

**Charter Township of Marquette  
Marquette Township Board – Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, July 15, 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

Members absent: Danny Pompo, Trustee (excused)

Staff present: Randy Girard, Township Manager  
Kirk Page, Township Public Works Superintendent  
Jason McCarthy, Township Planner

Committee

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2014
- B. Received Committee/Other Reports
  - 1. Planning Committee Report from Liaison, Planning Minutes of June 25, 2014
  - 2. Recreation Committee Report from Liaison, Draft Minutes of June 10, 2014, Special Meeting Draft Minutes of June 26, 2014, and Agenda for July 15, 2014
  - 3. Roads Committee Report from Liaison, Minutes of June 3, 2014 and Draft Minutes of July 1, 2014
  - 4. Fire Department Activity – June 2014
  - 5. Fire Marshal Report – June 2014
  - 6. Sheriff's Report – June 2014
  - 7. Water Production Report – June 2013
  - 8. Marquette Election Committee Draft Minutes from July 1, 2014
- C. Correspondence/Information Not Requiring Board Actions

1. Correspondence from Charter Communications regarding HD Channels

D. Bills Payable

1. Checks 150312 to 150359 in the amount of \$143,589.93.  
Note the Voided Checks

**MOTION: To approve the consent agenda as presented.**

**Motion – Trustee LaRue**

**Second – Trustee Durant**

**Ayes - 6**

**Nays - 0**

**Absent - 1**

**Carried**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Supervisor Liimatta, removed from the agenda – the 1<sup>st</sup> Forum Discussion – Discussion of Board Policies and Procedures, and Clerk Ritari added under New Business – 10F. North Star Academy 2% Monies Request.

**MOTION: To approve the changes in the agenda.**

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

**Second – Trustee LaRue**

**Ayes - 6**

**Nays - 0**

**Absent - 1**

**Carried**

**MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended.**

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

**Second – Treasurer Johnson**

**Ayes - 6**

**Nays - 0**

**Absent - 1**

**Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Clerk Ritari, commented that the clerk will have clerk's hours from 12-2pm on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, to give out and receive absentee ballots at the Township Community Center, and the polls will open at 7am until 8pm on election day which will be on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, there is a change in the election law this year where you have to show a Photo ID to pick up your absentee ballot; however, if we mail it to you there is not a Photo ID requirement.

Trustee LaRue, commented that on August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> the Michigan Township Association is holding their summer conference in Marquette, and to mark on your calendar Saturday, August

2<sup>nd</sup> which will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Catch the Vision Community Day at Lions Field from 9AM to 10PM. There will also be Kidde games and a beer tent and lots of other fun activities.

Treasurer Johnson, commented that the township is almost ready to start taking credit cards as a form of payment.

Trustee Durant, no report from the last planning commission meeting as she was sick and couldn't attend, and watched the last board meeting and learned some interesting things about procedures for ballot language for millage, and lastly made some comments about the truck routing issues between the Township and the City of Marquette.

Supervisor Liimatta, commented about the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Day at Lions Field, and spoke about the City of Marquette Truck Ordinance and truck routing through the City and the Township.

FORUM DISCUSSION (Thirty minutes maximum, no formal actions)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Consider Road Committee Presentation of Order of Repair for the Proposed Road Millage  
(materials distributed at July 1, 2014 meeting)

Planner McCarthy and Manager Girard, gave the Township Board a presentation on the Township Local Roads Rehabilitation Project and Dave Wiegand from the Roads Committee was also available for questions from the presentation. Jim Iwanicki – Marquette County Road Commission and Mike Farrell – Marquette County Drain Commissioner were also present to answer any questions from the board in regards to this project.

**MOTION: To direct the Township Clerk to draft millage language to ask voters to approve a levy of 1.5 mills over (15) fifteen years to fund the Township Local Roads Rehabilitation Project.**

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

**Second – Trustee LaRue**

**Ayes - 6**

**Nays - 0**

**Absent - 1**

**Carried**

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider Payment of Parking Capacity Expansion

**MOTION: To approve the payment of the Parking Lot Expansion for the not to exceed amount of \$75,000.00 to Oberstar Inc.**

**Motion – Trustee Durant**

**Second – Trustee LaRue**

**Ayes - 6**

**Nays - 0**

**Absent - 1**  
**Carried**

Consider Final Payment for the Center St. Lift Station  
(Background Information from Superintendent Kirk Page)

**MOTION: To approve the final payment of the Center St. Lift Station not to exceed amount of \$23,867.00 to Oberstar Inc.**

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

**Second – Trustee Pompo**

**Ayes - 6**

**Nays - 0**

**Absent - 1**

**Carried**

Consider Budget Amendment 2014-07

*Budget Amendment No. 2014-07  
July 15, 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.

	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Amended Budget</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>General Fund</b>			
Revenues	2,318,562	2,393,562	75,000
Expenditures			
Capital	356,245	431,245	75,000
<b>Wastewater Fund</b>			
Expenditures			
Grinder Pumps	21,400	46,400	25,000
Laterals	13,000	63,000	50,000
Replacement & Improvement	389,243	314,243	(75,000)

**MOTION: To approve Budget Amendment 2014-07.**

**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-Absent  
Trustee LaRue-Aye**

**Carried (6-0)**

**Absent (1)**

Consider Consultant Proposal for Maintenance Inspection of 320,000 Gallon Chapel Ridge Water Reservoir

(Background Information from Superintendent Kirk Page)

**MOTION: To authorize the Superintendent to execute the agreement with Nelson Tank Engineering & Consulting Inc. for the not to exceed amount of \$2,600.00.**

**Motion – Trustee Durant**

**Second – Treasurer Johnson**

**Ayes - 6**

**Nays - 0**

**Absent - 1**

**Carried**

Manager's Report

Manager Girard, presented his written report to the board, which covered the MTA UP Summit, Commerce Drive Chip Seal, Road Sand Removal, Tax Tribunal Challenge/Response, US41/M-28 Corridor Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) information. Also, Manager Girard commented about the Lighting improvements being made in the township.

North Star Academy 2% Monies Request

**MOTION: To allow the request of the 2% Monies from the KBIC be allocated to North Star Academy for the amount of \$3,000.00.**

**Motion – Trustee Durant**

**Second – Trustee LaRue**

**Ayes - 6**

**Nays - 0**

**Absent - 1**

**Carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John Markes, 155 Hidden Springs Drive, commented that the Township Local Roads Rehabilitation Project is a good project and it was very well presented this evening and should be supported.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:**

Clerk Ritari, commented that the next regular Township meeting is Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. due to the Primary Election being on the following day and that the polling place Precinct #2 (South of US41) is at the New Township Hall.

Trustee LaRue, reminded everyone to mark your calendar for Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> for Community Day at Lions Field.

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, echoed Trustee LaRue in reminding everyone to mark your calendar for Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> for Community Day at Lions Field and thanked everyone that made the Car Show a great success, and lastly is happy with all the positive energy in the Township and how this is helping the Township move forward.

ADJOURMENT:

**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.**

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

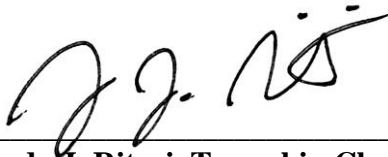
**Second – Trustee Pompo**

**Ayes - 6**

**Nays - 0**

**Absent - 1**

**Carried**



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**Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk**

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**Dennis R. Liimatta, Township Supervisor**