

**Charter Township of Marquette  
Marquette Township Board – Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:00 P.M  
Marquette Township Community Center**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Durant at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Staff present:         Randy Girard, Township Manager  
                              Roger Zappa, Township Legal Counsel

Committee

Members present:     Mike Springer, Recreation, and Roads Committee  
                              Ellen Sargent, Zoning Board of Appeals  
                              Dave Wiegand, Planning, Recreation, and Roads Committee

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of February 26, 2016 (pending)
- B. Received Committee/Other Reports
  - 1. IOHRA DRAFT Agenda for January 27, 2016 meeting; DRAFT Minutes from December 12, 2015; December Balance Sheet; December Profit Loss; 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Budget v Actual; 2016 Map Quotes; Ballot Timeline; Resolution of 2015 DNR Trust Fund Grant; TRAILS SUMMIT Annotated
- C. Correspondence not Requiring Board Action
  - 1. Correspondence from Residents Regarding PWPL Contract
- D. Bills Payable
  - 1. Checks 152881 to 152912 in the amount of \$75,683.80.  
Note the Voided Checks

- E. Financial Statements
1. Financial Statement – December 2015
  2. Treasurer’s Report – December 2015

**MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

**Motion – Treasurer Johnson**

**Second – Trustee Markes**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Supervisor Durant, added (Sale of the Former Township Properties) in Unfinished Business as 9.A.1.

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

**Motion – Trustee Pompo**

**Second – Trustee Truscott**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy Hamlin, 235 Forest Hills Dr., commented on keeping the support of the one mill for library services and she doesn’t understand why the Township Board terminated the contract. In her opinion she thinks that the Township Board will try to reduce the amount of millage that we are paying for the Library and she don’t support that and feels that the township board needs to put it on the ballot at one mill for the taxpayers to decide.

Jean Whitman Shelby, 14 Northwood Lane, commented that she has been a resident of the Township for the past forty one years and the issue of the Library has come up over and over again and she doesn’t understand why. She has never heard any complaints about any of the services ever, and it’s not the Township’s job to decide for the voters the funding mechanisms for the Library. She hopes that the Township has not jeopardized its opportunities for the residents with access to the Library. Also, above all, do not take away the voters right to determine what services are essential and not essential.

Lynne Hammerstrom, 33 Middle Island Pt., commented on still being disappointed, dismayed, and angry on the decision of the Township Board to terminate the Library Contract and stated some important issues for the board to consider and to let the residents decide on the Library Millage.

Ellen Sargent, 685 Erie Ave., commented on what she thinks that the Township wants to negotiate in the contract and does not agree with that. She wants the Township to continue the partnership with the Library with letting the residents decide on the one mill for Library services.

Mary Davis, 3 Northwood Lane, commented support for the Library and she wants access for the children of this community to the Library. She commented about the action that the Township Board has taken and gave her opinion on how the Township Advisory Library Committee should have been the proper place for this discussion. She would like the Township Board to reinstate the contract and the put the 1 mill renewal on the ballot for the November Election for the residents to decide then.

Kathy Peters, 600 Brickyard Rd., commented that she is not going to repeat everything that was spoken about tonight but she is outraged with the decision to terminate the Library Contract even though many people voted for this service. She feels that the Township has slapped the Library in the face with this decision and wants it reversed.

Bill Davis, 3 Northwood Lane, commented speaking in favor of putting the Library Millage on the November ballot and has never heard any board member speak poorly about the Library but did hear that we have a terrible contract with the Library. He has concerns about why every two years the residents have to beg to get the Township Board to put the Library Millage on the ballot. He commented about how the Township has done a good job putting together well thought proposals for millages and the voters have approved the millages. He would like to see the Library Millage on the ballot for the residents to decide in November.

Jim Shelby, 14 Northwood Lane, commented again on his support for the Library and noted it's our civic duty to support the Library.

Ben Sargent, 685 Erie Ave., commented about being a Township resident and working at the Library and some of the fallout from the Board's action in terminating the contract. People that are from the Township are angry and not happy about the Board's decision to terminate contract and to listen to the residents and put this back on the ballot for the residents to decide.

Carl Hammerstrom, 33 Middle Island Pt., read his written statement to the Township Board and is still very unhappy about the termination of the Library Contract and wants materials on what the board wants to discuss about the Library Contract and also provided the board with some items to consider.

Buzz Tiseo, 509 E. Michigan St., commented on not being very happy on how the Township's Insurance renewal went and wasn't happy that his proposal was not considered. He felt that the board members didn't have the proper information in front of them when they voted on this issue, and wanted to set the record straight that he did submit a proposal and delivered to the manager. He wanted to know why it was not presented to the Township Board.

Dave Wiegand, 350 Brookton Rd., would like to reserve time on agenda item 10.A.

