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MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD - REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021 - 6:30 PM

MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

1. Call to order

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

- 2. Public Comment (3 minutes each)** *This Board is conducting a meeting today to take care of Township business. You are allowed to address the Board at least twice tonight, but we will not have back-and-forth conversations between the staff, the Board, and the public during Public Comment. For Public Comment, or if you would like to speak on a particular agenda item, state your name and address and you have three minutes to address the Board. The Board may, but is not required to, respond at Board Member Comment immediately following Public Comment. The Board may also request follow-up with the Township Manager on some matters addressed during Public Comment.*

3. Board Member Comment in Response to Public Comment

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Work Session Minutes of September 16, 2020 and Regular Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2021.
- B. Bills Payable in the amount of \$73,139.18. Checks 161304 to 161333. Note any voided checks.
- C. Received Committee and Other Reports
 - 1. Utility Billing Calendar - October 2021
- D. Correspondence not Requiring Board Action
 - 1. Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority Agenda 9-22-21
 - 2. Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority Draft Minutes 8-25-21
 - 3. MCSWMA Draft Minutes 9-15-21

5. Approval of the Agenda *(Declaration of Conflict of Interest, if any)*

6. Board Education/Privileged Comment

- A. Library Report
- B. UPSET report from D/Lt Timothy Sholander
- C. Staff Introduction - Fire Department

7. Community Linkage *(primarily based on the Board's Annual Plan of Work. Board member comment regarding what we are hearing from the external environment about township issues and*

activities.)

8. Policy Discussion, Consideration and Development

- A. Consider Appointment of Karen Blake to the Road Committee with a term ending 12/31/21
- B. Consider Resolution Reaffirming Prior Intent to Vacate Certain Undeveloped Portions of Wright Street and Cox Avenue within the Plat of Trowbridge Park.
- C. Consider MTA 2021-22 Board-Approved Legislative Policy Platform
- D. Consider Dissolving Safety Committee
- E. Consider Strategic Planning Session for Thursday, October 28, 2021
- F. Discuss Marquette County Apportionment Commission - Clerk Ritari

9. Assurance of Organizational Performance

- A. Board – Committee Updates
 - 1. Planning Commission
 - 2. Roads Committee
 - 3. Events Committee

10. Public Comment (3 Minutes maximum)

11. Meeting Wrap-up

- A. Announcements
- B. Manager’s Report
- C. Review of Motions Passed & Assignments, if any
- D. Items for Future Agenda
- E. Board Member Comment

12. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting Date is October 19, 2021 at 6:30PM.

**MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 - 4:00 PM
MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER**

Call to order:

Supervisor Durant called the Work Session to Order at 4:00PM.

Roll Call

Members present: Lyn Durant, Supervisor
Randy Ritari, Clerk
Linda Winslow, Trustee
Dan Everson, Trustee
John Markes, Trustee
Pete LaRue, Trustee

Members absent: Ernest Johnson, Treasurer

Staff present: Jon Kangas, Township Manager
Dan Shanahan, Township Fire Chief

Committee Members

Present: None

Public Comment (3 minutes each):

None

Board Member Comment in Response to Public Comment:

None

Policy Discussion, Consideration and Development:

Discuss FY 2022 General Fund/Fire Fund Budgets

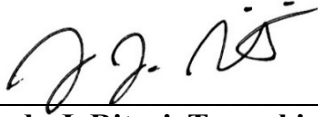
Township FY2022 General Fund Budget was Presented by Manager Kangas, and then Chief Shanahan presented the Fire Department Budget to the Board.

Public Comment (3 Minutes maximum):

None

Adjournment:

Supervisor Durant adjourned the work session at 5:49PM.



Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk

Lyn J. Durant, Township Supervisor

**MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 - 6:30 PM
MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER**

Call to order:

Supervisor Durant called the Meeting to Order at 6:31PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members present: Lyn Durant, Supervisor
Randy Ritari, Clerk
Ernest Johnson, Treasurer
Linda Winslow, Trustee
Dan Everson, Trustee
John Markes, Trustee
Pete LaRue, Trustee

Staff present: Jon Kangas, Township Manager
Roger Zappa, Township Attorney
Lenny Bodenus, Superintendent of Public Works

Committee Members

Present: Tom Bronken and Paul Marin, Township Library Advisory Council

Public Comment (3 minutes each):

None

Board Member Comment in Response to Public Comment:

None

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2021.

Bills Payable in the amount of \$176,547.53. Checks 161242 to 161303. Note any voided checks.

Received Committee and Other Reports

Sheriff's Department Activity Report - August 2021

Correspondence not Requiring Board Action

Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority Draft Minutes August 18, 2021

Financial

August 2021 Financial Statement

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion – Treasurer Johnson

Second – Trustee Markes

Carried (7-0)

Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION: To approve the Regular Agenda as presented.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Everson

Carried (7-0)

Board Education/Privileged Comment:

Library Presentation - Director Ingmire

Presentation by Director Ingmire on the Peter White Public Library.

Staff Reports

Fire Department

Written Report from the Fire Department.

Public Works

Superintendent Bodenus, presented his report.

Assessor Report

Assessor Ranta, provided a written report.

Attorney Report

Attorney Zappa, presented his report.

Community Linkage :

Trustee LaRue, wanted to know if the Township has a Blight Ordinance.

Supervisor Durant, scheduled the Board Photo for October 5th, at 6:10PM at the Township Hall, thanked Super One Foods for their support of our Township Events, and Township Committee Worksheet for upcoming Committee openings.

Policy Discussion, Consideration and Development:

MOTION: To reorder the agenda moving item 8E. Consider North Country Disposal Request to 8A. and reorder the rest of the items.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Winslow

Carried (7-0)

Consider North Country Disposal Request

(Background from Superintendent Bodenus)

MOTION: To Approve North Country Disposal request to amend the current contract to include 5 extra hours per week at \$168 per hour.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Markes

Carried (7-0)

Consider Re-Scheduling Budget Work Sessions.

(Background from Clerk Ritari)

MOTION: To re-schedule Budget Work Sessions on the Following Dates and Times.

