Business and re-letter the remaining agenda items.

MOTION: To approve moving up agenda items 8D and 8E to the beginning of New Business and re-lettering the remaining items.

Motion – Trustee Durant

Second – Treasurer Johnson

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Treasurer Johnson

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Melissa Andrews, 1415 Ontario Ave., commented about the annual fundraising function that North Star Academy is having and on the township website if they could put North Star Academy web link near the top instead of the bottom.

Dave Wiegand, 350 Brookton Rd. reserved time on agenda items 8C and 8D.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Clerk Ritari, commented that if you are not registered to vote it is too late for the November election and also that the Clerk’s office will be open on Saturday, November 1st, from 12:00PM from 2:00PM for absentee ballot distribution and receiving.

Trustee LaRue, commented about the informational meetings that the township has scheduled for the residents for upcoming road millage on the November ballot.

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:
None

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider Proposed Marquette Township Maintenance Plan & Marquette Township/Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority – Interlocal Agreement for Schwemwood Park/Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead

(Background Information – Memo from Planner McCarthy)

MOTION: To approve the proposed Marquette Township Maintenance Plan for the Township Parks as recommended by the Township Planner.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee LaRue

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

**MARQUETTE CHARTER TOWNSHIP AND IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION
AUTHORITY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS Marquette Charter Township intends to submit an application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for partial funding for site improvements to the Schwemwood Park/Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead located along County Road 492, Marquette Charter Township,

AND WHEREAS Marquette Charter Township, should it be awarded funding from the Natural Resources Trust Fund, intends to construct pathway improvements, parking lot improvements and overlook improvements at the Schwemwood Park/Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead,

AND WHEREAS the Schwemwood Park/Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead will continue to serve as the Iron Ore Heritage Trail trailhead for Marquette Charter Township,

AND WHEREAS Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority has the resources to maintain and service the trailhead signage kiosk and trail directional signage at the Schwemwood Park/Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead,

IT IS HEREBY AGREED TO, by and between Marquette Charter Township and the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority that in consideration of the mutual benefits of improvements to the Schwemwood Park/Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead and the anticipated economic benefit to Marquette Charter Township; that the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority will provide maintenance and service the trailhead signage kiosk and directional signage at the Schwemwood Park/Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead.

Dated: October 7th, 2014

Randy J. Ritari – Clerk, Marquette Charter Township

Dated:

, Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority

MOTION: To approve the Marquette Township and Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority Interlocal Agreement and designate the Township Clerk to sign on behalf of Marquette Township.

**Motion – Trustee LaRue
Second – Clerk Ritari**

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 REVISED Resolution of Authorization for the 2014 Michigan Natural Trust Fund – Large Development Grant Application for improvements to the Schwemwood Park/Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead

(Background Information – Memo from Planner McCarthy)

MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND
RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION-MARQUETTE CHARTER TOWNSHIP MATCH
WITHOUT DONATED FUNDS- TF-0195

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Marquette Board of Trustees supports the submission of an application titled, "Schwemwood Park/Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead- Large Development Grant- TF-0195" to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for development of Trailhead Amenities 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; and,

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Marquette Board of Trustees has made a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$38,100.00 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 \$107,700.00, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$38,100.00 {26%} of a total \$145,800.00 project cost, during the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

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

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

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 October 7, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the Marquette Township Hall/Community Center, with a quorum present.

Clerk- Randy J. Ritari

October 7th, 2014
Date

MOTION: To approve the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Resolution of Authorization – Marquette Charter Township Match without Donated Funds – TF-0195 and designate the Township Clerk to sign on behalf of Marquette Township.

**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 Employee GPS Tracking

Dave Wiegand, 350 Brookton Rd., commented about the budget session of 9/30/2014 and how the township board looked unprofessional and embarrassing by their actions during his viewing.

MOTION: To direct the Township Manager to research and come back to the board with recommendations for GPS Tracking of Township Vehicles.

**Motion – Trustee Truscott
Second – Treasurer Johnson**

Roll Call Vote:

**Supervisor Liimatta-Nay
Clerk Ritari-Nay
Treasurer Johnson-Nay
Trustee Durant-Nay
Trustee Truscott-Aye
Trustee Pompo-Nay
Trustee LaRue-Nay**

Failed (1-6)

Consider Time Studies for Paid Staff

MOTION: To direct the Township Manager to provide quantitative data from a time study to provide the documentation and justification for adding the additional staff member to Public Works.

