

**Charter Township of Marquette
Marquette Township Board – Regular Meeting
Monday, August 4, 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
Dianna Truscott, Trustee
Danny Pompo, Trustee

Staff present: Randy Girard, Township Manager
Jason McCarthy, Township Planner
Roger Zappa, Township Legal Council

Committee

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Clerk Ritari, commented about corrections in the previous minutes; on page 4 on the Motion: To Approve the final payment of the Center St. Lift Station not to exceed amount of \$23,867.00 to Oberstar Inc. – the Second of the Motion should be Trustee LaRue instead of Trustee Pompo, and on page 6 with the final Motion to Adjourn, the Second of the Motion should be Trustee Durant instead of Trustee Pompo.

- A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2014
- B. Received Committee/Other Reports
 - 1. IOHTRA Minutes from June 25, 2014 and Agenda from July 23, 2014
 - 2. Recreation Committee Minutes from June 10, 2014 and Draft Minutes from July 15, 2014
 - 3. Fire Department Officer’s Meeting Draft Minutes of July 7, 2014
 - 4. Fire Department Draft Minutes of July 14, 2014
 - 5. Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Facility Advisory Board

Draft Minutes of July 17, 2014

- C. Correspondence/Information Not Requiring Board Actions
 - 1. Correspondence from MI Veterans Affairs Agency

- D. Bills Payable
 - 1. Checks 150360 to 150432 in the amount of \$250,058.37.
Note the Voided Checks

- E. Financial Statements
 - 1. Financial Statement – June 2014
 - 2. Treasurer’s Report – June 2014

MOTION: To approve the corrections to the meeting minutes of July 15, 2014.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee LaRue

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as amended.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Durant

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

Motion – Trustee Durant

Second – Trustee Truscott

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Springer, 206 Eagles Nest Rd., would like to reserve time on agenda item 10D.

Steve Pence, 453 E. Michigan St., is one of the (2) two county commissioners for Marquette Township on the north side of US 41, and would like to participate and listen to the discussion in the first Forum Discussion of the Commercial Truck Traffic By-Pass Route Update.

Bruce Heikkila, 700 Hampton St., is the other County Commissioner that represents Marquette Township south of US 41 and echoed Commissioner Pence in his comments.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Trustee LaRue, thanked everyone for coming out to support Community Day at Lions field and welcomed U.P. Hair Company to the Township.

Trustee Pompo, congratulated the Marquette Township Fire Department for placing in several Firemen's Tournament over the past month.

Treasurer Johnson, commented that the Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Facility had presented its budget for the upcoming year and wanted to see a copy of it.

Clerk Ritari, echoed Trustee LaRue's remarks about Community Day at Lions Field, and reminded everyone to come out to vote tomorrow.

Supervisor Liimatta, thanked everyone for coming out to the 4th Annual Community Day at Lions Field and making it a great success.

FORUM DISCUSSION (Thirty minutes maximum, no formal actions)

Commercial Truck Traffic By-Pass Route Update

Various Board and Public Discussion about the Topic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consider Fire Department Officer Training Update

Manager Girard, gave a brief update.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider Progress Billing #19 (Public Works Bldg. #8)

MOTION: To approve Progress Billing #19 for the amount not to exceed \$112,513.18 to Cornerstone Development.

Motion – Trustee Pompo

Second – Treasurer Johnson

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

Consider Township Manger Spending Authority Increase

MOTION: To raise the Township Manager's spending authority to \$5000.00 and direct staff to change other documents that reflect this change.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee LaRue

Ayes - 5

Nays - 2

Carried

Consider Road Rehabilitation Plan Millage Language Approval

<p>MARQUETTE CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL</p>
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At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Marquette Charter Township (“Township”), Marquette County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall in said Township on the 4th day of August, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Limmatta, Clerk Ritari, Treasurer Johnson, Trustee Durant, Trustee LaRue, Trustee Pompo, Trustee Truscott.
ABSENT: None

The following Resolution was offered by _Trustee Durant_ and seconded by _Trustee LaRue_.

WHEREAS, the Marquette Charter Township Board and Township residents acknowledge the need to repair, improve and maintain local roads within Marquette Township; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette Charter Township Board has approved and adopted a detailed plan to repair, improve and maintain local roads within its Marquette Township Local Roads Rehabilitation Schedule; and

WHEREAS, previous road improvement millage levied at 0.85 mills commencing in 2010 and as subsequently reduced by the required millage rollback will expire in 2014; and

WHEREAS, townships may provide for construction, improvement and maintenance of public roads and other public facilities pursuant to MCL 41.722(1) and other laws of the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on August 4, 2014, the Township Board entertained the motion to place on the November 2014 ballot the question of whether to levy 1.5 mills for the purpose of repairing, maintaining, and improving local roads designated in the Marquette Township Local Roads Rehabilitation Schedule, and other road improvements within the Township as prioritized by the Marquette Township Board, for a period of fifteen (15) years from 2015 to 2029, both inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined that placing the millage request on the ballot at the November 4, 2014 election is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the Township residents.