Thursday, October 7 at 2:00-4:00PM - Public Works

Thursday, October 14 at 2:00-4:00PM - Wrap-Up

Motion –Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Winslow

Carried (7-0)

Consider Scheduling Strategic Planning Sessions

(Background from Supervisor Durant)

Tentatively we will schedule it for October 27th and will follow up at the next board meeting.

Easternview and Northernview Stormwater Document Approvals

(Background from Superintendent Bodenus)

MOTION: To approve the Easternview and Northernview facilities easements and the stormwater facilities management agreement.

Motion – Trustee Winslow

Second – Clerk Ritari

Carried (7-0)

Consider DDA Appointment

(Background from Supervisor Durant)

MOTION: To appoint Frank Stabile to the DDA effective 11/1/2021 to serve out the term currently filled by Brian Jensen which expires 12/31/2022.

Motion – Supervisor Durant

Second – Trustee Markes

Carried (7-0)

Consider 2022 Contract for Law Enforcement Services

(Background from Manager Kangas)

MOTION: Approve the 2022 Contract for Police Services with the Marquette County Sheriff's Office at the rate of \$50.38/hour and 80 hours/week, and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the agreement.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee LaRue

Carried (7-0)

Consider approving Superior Paving quote for asphalt patches

(Background from Superintendent Bodenus)

MOTION: Approve the quote from Superior Paving for asphalt patches in the amount not to exceed \$6,475.00.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Markes

Carried (7-0)

Assurance of Organizational Performance:

Board – Committee Updates

Planning Commission

Trustee Winslow, gave a brief report from planning.

Recreation Committee

No report.

Events Committee

Trustee LaRue, commented that the Christmas Tree Lighting will be on November 23rd at the Westwood Mall.

Public Comment (3 Minutes maximum):

None

Meeting Wrap-up:

Announcements

Clerk Ritari, gave a recap from the MTA North Summit which he attended in Escanaba last week.

Manager's Report

Manager Kangas, presented his written report.

Review of Motions Passed & Assignments, if any

Clerk Ritari, reviewed all motions from the meeting and any action items that needed to be done.

Items for Future Agenda

Road Committee Appointment, UPSET Presentation, MTA Legislative Platform Proposal.

Board Member Comment

None

Adjournment:

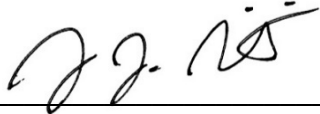
MOTION: To Adjourn the meeting.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Winslow

Carried (7-0)

Supervisor Durant adjourned the meeting at 8:39PM.



Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk

Lyn J. Durant, Township Supervisor

**BILLS PAYABLE SUMMARY
OCTOBER 5, 2021**

1	9/22/21	Accounts Payable - Exempt	33,138.43
2	9/23/21	Payroll - Biweekly	34,647.16
3	9/30/21	Payroll - Monthly	3,830.35
4	10/5/21	For Board Approval	1,523.24

Total	<u>73,139.18</u>
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General Fund	\$25,752.88
Fire Fund	6,828.46
Twp. Improvements Fund	0.00
Wastewater Fund	22,900.51
Library Fund	0.00
Stormwater Fund	0.00
Water Fund	12,458.16
Water Restricted Fund	0.00
Solid Waste Fund	614.99
Trust and Agency Fund	<u>4,584.18</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$73,139.18</u>

CHECK REGISTER REPORT
INCREDIBLE BANK

CHECK	DATE	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNTS	AMOUNT				
161304	9/22/21	Board of Light and Power	Various Electric	591-567.CR0-923.000	109.21				
				591-569.N00-923.000	122.70				
				590-582.000-923.000	1,055.06				
				206-265.000-923.000	665.94				
				591-569.C00-923.000	119.37				
				591-569.W00-923.000	2,989.95				
				101-756.000-923.000	182.29				
				101-265.000-923.000	619.89				
				590-580.000-923.000	374.01				
				591-580.000-923.000	374.01				
				591-570.000-923.000	52.11				
				101-448.000-923.000	3,078.03				
				161308	9/22/21	Cardmember Service (VISA)	Adobe Monthly Subscription; B&G Keys; Clerk MTA UP Summit Registration; Fire Department Supplies and Equipment (Earpieces, Ice Bags, ID Badges, Tough Pad); EMS Jumpsuit; Firefighter Online Training Course; Service Worker Water Certification Renewal	590-558.000-830.000	7.94
								591-558.000-830.000	7.95
101-265.000-726.000	6.33								
101-215.000-861.000	176.00								
206-339.000-728.000	95.35								
591-558.000-955.000	95.00								
206-339.000-726.000	23.30								
206-337.000-860.000	23.30								
206-339.000-750.000	168.00								
206-337.000-861.000	60.00								
206-337.000-810.000	94.45								
161309	9/22/21	Charter Communications	Fire Hall Phone, Internet	206-337.000-810.000	82.94				
				206-337.000-850.000	167.72				
161310	9/22/21	City of Marquette	August Wastewater	590-579.000-922.000	15,635.61				
161311	9/22/21	Hirshberg Acceptance Corporation	Payroll Deduction	701-000.000-231.000	424.05				
161312	9/22/21	Mutual of Omaha	October Life/Disability Insurance	101-172.000-716.000	110.39				
				101-257.000-716.000	208.37				
				101-215.000-716.000	92.18				
				101-253.000-716.000	25.73				
				101-265.000-716.000	121.75				
				101-299.000-716.000	59.11				
				101-721.000-716.000	102.92				
				101-756.000-716.000	28.27				
				590-558.000-716.000	41.86				
				590-560.000-716.000	22.09				
				591-558.000-716.000	41.86				
				591-560.000-716.000	22.09				
				596-528.000-716.000	8.61				
				596-560.000-716.000	18.94				
				590-575.000-716.000	171.46				
591-568.000-716.000	171.47								
591-569.W00-716.000	72.98								
161314	9/22/21	Semcoenergy Gas Company	Natural Gas	206-338.000-716.000	129.19				
				206-337.000-716.000	89.35				
				101-265.000-924.000	20.58				
				591-569.C00-924.000	19.55				
				591-569.N00-924.000	50.21				
				206-265.000-924.000	23.64				
				590-580.000-924.000	17.44				
				591-580.000-924.000	17.44				
161318	9/22/21	Adeline Beauchaine	Deputy Clerk Attendance at County Clerks Meeting	590-582.000-924.000	42.11				
				101-215.000-704.000	30.00				
161319	9/22/21	Iron Ore Heritage Recr. Auth.	PILT Distribution	101-000.000-202.000	93.47				
161320	9/22/21	John Cebalo	September Camera Operator	101-101.000-801.000	75.00				
161321	9/22/21	State of Michigan	September Payroll Withholding	701-000.000-228.020	4,160.13				
161322	9/22/21	Unifirst	Mats, Uniforms	101-265.000-750.000	39.51				
				590-578.000-750.000	7.65				
				591-578.000-750.000	7.65				
				590-580.000-726.000	92.46				
				591-580.000-726.000	92.46				