Motion – Treasurer Johnson

Second – Trustee Truscott

Ayes - 2

Nays - 5

Failed

Consider State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant Resolution

STATE DISASTER CONTINGENCY FUND GRANT
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Trustees OF the Charter Township of Marquette

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Marquette, Michigan, is a political subdivision within the State of Michigan with an official Emergency Operations plan in compliance with Section 19 of the Emergency Management Act, Act 390, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Marquette, sustained severe losses of major proportions brought on by the extreme deep freeze resulting in the following conditions: Freezing of small diameter sanitary sewer force mains resulting in loss of service which required providing alternate service by pumping and hauling. Breakage of sanitary sewer force mains which required extensive repairs to mains and roads.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees certifies that the Marquette County Emergency Operations Plan was implemented at the onset of the disaster at 8:00 a.m. January 14, 2014 and all applicable disaster relief forces identified therein were exhausted.

WHEREAS, as a direct result of the disaster, public damage and expenditures were extraordinary and place an unreasonably great financial burden on the Charter Township of Marquette totaling \$100,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees requests the Governor authorize a grant to the Charter Township of Marquette from the State Disaster Contingency Fund pursuant to Section 19, Act 390, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

FURTHERMORE, Kirk Page is authorized to execute for and in behalf of the Charter Township of Marquette the application for financial assistance and to provide to the State any information required for that purpose.

Action taken and incorporated in the minutes of a meeting of

Board of Trustees, Charter Township of Marquette

on October 7, 2014

Attest: Randy J. Ritari
Clerk

MOTION: To approve the State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant Resolution and designate the Township Clerk to sign on behalf of Marquette Township.

**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 Trowbridge Park Low Pressure Force Main Project, Phase 2 Contractor's Pay Request #2

(Background Information – Memo from Superintendent Page)

MOTION: To approve the Trowbridge Park Low Pressure Force Main Project, Phase 2 Contractor's Pay Request #2 for the amount not to exceed \$87,385.75 to Oberstar Inc.

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

**Ayes - 7
Nays - 0**

Carried

Consider Budget Amendment No. 2014-08

**Budget Amendment No. 2014-08
October 7, 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
Fire Fund			
Expenditures-Debt Service	0	250,000	250,000
Fund Balance	546,696	296,696	(250,000)
Stormwater Fund			
Expenditures-Administration	15,000	20,000	5,000
Retained Earnings	60,969	55,969	(5,000)
Wastewater Fund			
Expenditures-Debt Service	0	18,000	18,000
Replacement and Improvement	314,243	296,243	(18,000)
Water Fund			
Expenditures-Debt Service	79,547	97,547	18,000
Contingency	25,115	7,115	(18,000)

MOTION: To approve Budget Amendment No. 2014-08.

**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-Aye
Trustee LaRue-Aye
Carried (7-0)**

Manager's Report

Manager Girard, presented his written report to the board, which covered the 2015 Preliminary Budget Process, Local Roads Rehabilitation Plan, Street Lighting Projects, Parking Lot extension, Fire Prevention Week, US41/M-28 Corridor Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals information.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Trustee Durant, followed up on Dave Wiegand's comments and mentioned that the board might disagree at times but for the most part we have moved forward for the best interest of the township.

Treasurer Johnson, commented about questioning where the money is coming from and will continue to ask the tough questions on behalf of the residents of the township.

Trustee LaRue, commented about the Road Committee educational sessions that are being held on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Township Hall.

MOTION: To take a (10) ten minute recess.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Treasurer Johnson

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

Meeting is in recess at 8:40 p.m.

Supervisor Liimatta called the meeting back in session at 8:50 p.m.

FORUM DISCUSSION (NO FORMAL ACTION)

Budget Work Session 2015

The Board continued discussion with the Public Works section of the 2015 Budget.

MOTION: To extend the meeting an additional (15) fifteen minutes.

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

**Ayes - 7
Nays - 0**

Carried

Supervisor Liimatta closed the forum discussion at 9:38 p.m.

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

**Tuesday, October 14th, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Fire
Department & Solid Waste**

**Monday, October 20th, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Public
Works**

**Tuesday, October 21st, 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

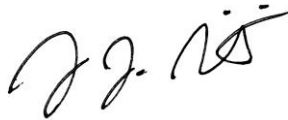
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

**Motion – Clerk Ritari
Second – Trustee LaRue**

**Ayes - 7
Nays - 0**

Carried



Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk

Dennis R. Liimatta, Township Supervisor