

**Charter Township of Marquette  
Marquette Township Board – Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00 P.M  
Marquette Township Community Center**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Durant at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members present:   Lyn Durant, Supervisor  
                          Randy Ritari, Clerk  
                          Ernest Johnson, Treasurer  
                          John Markes, Trustee  
                          Danny Pompo, Trustee  
                          Dianna Truscott, Trustee  
                          Pete LaRue, Trustee

Staff present:       Randy Girard, Township Manager  
                          Kirk Page, Public Works Superintendent  
                          Lois Stonehouse, Township Accountant  
                          Roger Zappa, Township Legal Counsel

**Committee**

Members present:   Dave Weigand, Planning, Recreation, and Roads Committee  
                          Mike Springer, Recreation, and Roads Committee  
                          William Truscott, Roads and Zoning Board of Appeals

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

Trustee LaRue, wanted to remove from the Consent Agenda: C1. Accident Fund Workers Compensation Dividend

**MOTION:   To remove from the Consent Agenda: C1. Accident Fund  
Workers Compensation Dividend, and add to New Business as  
10H.**

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

**Second – Trustee Truscott**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

- A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2015
- B. Received Committee/Other Reports
  - 1. Water Production Report – October 2015

2. Planning Minutes from August 26, 2015 and September 23, 2015
3. Fire Marshal's Report – October 2015
4. Sheriff's Report – October 2015
5. Fire Department Officer's Meeting DRAFT Minutes of November 9, 2015
6. Fire Department Business Meeting DRAFT Minutes of November 9, 2015
7. Presque Isle Power Plant Ash Landfill Deposit Report
8. IOHRA Documents: DRAFT Agenda for November 18; DRAFT Minutes of October 29; DRAFT Agenda for October 29; DRAFT Minutes of September 23; 2016 Draft Budget; September Balance Sheet; September Budget v Actual; September Profit Loss; September General Ledger; Resolution to Continue and Support Renewal; Resolution for Ballot Renewal in 2016; Invite Ribbon Cutting Celebration; Forum Flyer
9. Recreation Agenda for November 17, 2015, Minutes from September 15, 2015, and DRAFT Minutes for October 20, 2015

C. Correspondence not Requiring Board Action

1. Accident Fund Workers Compensation Dividend

D. Bills Payable

1. Checks 152467 to 152545 in the amount of \$1,158,101.10.  
Note the Voided Checks

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

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

**Second – Trustee LaRue**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Trustee LaRue, would like to add to the agenda under Unfinished Business: 9B. Rules for the Ice Rink.

**MOTION: To add to the agenda under Unfinished Business: 9B. Rules for the Ice Rink.**

**Motion – Trustee LaRue**

**Second – Clerk Ritari**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

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

**Motion – Treasurer Johnson**

**Second – Trustee LaRue**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Buzz Tiseo, City Insurance, spoke about the current situation of the Township Employees Health Insurance Coverage.

**MOTION: To schedule a special meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. with the purpose of Considering Health Plans for the Township Employees.**

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

**Second – Trustee Markes**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

Mike Springer, Recreation Committee, gave the board an update in regards to grants that we applied for and where we stand on them.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:

Trustee LaRue, would like to thank Dave Wiegand for working on the fence at the ice rink and saving the Township over \$3000.00 on materials for that project.

Clerk Ritari, gave a quick update on his first Planning Commission Meeting that he attended

Treasurer Johnson, commented about the water pumping report and maybe graphing some of that information for easier analysis.

Supervisor Durant, commented on what she was working on these past few weeks and gave a quick update.

FORUM DISCUSSION: (Public Works – Budget Session, Thirty Minutes maximum, no formal actions)

Superintendent Page, was available for questions on his Public Works Budget.

**MOTION: To schedule a Budget Worksession on Monday, November 23, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with the Discussion of the Public Works Budget.**

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

**Second – Treasurer Johnson**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Local Roads Rehabilitation Project Update  
(Background Handouts from UPEA)

Mark Daavetilla, UPEA, was absent but provided background to the board with some handouts with a year-end review.

Consider Ice Rink Rules

Clerk Ritari, read into the record the Recommendation from the Recreation Committee for rules for the Township Ice Rink.