Total Checks (12)

33,138.43

Voided
Checks

161305
161306
161307
161313

CHECK REGISTER REPORT
INCREDIBLE BANK

CHECK NO.	DATE	EMPLOYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
DD5843 to DD5863	9/23/21	Various	Payroll - Biweekly	34,647.16
Total Checks (21)				<u>34,647.16</u>

Voided
Checks

None

CHECK REGISTER REPORT
INCREDIBLE BANK

CHECK NO.	DATE	EMPLOYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
161315 to 161317	9/30/21	Various	Payroll - Monthly	3,830.35
DD5864 to DD5870				
Total Checks (10)				<u>3,830.35</u>

Voided
Checks













None

CHECK REGISTER REPORT
INCREDIBLE BANK

CHECK NO.	DATE	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNTS	AMOUNT
161323	10/5/21	A. Lindberg and Sons	Rock for the Community Center Entrance	101-265.000-726.000	69.02
161324	10/5/21	Elcom	Fire Department Pager Repair	206-339.000-930.000	22.50
161325	10/5/21	Embroidery Wear House	Add MTFD on Firefighter Coveralls	206-339.000-750.000	14.00
161326	10/5/21	Emergency Medical Products	EMS Supplies (Hot Packs, Cold Packs, Nasal Airway Kits)	206-339.000-726.000	102.87
161327	10/5/21	Menards	Building and Grounds Supplies (Furnace Filters, Hardware); Northwoods Tank Fence Components	101-265.000-726.000 101-756.000-726.000 590-580.000-726.000 591-580.000-726.000 591-569.N00-930.000 590-580.000-930.000 591-580.000-930.000	204.90 6.69 34.99 34.99 422.26 23.35 23.35
161328	10/5/21	Midway Rentals and Sales	Building and Grounds Battery and Gloves	101-265.000-726.000	218.99
161329	10/5/21	Overhead Door Co. of Marquette	Reset Back Door Up Limit on Public Works Facility Building	590-580.000-930.000 591-580.000-930.000	47.50 47.50
161330	10/5/21	Quill	Fire Department Markers	206-337.000-726.000	20.04
161331	10/5/21	Red Electric	Ballast Repair for the Community Center	101-265.000-930.000	115.03
161332	10/5/21	Remy Battery	DPW Truck Battery	590-578.000-930.000 591-578.000-930.000	53.63 53.63
161333	10/5/21	Wolverine Door	Building and Grounds Extra Keys	101-265.000-726.000	8.00
Total Checks (11)					<u>1,523.24</u>

Voided
Checks

None

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Sites <u>Marquette Collection Site</u> is located at 1415 Pioneer Rd. LAST COLLECTION THIS YEAR. <u>West End Transfer Station</u> is located in West Ishpeming (on the north side of US41 west of Ishpeming just west of the DNR field station). LAST COLLECTION THIS YEAR. Marquette Township's free leaf and yard waste Drop off will be available the following days: Monday, October 18th - Friday, October 29th, 2021 located at <u>North Country Disposal, 83 Eagle Mills Rd., off of County Road 492.</u>  					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Roads Committee 5:30 pm Board Meeting 6:30 pm	<u>Rubbish/Metal/Leaves/Brush/Glass Drop-Off</u> 12 – 7:00 pm North Country Transfer Station *Hazardous Waste Collection 3-7 pm West End site	*Hazardous Waste Collection 3-7 pm Marquette site Township Board Budget Work Session – Public Works 2-4 pm		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Downtown Development Authority Meeting 3:00 pm	Planning Commission 7:00 pm	Township Board Budget Work Session Wrap-up 2-4 pm		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	 <u>Free Leaf Drop off at North Country Transfer Station</u> 8 am - 4 pm	Recreation Comm. 5:30 pm Board Meeting 6:30 pm  <u>Free Leaf Drop off at North Country Transfer Station</u>	UTILITY PAYMENTS DUE  <u>Free Leaf Drop off at North Country Transfer Station</u> 8 am - 4 pm	 <u>Free Leaf Drop off at North Country Transfer Station</u> 8 am - 4 pm	 <u>Free Leaf Drop off at North Country Transfer Station</u> 8 am - 3 pm	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 HALLOWEEN  <u>BOO!</u>	 <u>Free Leaf Drop off at North Country Transfer Station</u> 8 am - 4 pm	 <u>Free Leaf Drop off at North Country Transfer Station</u> 8 am - 4 pm	Planning Commission 7:00 pm  <u>Free Leaf Drop off at North Country Transfer Station</u> 8 am - 4 pm	 <u>Free Leaf Drop off at North Country Transfer Station</u> 8 am - 4 pm	 <u>Free Leaf Drop off at North Country Transfer Station</u> 8 am - 3 pm	

North Country Transfer Station is located at 83 Eagle Mills Road (off County Road 492) for **RUBBISH DAY**.
 Marquette Township 1000 Commerce Drive, Marquette, MI 49855 906-228-6220 www.marquettetownship.org

Garbage and recycling need to be out by 4:30 am to guarantee pick up.