THEREFORE, the Township Board of Marquette Charter Township, Marquette County, Michigan, resolves as follows:

1. The Township Board resolves to present to the electors of Marquette Charter Township at the November 4, 2014 election a proposed increase of the amount of ad valorem taxes pursuant to the following ballot language:

When prior road improvement millage expires in 2014, shall the authorized millage for the Charter Township of Marquette as reduced by the required millage rollback, which resulted in a total levy of 4.9050 mills (\$4.9050 for each \$1000 of taxable property value) be increased by an amount not to exceed 1.5 additional mills (\$1.50 for each \$1000 of taxable property value) for a period of fifteen (15) years from 2015 to 2029, both inclusive, for the purpose of repairing, maintaining and improving local roads designated in the Marquette Township Local Roads Rehabilitation Schedule adopted by the Marquette Township Board, and other road repair maintenance and improvements within the Township as prioritized by the Marquette Township Board? The estimated revenue the Township will collect in the first year, if the millage is levied, is \$352,793.

2. The Township Clerk is authorized and directed to promptly submit this resolution along with the above ballot language to the County Clerk so that the millage proposal may be included on the November 4, 2014 election ballot.
3. Any resolution inconsistent with this resolution is hereby rescinded.

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Supervisor Liimatta, Clerk Ritari, Treasurer Johnson, Trustee Durant, Trustee LaRue Trustee Pompo, Trustee Truscott.
 NAYS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
 COUNTY OF MARQUETTE)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a Regular meeting held on the 4th day of August, 2014.

 Township Clerk - Randy J. Ritari

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MARQUETTE
 ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

When prior road improvement millage expires in 2014, shall the authorized millage for the Charter Township of Marquette as reduced by the required millage rollback, which resulted in a total levy of 4.9050 mills (\$4.9050 for each \$1000 of taxable property value) be increased by an amount not to exceed 1.5 additional mills (\$1.50 for each \$1000 of taxable property value) for a period of fifteen (15) years from 2015 to 2029, both inclusive, for the purpose of repairing, maintaining and improving local roads designated in the Marquette Township Local Roads Rehabilitation Schedule adopted by the Marquette Township Board, and other road repair maintenance and improvements within the Township as prioritized by the Marquette Township Board? The estimated revenue the Township will collect in the first year, if the millage is levied, is \$352,793.

Yes
 No

MOTION: To approve the resolution for the Marquette Township Road Improvement Millage and direct the Township Clerk to complete the resolution and send to the County Clerk to be placed on the November Ballot.

**Motion – Trustee Durant
 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 Lion's Field Warming House Plan Approval
(Background Information from Planner McCarthy)

Mike Springer and Planner McCarthy gave background on the project.

MOTION: To approve the plans for the Lions Field Ice Rink Warming House.

Motion – Trustee LaRue

Second – Clerk Ritari

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried

Manager's Report

Manager Girard, presented his written report to the board, which covered the MTA UP Summit, 2015 Preliminary Budget Process, Former Facility Reuse, Erie Avenue Abandonment, US-41/M-28 Corridor Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) information.

Treasurer Johnson, asked Manager Girard with moving to the new Public Works Facility has the issue of leave drop off site and the 1st Wednesday drop off site been addressed. Manager Girard stated that they have acquired some space to make that happen on Wright Street.

Trustee Pompo, asked the Manager Girard to update the board on the status of the road behind Lowes. Manager Girard stated that it is caught up in a Court Case right now.

Trustee LaRue, asked Manager Girard to give an update on Commerce Drive chip seal.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Wiegand, 350 Brookton Road, commented about the Lions Field Ice Rink Warming House, and the Township needs to schedule education sessions for the residents on the upcoming Road Millage question.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Trustee Durant, apologized to the Board for not making all the township events as of late.

Trustee LaRue, commented he wants to address a conduct review from the personnel manual for Department Heads in the Township.

Clerk Ritari, made some brief election comments.

Supervisor Liimatta, again thanked everyone that came out and made Community Day such a great event in the Township and encouraged more residents to become more involved in their local government.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

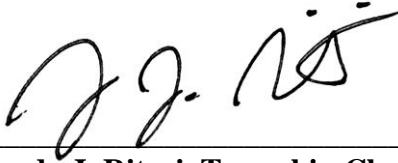
Motion – Trustee Pompo

Second – Trustee LaRue

Ayes - 7

Nays - 0

Carried



Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk

Dennis R. Liimatta, Township Supervisor