

**Charter Township of Marquette
Marquette Township Board – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 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 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Members absent: Dianna Truscott, Trustee (excused)

Staff present: Randy Girard, Township Manager

Committee

Members present: John Markes, Zoning Board of Appeals
Dave Wiegand, Planning Commission, Recreation, and Roads
Committee

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Clerk Ritari, commented that the Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes should be August 19, 2014 instead of July 1, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes of ~~July 1~~ August 19, 2014
- B. Received Committee/Other Reports
 - 1. September Township Calendar
 - 2. Fire Department Activity – July 2014
 - 3. Water Production Report – July 2014
 - 4. Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Facility Advisory Board DRAFT Minutes
From August 21, 2014
 - 5. Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority DRAFT Minutes from
July 16, 2014
- C. Bills Payable

1. Checks 150520 to 150587 in the amount of \$109,403.23.
Note the Voided Checks

D. Financial Statements

1. Financial Statement – July 2014
2. Treasurer's Report – July 2014

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as amended.

Motion – Trustee LaRue

Second – Clerk Ritari

Ayes - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Durant

Ayes - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Markes, 155 Hidden Springs Drive, reserve time on agenda item 9A Consider ZBA Proposed Bylaws.

Katrina Keough, 2212 Summit St., had some concerns about the proposed renovations at Lions Field about privacy and removal of some of the trees and would like to work with the township in resolving these problems.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Clerk Ritari, commented to watch for the school children getting off the buses and walking the streets due to school starting today. Also, thanked the board for the opportunity to attend the MTA Summit held last week here in Marquette and the wealth of knowledge gained from attending the conference.

Trustee LaRue, commented that you can watch the Marquette Township Board Meetings on Channel 188 with the new Charter Channel Lineup and commented about the recent rainfall that caused washouts on Wright Street. Also, the Road Millage Educational Work sessions will be help every Monday from (12PM-1PM) and Wednesday (6PM-7PM) starting September 8th at the Township Hall.

Trustee Durant, commented about the MTA Summit that she attended, and was going to attend the Library Board Meeting the next evening and was looking for any feedback to give to the Library Board from Marquette Township.

Trustee Pompo, echoed Clerk Ritari's comments about school starting and to be careful of the kids.

FORUM DISCUSSION (Thirty minutes maximum, no formal actions)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consider Road Committee Informational Meeting Schedule

Dave Wiegand, Road Committee, gave a brief presentation on the Educational Workshops that are going to be held to help educate the residents on the upcoming road millage.

Consider Legal Counsel Recommended Fire/Rescue Policy Manual

MOTION: To approve the recommended Fire/Rescue Policy Manual from Legal Counsel and move it to the Personnel Committee for annual review.

Motion – Trustee LaRue

Second – Clerk Ritari

Ayes - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Carried

Consider Update for Street Lighting

Informational update from Manager Girard

Update to Lions Field Recreation Area Improvements

Informational update from Manager Girard and Dave Wiegand

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider ZBA Proposed Bylaws

John Markes, 155 Hidden Springs Drive, commented in support of the Township Board supporting the bylaws for the Zoning Board of Appeals and was available for any questions the board would have.

MOTION: To approve the ZBA proposed bylaws and send them back to the ZBA for their approval.

Motion – Treasurer Johnson

Second – Trustee LaRue

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Liimatta-Aye

Clerk Ritari-Aye

Treasurer Johnson-Aye

Trustee Durant-Aye
Trustee Truscott-Absent
Trustee Pompo-Aye
Trustee LaRue-Aye
Carried (6-0)
Absent (1)

Consider Budget Work Session Dates

Board Consensus was to put the first budget work session in the second forum discussion of the next board meeting and then the board would decide their calendar at that time.

Consider Manager's 2014 Goals and Objectives Update

Manager Girard presented his written update to the board of the progress of the 2014 Goals and Objectives.

Manager's Report

Manager Girard, presented his written report to the board, which covered the 2015 Preliminary Budget Process, US41/M-28 Corridor Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Trustee LaRue, commented about the MTA Summit that he attended and the wealth of knowledge that he gained from attending the sessions and networking with follow township officials from around the state.

Clerk Ritari, commented with the new channel change from Charter Communications that there are other avenues to watch the Township Meetings if the residents can't get new channel.

Treasurer Johnson, gave a brief report from the Township Business Association Meeting that he attended and commented on the changes from Charter Communications.

Supervisor Liimatta, reminded everyone to watch the for the school children back in session.

ADJOURMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

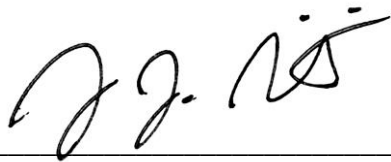
Second – Trustee LaRue

Ayes - 6

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Carried



Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk

Dennis R. Liimatta, Township Supervisor