RECYCLE 906 BATTERIES

Alkaline, rechargeable, 6-volt, 9-volt, AA, AAA, C, D **Battery Disposal Sites** in Marquette County, according to www.recycle906.com are:

- **Goodwill**, 3125 US Hwy 41, Marquette Township
- **Peter White Public Library**, 217 N Front Street, Marquette
- **Marquette Food CoOp**, 502 W Washington, Marquette
- **Messiah Lutheran Church**, 305 W Magnetic Street, Marquette
- **Superior Watershed**, 2 Peter White Drive, Marquette
- **St Michael Catholic Church**, 401 W Kaye Avenue, Marquette
- **Yellow Dog Watershed**, 308 Bensinger Street, Big Bay
- **St Vincent de Paul**, 2119 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette
- **St Vincent de Paul**, 322 Cleveland Avenue, Ishpeming
- **St Vincent de Paul**, 316 Kloman Avenue, Republic
- **United Presbyterian Church**, 112 E Euclid Street, Ishpeming



Alkaline and rechargeable batteries include lithium-ion, nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, and sealed lead acid.

To reduce or eliminate fire hazards, please tape all exposed terminals prior to delivering batteries to a designated drop off site.



Marquette Township's **FREE LEAF AND YARD WASTE DROP OFF** will be available the following days and times: **Monday, October 18th - Friday, October 29th, 2021** located at North Country Disposal, 83 Eagle Mills Rd., off of County Road 492.



Monday	8am - 4pm
Tuesday	8am - 4pm
Wednesday	8am - 4pm
Thursday	8am - 4pm
Friday	8am - 3pm



Please bring a current utility bill and identification. No stumps or limbs that are more than 2" diameter and all loads must be covered with a tarp. Contact North Country Disposal at 249-4500 for questions.

The Marquette County Landfill offers free brush and leaf drop off Monday – Friday from 7am-3pm. No stumps or limbs that are more than 2" diameter and all loads must be covered with a tarp. Marquette County Landfill, 600 County Road NP, Marquette. Contact the Marquette County Landfill at 249-4125 for questions.

Thank you.



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**IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021, 4:30 PM

Michigan Iron Industry Museum/Zoom

DRAFT AGENDA

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes)
- III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. August Minutes
 - B. August Financials
 - C. September Bills to be Paid
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Michigan Grant Updates
 - 1. Negaunee Township Trailhead
 - 2. Weather Shelters/Fishing Piers; Ribbon Cutting & Last Reimbursement
 - 3. 2021 Trust Fund Purchase of 176 Acres – Prelim score 310
 - 4. 2021 Trust Fund Negaunee Boardwalk – Prelim score 290
 - B. 2021 Maintenance List
 - C. Millage Renewal Update
 - D. ORV Parking Lot Options
 - E. Trail Etiquette Signage
 - F. Cameras
 - G. Pure Michigan video
 - H. EDA Grant Meeting and Handouts
 - I. Cuppad Superior Region Non-motorized plan
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. 2022 Budget and Priorities
 - B. Asphalt Repair/Coleman Engineering
- VII. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
- VIII. BOARD COMMENT
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT
- X. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 27, 2021, 4:30 pm, Zoom/Country Inn



**IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY
DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2021**

- I. ROLL CALL – Lauren Luce, Marquette County; Jim Brennan, Republic; Dawn Hoffman, Tilden Township; Larry Bussone, Ishpeming; Bob Hendrickson, Negaunee, Al Reynolds, Negaunee Township; Glen Johnson, Marquette Township; Nick Leach, Marquette
Excused Absence: Don Britton, Chocoday
Guest: Mike Springer, Marquette Township Alternate; Kathy Peters, Mike Lempinen, Rob Katona
Staff: Carol Fulsher

- II. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes) – No public comment.

- III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – **Hoffman motioned to approve Consent Agenda as presented; Bussone seconded motion.** Consent agenda included July meeting minutes; July balance sheet showing assets of \$599,439, total liabilities of \$162,410, total equity of \$436978; July profit/loss showing July income of \$39,014, expenses of \$21,137 for net income of \$17,877. Total income YTD of \$37,691; Q3 budget v actual with month of July only showing income at 140%, expenses at 16%. YTD income at 104%, expenses at 90%; July general ledger showing checks written 1281 through 1296; and August bills to be paid totaling \$65,049. **Vote was taken and motion carried.**

- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – **Leach motioned to approve agenda as presented; Reynolds seconded motion. Vote and motion carried.**

- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Michigan Grant Updates
 - 1. Negaunee Township Trailhead – Bid plans were submitted to DNR staff on August 3.
 - 2. Weather Shelters/Fishing Piers/Ribbon Cutting – Fulsher asked about possible dates. Consensus was to hold prior to September 22 board meeting. We will stage cars at Michigan Iron Industry Museum (MIIM) and carpool to sites. Then have our board meeting afterwards at the MIIM. More info to come.
 - 3. 2021 Trust Fund Purchase of 176 Acres – No prelim scores yet
 - 4. 2021 Trust Fund Negaunee Boardwalk – No prelim scores yet
 - B. 2021 Maintenance List – Fulsher noted items still on list. New kiosk maps in production. Will need help taking down old ones on each kiosk and installing new. Leach and Hoffman volunteered their help.
 - C. Millage Renewal Update – We had one presentation to the Marquette Township board. They provided resolution to continue with IOHRA. They want to review ballot language closer to voting date. Leach suggested we still get in front of commissions/councils this year to get input/provide information.
 - D. ORV Parking Lot Options – Fulsher noted that there are two options for ORV trailheads right now. 1) Negaunee is looking to use some of our land for an ORV trailhead and

another area for ORV campground. Negaunee wants to do it with their money, but use our lands behind the Ice Arena and north of County Road 480. We will have to review these requests when they come to us. IOHRA also wanted to expand Stoneville parking area, but land was recently sold to new owner who has plans for the land. 2) Another option is working with Dan Perkins on land he owns near Winthrop Junction in Ishpeming (Washington Street). Bussone put together diagram with land description. Fulsher has lease language in packet that we have used with other lands owners. Asking for 250' x 300' area just south of Winthrop Junction to add a trailhead parking area. This would provide a larger area for ORV trailers. IOHRA could get ORV improvement funds for construction and maintenance. **Bussone motioned to move ahead with Perkins lease for land near Winthrop; Brennan seconded.** Discussion on winter usage and Moose Country could use and get grant funds for plowing. **Bussone amended his motion to include winter use as well; Brennan seconded amended motion. Vote and motion carried.**