**MOTION: To approve recommendation from the Recreation Committee on Ice Rink Rules.**

**Motion – Trustee LaRue**

**Second – Clerk Ritari**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss Request for Disc Golf Course Development  
(Background Information from Marquette Alternative High School)

**MOTION: To approve the request from Marquette Alternative High School for funding not to exceed \$2000.00 for development of a disc golf course.**

**Motion – Trustee Pompo**

**Second – Trustee LaRue**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

Consider Sanitary Sewer Engineering Services Proposal for Trowbridge Park Phase IV

(Background Information from Superintendent Page)

**MOTION: To approve the Sanitary Sewer Engineering Services Proposal from North Country Engineering for the Trowbridge Park Phase IV Sewer Project for the amount not to exceed \$22,790.00.**

**Motion – Trustee LaRue**

**Second – Clerk Ritari**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

Consider Trowbridge Phase III Sanitary Sewer System Extension

Contract Change Order No. 1  
(Background Information from Superintendent Page)

**MOTION: To approve the Trowbridge Phase III Sanitary Sewer System Extension Contract Change Order No. 1 as recommended by North Country Engineering for total net contract increase of not to exceed \$2,016.00.**

**Motion – Trustee Markes**

**Second – Trustee LaRue**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

Consider SCADA for Wells, Water Pumping Stations and Water Reservoirs  
(Background Information from Superintendent Page)

**MOTION: To approve the proposal from Kennedy Industries for total startup cost of not to exceed \$12,338.00 and annual SCADA hosting agreement for an amount not to exceed \$1,490.00 per year.**

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

**Second – Trustee LaRue**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

Consider South Vandeenboom Phase 1 Sanitary Sewer System Extension Change Order No. 2  
(Background Information from Superintendent Page)

**MOTION: To approve the South Vandeenboom Phase 1 Sanitary Sewer System Extension Change Order No. 2 as recommended by North Country Engineering for total net contract increase of not to exceed \$53,756.40.**

**Motion – Trustee Markes**

**Second – Clerk Ritari**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

Radio Advertising Proposal

Informational, will be brought back to the Board at the December 1, 2015 meeting.

Manager's Report

Manager Girard, presented his written report to the board covering Leaf/Yard Waste Drop Off, Lions Field Recreation Area Updates, US41/M28 Corridor Committee,

Upcoming Township Sponsored/Participating Events, Big Box/Dark Stores, and Zoning Board of Appeals Information.

**MOTION: To extend the meeting an additional (30) Thirty Minutes.**

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

**Second – Treasurer Johnson**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

Accident Fund Workers Compensation Dividend

Trustee LaRue, thanked the Township Employees for working safe the previous year and the Township received some money back for not making any claims.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dave Wiegand, Road Committee, commented that the residents on Orchard Street were happy with the work that was done before ending the construction season.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:**

**MOTION: To excuse Trustee Pompo from the Closed Session due to a conflict of interest.**

**Motion – Clerk Ritari**

**Second – Trustee LaRue**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Supervisor Durant-Aye**

**Clerk Ritari-Aye**

**Treasurer Johnson-Aye**

**Trustee Markes-Aye**

**Trustee Truscott-Aye**

**Trustee Pompo-Abstain**

**Trustee LaRue-Aye**

**Carried (6-0)**

**Abstention (1)**

Trustee Pompo was excused from the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Clerk Ritari, commented that board meetings are too long and we need to find ways to shorten them up to keep everyone including the residents more interested.

Treasurer Johnson, commented about the Township Business Meeting that he attended and gave a quick update.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**MOTION:** To enter into Closed Session “Pursuant to MCL 15.268 (e) To consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body.” (Sims vs. Charter Township of Marquette)

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

**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Supervisor Durant-Aye**  
**Clerk Ritari-Aye**  
**Treasurer Johnson-Aye**  
**Trustee Markes-Aye**  
**Trustee Truscott- Aye**  
**Trustee Pompo- Absent**  
**Trustee LaRue-Aye**

**Carried (6-0)**  
**Absent (1)**

The Board Entered into Closed Session at 9:39 p.m.

**MOTION:** To return to open session.  
**Motion – Clerk Ritari**  
**Second – Trustee Truscott**

**Roll Call Vote:**  
**Supervisor Durant-Aye**  
**Clerk Ritari-Aye**  
**Treasurer Johnson-Aye**  
**Trustee Markes-Aye**  
**Trustee Truscott- Aye**  
**Trustee Pompo- Absent**  
**Trustee LaRue-Aye**

**Carried (6-0)**  
**Absent (1)**

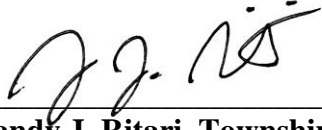
The Board Returned to Open Session and Trustee Pompo returned at 10:24 p.m.

ADJOURMENT:

**MOTION:** To adjourn the meeting.  
**Motion – Trustee Pompo**  
**Second – Trustee Truscott**

**Ayes - 7**  
**Nays - 0**  
**Carried**

Supervisor Durant declared the meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.



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**Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk**

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**Lyn J. Durant, Township Supervisor**