Susan Madden, 2383 Beaudoin St., commented on supporting the Library and how her family has visited the Library often. The Library is a reason that lots of folks come to this area and provides lots of information to everyone and doesn't understand why we are having the discussion about the Library Contract.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:**

Supervisor Durant, commented that the insurance renewal was a misunderstanding and had Manager Girard address it.

Clerk Ritari, commented the last day to register for the March election is February 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee LaRue, commented about the upcoming events from the Events Committee for this summer.

Supervisor Durant, commented on that if you don't have cable you can still access all the Township Meetings on the YouTube website and there is a link to those videos on the Township website at [www.marquettetownship.org](http://www.marquettetownship.org).

FORUM DISCUSSION (Thirty minutes maximum, no formal actions)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion of Monthly Household Rubbish Drop Off Site and the Sale of the Former Township Properties

Trustee Pompo, commented he would like to move the monthly drop off site back to the old location until we sell that property.

Various Board Discussion on the item.

**MOTION: To direct the Township Manager to contact interested parties with the deadline being February 5, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. with proposals for either all or pieces of township properties for sale with a five percent nonrefundable down payment if the proposal is accepted from the Township Board.**

**Motion – Trustee Pompo**

**Second – Trustee Truscott**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

Discussion of 2015 Manager's Goals and Objectives Report

**MOTION: To move this agenda item to the next meeting under Unfinished Business.**

**Motion – Trustee Pompo**

**Second – Clerk Ritari**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss PWPL Contract

Dave Wiegand, 350 Brookton Rd., thanked the Supervisor for the editorial in the paper addressing the Library Contract. Also, he spoke about looking at the Library contract periodically to make sure that you are getting the best for your residents. Also, if the townships are contributing a portion of Library's operating budget, they should have representation on the Library Board.

Various Board Discussion on the Library Contract – each Board Member gave their view on how they felt about the Library Contract. Also, Township Attorney Roger Zappa gave his views on the matter about the legality of what the Township Board has done in regards to the Library Contract.

**MOTION: To extend the meeting (15) fifteen minutes until 9:45 p.m.**

**Motion – Treasurer Johnson**

**Second – Trustee Truscott**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

**MOTION: To extend the meeting until it's over.**

**Motion – Trustee LaRue**

**Second – Clerk Ritari**

**Ayes - 7**

**Nays - 0**

**Carried**

Treasurer Johnson left the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

**MOTION: To set up a (3) three member committee from the Township Board for the purpose of Negotiating a contract with the Peter White Library Board of Trustees.**

**Motion – Trustee Pompo**

**Second – Clerk Ritari**

**Ayes - 5**

**Nays – 1**

**Absent - 1**

**Carried**

Manager's Report

Manager Girard, presented a written report to the board which covered a list of Township Events for the upcoming year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mary Davis, 3 Northwood Lane, commented about watching and waiting to see what comes out of the negotiations between the Township and the Library for contracted services. Also, if the Library receives less than one mill from the Township, she hopes that we don't put the Library services at risk and may have to be dropped. She hopes we can come to agreement acceptable for all for the support of the Library and to let the residents decide what they would like.

Jim Jajich, President of the Peter White Library Board, spoke about the complexity of the issue at hand and looks forward to working with the Township Committee to resolve this matter.

Jim Shelby, 14 Northwood Lane, commented about democracy in voting and what that means in his opinion. Also, this is the first that he heard about the two different versions of Library Law that conflicts referenced by the Township Attorney.

Susan Madden, 2383 Beaudoin St., commented on being in boards over the various years and serving at the pleasure of the voters. Also, you can't say that the Library is not an essential service when you built a township hall and fire hall that were not essential at the time and the residents need to decide this matter not the Township Board.

Kathy Peters, 600 Brickyard Rd., had a question on the population of the residents of the Township that were underage and could not vote yet.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:**

Trustee LaRue, would like to thank the residents that came to the meeting tonight and gave the board their input on the Library issue and hopes they would come more often to help the township board make decisions.

Trustee Pompo, commented on clarifying one of his comments about stalling and it really meant that we have to move fast on the issue and commended Mr. Sargent for stating that he is interested in running for the Township Board. He hopes that there are more folks willing to run and serve the Township if elected.

Trustee Truscott, thanked the residents for coming this evening.

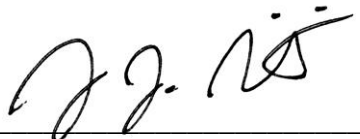
**ADJOURMENT:**

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

**Ayes - 6**  
**Nays – 0**  
**Absent - 1**

**Carried**

Supervisor Durant declared the meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

  
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**Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk**

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**Lyn J. Durant, Township Supervisor**