- E. Trail Etiquette Signage – Fulsher provided Signs Now with the icons Board approved. When she gets a sample from them with our logo and other info, she will bring back to board for approval. Also needs to review where to put them; mostly in high traffic area of Ishpeming, Negaunee, Harvey, Marquette Township.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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2022 Budget Priorities dated September 22, 2021

Millage Renewal

2023 Recreation Plan

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Replacement of approximately 1 mile of asphalt (different areas of trail)

ORV Trailhead on Perkins property(should he sign lease)

Start boardwalk project (if funded through DNR grant)

Preparations to hire new administrator

MNRTF Grant for Lakenenland (need to get State lease to move forward)

Vault toilet at Schwemwood (up on trail so State land, need permit)

Additional interpretive signs (Signage committee has thoughts on next ones)

Single track trail along main trail from Marquette to new land purchase

VE. Trail
Etiquette

Trail Etiquette



Be courteous



Keep right



Slow down to pass



Keep trail clean



Give audible warning



Control your speed



Keep dog leash lengths minimal



Pedal assist ebikes allowed

Call 911 for emergency. Trail information 906-235-2923.



**IRON ORE HERITAGE RECREATION AUTHORITY
DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2021**

- I. ROLL CALL – Lauren Luce, Marquette County; Jim Brennan, Republic; Dawn Hoffman, Tilden Township; Larry Bussone, Ishpeming; Bob Hendrickson, Negaunee, Al Reynolds, Negaunee Township; Glen Johnson, Marquette Township; Nick Leach, Marquette
Excused Absence: Don Britton, Chocolate
Guest: Mike Springer, Marquette Township Alternate; Kathy Peters, Mike Lempinen, Rob Katona
Staff: Carol Fulsher
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes) – No public comment.
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- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – **Leach motioned to approve agenda as presented; Reynolds seconded motion. Vote and motion carried.**
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Michigan Grant Updates
 1. Negaunee Township Trailhead – Bid plans were submitted to DNR staff on August 3.
 2. Weather Shelters/Fishing Piers/Ribbon Cutting – Fulsher asked about possible dates. Consensus was to hold prior to September 22 board meeting. We will stage cars at Michigan Iron Industry Museum (MIIM) and carpool to sites. Then have our board meeting afterwards at the MIIM. More info to come.
 3. 2021 Trust Fund Purchase of 176 Acres – No prelim scores yet
 4. 2021 Trust Fund Negaunee Boardwalk – No prelim scores yet
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 - C. Millage Renewal Update – We had one presentation to the Marquette Township board. They provided resolution to continue with IOHRA. They want to review ballot language closer to voting date. Leach suggested we still get in front of commissions/councils this year to get input/provide information.
 - D. ORV Parking Lot Options – Fulsher noted that there are two options for ORV trailheads right now. 1) Negaunee is looking to use some of our land for an ORV trailhead and

another area for ORV campground. Negaunee wants to do it with their money, but use our lands behind the Ice Arena and north of County Road 480. We will have to review these requests when they come to us. IOHRA also wanted to expand Stoneville parking area, but land was recently sold to new owner who has plans for the land. 2) Another option is working with Dan Perkins on land he owns near Winthrop Junction in Ishpeming (Washington Street). Bussone put together diagram with land description. Fulsher has lease language in packet that we have used with other lands owners. Asking for 250' x 300' area just south of Winthrop Junction to add a trailhead parking area. This would provide a larger area for ORV trailers. IOHRA could get ORV improvement funds for construction and maintenance. **Bussone motioned to move ahead with Perkins lease for land near Winthrop; Brennan seconded.** Discussion on winter usage and Moose Country could use and get grant funds for plowing. **Bussone amended his motion to include winter use as well; Brennan seconded amended motion. Vote and motion carried.**

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BOARD MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021, 4:30 PM

Michigan Iron Industry Museum/Zoom

DRAFT AGENDA

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items – Limit to three minutes)
- III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. August Minutes
 - B. August Financials
 - C. September Bills to be Paid
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Michigan Grant Updates
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 - C. Millage Renewal Update
 - D. ORV Parking Lot Options
 - E. Trail Etiquette Signage
 - F. Cameras
 - G. Pure Michigan video
 - H. EDA Grant Meeting and Handouts
 - I. Cuppad Superior Region Non-motorized plan
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. 2022 Budget and Priorities
 - B. Asphalt Repair/Coleman Engineering
- VII. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
- VIII. BOARD COMMENT
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT
- X. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 27, 2021, 4:30 pm, Zoom/Country Inn

MARQUETTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Board Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

September 15, 2021

DATE: Wednesday, September 15, 2021

PLACE: Landfill Administration Complex
600 County Road NP
Marquette, MI 49855

MEMBERS PRESENT: In Person: Randall Yelle, Jorma Lankinen, Glenn Adams, Carr W. Baldwin, Dennis Honch, Joe Minelli and Amy Manning (Alternate Board Member)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Campana

EX OFFICIO: Brad Austin (in person)

OTHERS: In Person: William T. Nordeen, Attorney; Beth Bonanni, Recording Secretary; Amy Stakvel, MCSWMA; and John Anderson, MCSWMA

1. Call to Order: R. Yelle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance recited.
2. Approval of Agenda: J. Lankinen made a motion to approve the Agenda. C. Baldwin supported. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. 8/18/21 - Regular Meeting – J. Lankinen made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. C. Baldwin supported. Motion approved unanimously.
5. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Statistics – August 2021
 - b. Accounts Payable
 - c. Facility Hours of Operation

C. Baldwin requested that 5b, Accounts Payable be pulled out of the Consent Agenda for discussion. J. Lankinen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with 5b, Accounts Payable, removed for discussion. G. Adams supported. Motion approved unanimously.

C. Baldwin asked for clarification on check number 6361, made payable to North Country Disposal, which indicates it is for the Negaunee Township Tire Haulage/Grant. B. Austin said the Authority arranges transportation for the municipalities scrap tire collections. MCSWMA pays the hauler up-front and then gets reimbursed from the State.

J. Minelli commented that transportation charges were approximately \$15,000 for the past month and was wondering if MCSWMA should consider providing its own transportation? Over a period of time, it is a lot of money to spend. B. Austin replied that transportation has been a challenge and he will evaluate options after the first of the year.

J. Lankinen made a motion to approve 5b, Accounts Payable. J. Minelli supported. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Business:

a. Banking – J. Lankinen made a motion to approve the banking. D. Honch supported. Motion approved unanimously.

b. Financials – J. Lankinen made a motion to approve financials. G. Adams supported. Motion approved unanimously.

c. Recycling Financials – J. Minelli made a motion to approve the recycling financials. J. Lankinen supported. Motion approved unanimously. C. Baldwin indicated that starting from the column labeled Lubricating Supplies and going downward, he did not understand the numbers presented and thought the spreadsheet was inaccurate. B. Austin replied that the MRF was not opened until November, 2020 and the report is from January, 2021 to present. A lot of supplies were needed in the first couple of months to get the MRF up and running. This is what the numbers reflect on the recycling financials.

d. Reimbursements – G. Adams made a motion to approve the reimbursements as presented. J. Lankinen supported. Motion approved unanimously.

7. Reports

a. Director Report – B. Austin reported that there are some grant opportunities right now with Next Cycle Michigan.

B. Austin will be communicating with the Eastern end counties, such as Mackinac, Luce, Schoolcraft and Alger on taking their recycling. There is more room at the MRF.

A final report was filed on the MCSWMA 2019 Recycling Infrastructure grant. A \$40,000.00 (approximate) reimbursement is due to the Landfill. Money from the reimbursement will get placed into the capital fund.

The low water levels this year are effecting leachate management. The leachate production is way down. The Landfill is working with the consultant on a long term leachate management plan. All discharge and pertinent data is being collected to make a management plan.

B. Austin will begin working on the 5-year license renewal for the landfill and prepare a long term facility master plan after the first of the year.

The inbound recycling from Menominee County makes up 36% of the overall volume the Landfill receives. B. Austin said MCSWMA needs to be competitive in this market. The Landfill is on track to reach \$1 million dollars in revenue for the year on commodities. Menominee County recyclables make up approximately \$200,000.00 of this number.

There is plenty of room for recycling capacity at the Landfill.

C. Baldwin stated at the last meeting B. Austin discussed the staffing shortage and requested an update on the staffing. B. Austin explained they are still experiencing some turnover. The healthcare eligibility process has been initiated for some select employees that are eligible. Right now, the Authority is trying to secure staff the best they can but it is still day-to-day.

The commodity markets are very good right now; strong value and strong demand.

Attorney Nordeen provided Delta County with a revised agreement a couple of weeks ago. Delta County is waiting for money from the State for their infrastructure.

In regards to transportation, there has been a shortage of drivers and increased DOT regulations.

There are 9 municipalities that have drop-off locations for battery recycling.

There have been approximately 3,500 material searches on the recycle906.com website and 334 of these searches have been on lithium ion batteries.

Negaunee Township had 36 ½ tons compared to Forsyth Township's 34.2 tons in scrap tire collections for 2021. There will be no scrap tire events in 2022.

Effective January 1, 2022, scale hours will be from 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will allow more access for the public, haulers, etc.

On October 27, 2021, a MCTA Meeting will take place at MCSWMA with tours of the MRF being conducted at the facility for the municipalities.

J. Lankinen made a motion to accept the Director's Report. D. Honch supported. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Attorney Report – B. Nordeen reported there is no current litigation involving the Landfill. Negotiations continue on the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The Marquette Township Sand Permit is ready to be submitted.

Some changes were made to the Delta County Recycling Contract, which was sent over to Delta County for their review.

A. Manning asked B. Austin if there was something unique about the Delta County recycling contract since it took some time to put it together. B. Austin said the goal is to use this contract as a template for other counties and private haulers moving forward. The Delta Contract was unique because Delta County is providing fixed dollars to MCSWMA for capital investment. Discussion took place regarding MCSWMA's master plan and how it effects taking solid waste and recycling from Delta County.

B. Austin wanted to make the Board aware that there was one recordable injury at the facility. An employee sustained a cut on the MRF line, but it was not serious. There was also an incident yesterday where an employee on the compactor ran over a lithium ion battery in the Landfill. The battery caught on fire. The employee got out of the machine (not knowing it had caught on fire), inhaled the vapors, and was sent for treatment. The employee is fine and is back to work.

- 8. Trustee Comments – None.

9. Public Comment: None.

10. Adjournment. R. Yelle adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Randall L. Yelle, Chairperson

Dennis Honch, Secretary

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Board Action Item

Board Meeting Date: October 5, 2021
Agenda Item #: 8.B.
Proposal: CONSIDER RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING PRIOR INTENT TO VACATE CERTAIN UNDEVELOPED PORTIONS OF WRIGHT STREET AND COX AVENUE WITHIN THE PLAT OF TROWBRIDGE PARK
Presented by: Attorney Zappa

Background:

I have received a response from the attorney for Mr. Peterson regarding completion of the abandonment and vacating of portions of Wright Street and Cox Avenue within the Plat of Trowbridge Park. Both the attorney and the resident are satisfied with the process being recommended in my September 8, 2021 correspondence, which I also sent to you. Consequently, adoption of the proposed Resolution may now be placed on the agenda for consideration by the Township Board.

Attachments: 1. Resolution w-Exhibit A (00346719xA930B)

Cost: \$ None

Budget Account: N/A

Recommended motion:

APPROVE THE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING PRIOR INTENT TO VACATE CERTAIN UNDEVELOPED PORTIONS OF WRIGHT STREET AND COX AVENUE WITHIN THE PLAT OF TROWBRIDGE PARK.

Mission Statement:

"Recognize and meet the needs of the Township Community."



MARQUETTE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING PRIOR INTENT TO VACATE
CERTAIN UNDEVELOPED PORTIONS OF WRIGHT STREET
AND COX AVENUE WITHIN THE PLAT OF TROWBRIDGE PARK

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan, held on the _____ day of _____, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Durant, Clerk Ritari, Treasurer Johnson, Trustee Everson, Trustee LaRue, Trustee Markes, and Trustee Winslow.

ABSENT: None.

The following Resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by _____.

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution on November 9, 1987, and which is recorded at Marquette County Register of Deeds Miscellaneous Records Liber 121, Page 937, in which it absolutely abandoned and discontinued undeveloped portions of Wright Street (Evergreen Lane) and Cox Avenue in the Plat of Trowbridge Park, further described as:

- a. That certain undeveloped portion of Wright Street (Evergreen Lane) beginning at a point on the east right-of-way line of Cox Avenue and running thence easterly for a distance of 480 feet to a point on the west property line of Lot No. 646 proceeding northerly, as shown in red on the attached drawing marked as Exhibit 'A' and which is made a part hereof; and
- b. That certain undeveloped portion of Cox Avenue beginning at the north right-of-way line of Huron Street and running thence northerly for a distance of 245 feet to the North boundary of the Trowbridge Park Subdivision, as shown in red on the attached drawing marked as Exhibit 'A' and which is made a part hereof.

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Road Commissioners further retained an easement in the above-described right-of-way for public utility purposes;

WHEREAS, the Marquette Township Board has previously discussed and expressed its intent, including at its regular meeting held on November 8, 2006, to vacate those portions of

Wright Street and Cox Avenue, subject to easements for public utilities, but has never adopted or recorded a Resolution with the Marquette County Register of Deeds effectuating that intent;

WHEREAS, the Marquette Township Board has determined that it continues to remain in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the Township residents to vacate and discontinue the above-described undeveloped portions of Wright Street and Cox Avenue in the Plat of Trowbridge Park, Marquette Township, Marquette County, Michigan.

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

1. The Marquette Township Board, being the governing body of the Charter Township of Marquette reaffirms its previously stated intention to vacate those undeveloped portions of Wright Street and Cox Avenue in the Plat of Trowbridge Park, Township of Marquette, County of Marquette, and State of Michigan, more particularly described as follows:
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2. The above-described undeveloped road rights-of-way are vacated and discontinued, subject to Paragraph 3 below.
3. The Charter Township of Marquette retains and reserves a perpetual non-exclusive easement for public utility purposes in, under, over and across the above-described vacated rights-of-way, and the right of entry thereon consistent with the use, exercise and enjoyment of such easement, pursuant to Section 257 of the Land Division Act, MCL 560.257, as amended.
4. This Resolution is adopted in accordance with Section 256 of the Land Division Act, MCL 560.256, as amended, and the Township Clerk is hereby authorized to record a certified

copy of this Resolution with the Marquette County Register of Deeds, and to send a copy to the Director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), formerly known as the Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth.

5. The Township Supervisor and Clerk are authorized to execute any additional documents or conveyances necessary or appropriate to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.
6. Any Resolution or other action inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby rescinded.

ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: _____

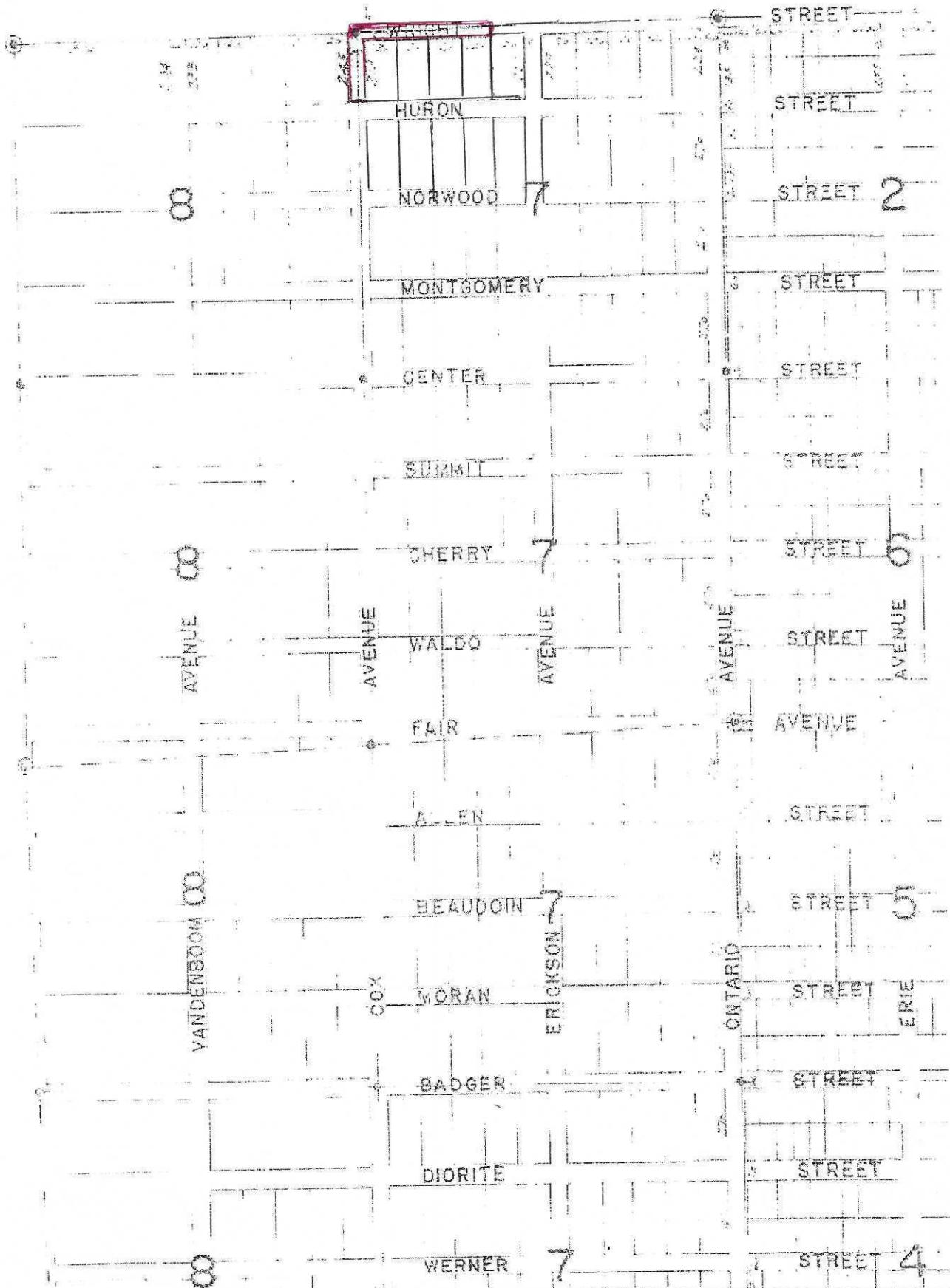
NAYS: _____

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF MARQUETTE)

Randy J. Ritari the duly qualified and acting Township Clerk for the Charter Township of Marquette, County of Marquette, and State of Michigan, DOES HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Marquette Township Board at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk

EXHIBIT A



2021-2022 MTA Board-approved legislative policy platform

The following legislative policy platform was approved by the MTA Board of Directors to guide the Association's legislative efforts for 2021-22. In the absence of an MTA Annual Meeting, a legislative plenary session and a review of the platform will be held on Monday, April 19, at the MTA 2021 Virtual Conference & Expo.

Vision Statement

The Michigan Townships Association envisions a 21st Century Michigan where:

- Townships have statutory authority and state financial support sufficient to provide high-quality services and infrastructure consistent with community needs and expectations, and to enable full compliance with ever-expanding state-imposed mandates without cutting local spending priorities
- Elections are accurate, fair and a high percentage of registered voters participate
- Townships are valued and respected for solving local and regional challenges through visionary, ethical leadership and collaboration
- Natural resources are developed from townships in a manner consistent with township regulations that protect public safety and property values
- There is clarity of roles and responsibilities among township officials essential for efficient and effective services to the public
- Townships retain authority to protect and regulate the public rights-of-way and other land uses in the interest of the public
- State laws recognize that township officials are elected by and accountable to their residents for the township's governance, financial position, programs and services consistent with community values

Assessment and Taxation

The Michigan Townships Association supports property tax fairness, equity, and efficient assessment and collection by public servants who are accountable to township officials to ensure public trust and locally accessible information and assistance. Valuation should be based on sound assessing principles. Local governments should be reimbursed by the state for property tax revenues lost due to statutory exemptions. State government should provide local governments with education and technical support to develop and defend their assessment rolls.

As lawmakers and regulators enact changes to current tax laws and local government requirements, the Michigan Townships Association supports the following objectives:

- Valuation of big box stores should be determined using the same assessing methodology as other commercial properties and prohibit the consideration of private deed restrictions or covenants imposed to reduce the value of the property or exclude competitors of the grantor from the market

Purpose

The Michigan Townships Association Policy Platform is a member-adopted plan that identifies the Association's primary legislative policy objectives. It provides broad policy guidance to the MTA Board of Directors and staff in responding to legislation in a manner that reflects the values and preferences of the MTA membership. It offers instruction as to the issues that the membership desires the Association to bring to the attention of policymakers and for which the Association is to effectively advocate. The Policy Platform also identifies positions on issues that the Association's membership pledges its active support, including engaging in grassroots advocacy consistent with the Policy Platform objectives.

The legislative process requires compromise and accommodations to alternative perspectives. As such, the Association will pursue legislative outcomes that most closely achieve the spirit and intent of the Policy Platform, but cannot be bound to premise its position on the precise wordage of its Policy Platform.

The Policy Platform delineates issues into six broad issue areas:

- Assessment and Taxation
- Elections
- Environment and Land Use
- Intergovernmental Relations
- Township Operations
- Transportation and Infrastructure

The issues addressed in a particular subject area may have implications for issues addressed in other subject areas and should be interpreted such that the broad policy objectives of all affected areas are accomplished.

- Oppose expansion of property tax exemptions without replacement of local revenue, and support the state assuming administration and funding of disabled veteran's property tax exemption
- Clarify property tax exemption eligibility for nonprofit charitable institutions
- Raise the current charter township 10-mill tax limitation to allow charter townships, with voter approval, to address legacy costs, meet demands for expanding services and offset millage rollback requirements
- Recodify Michigan township statutes to include clarification that assessors are accountable to the township board when the supervisor is not certified to perform assessing functions

- Increase the specific tax on mobile homes located in licensed parks and levy on park owner rather than individual occupied dwelling owners
- Exempt minimal personal property tax obligations resulting from minor property improvements on mobile home lots such as small decks, stairs and porches
- Allow option for a local excise tax for the purpose of providing public recreational facilities and/or public safety expenses related to increased tourism

Elections

The Michigan Townships Association supports fair, transparent and efficient elections administered by township officials that encourage high voter participation and procedures appropriate to varying community resources and population densities.

As lawmakers and regulators enact changes to current election laws, the Michigan Townships Association supports the following objectives:

- Preserve authority of townships to convey information on ballot proposals to their residents
- Preserve the authority of townships to place millage and bond proposals before voters at any election
- Permit the option for nonpartisan township offices to be approved by the township board and the electors
- Permit the preprocessing of absentee ballots
- Allow option to increase the active number of registered voters per precinct

Environment and Land Use

The Michigan Townships Association supports state laws that enable townships to efficiently and effectively plan for land uses and adopt zoning ordinances to protect the public health, safety and general welfare. State and federal regulations should not impede local government growth and development policies and objectives. Further, preemption of local land use authority should be limited to issues of great statewide impact and any resulting adverse local impacts should be mitigated by the state or federal government.

As lawmakers and regulatory agencies enact changes to laws addressing township land use and environment, the Michigan Townships Association supports the following objectives:

- Statewide septic system maintenance standards to reduce septic system failures that create serious public health threats and expose townships to being required to build expensive public sewer systems
- Preserve landfill capacities by directing appropriate materials to waste utilization facilities and support an increase in the state tipping fee to a rate competitive with nearby states while preserving a local tipping fee option
- Preserve local authority on zoning issues that are local in nature

- Increased state funding for environmental programs to address issues such as brownfield redevelopment, contamination and invasive species

Intergovernmental Relations

The Michigan Townships Association supports township officials having the discretion to resolve policy issues that are manifestly local in nature. MTA also supports state laws that encourage intergovernmental collaboration to restore economic prosperity, efficiently and effectively deliver programs and services, and solve other challenges. State laws should allow creativity, flexibility and incentivize fair and equitable cost-sharing, benefits and governance in interlocal agreements. State laws authorizing economic development tools and other powers should be based on community characteristics relative to policy objectives, rather than city or township legal status. State taxation and spending policies should mitigate adverse revenue impacts on townships.

As lawmakers and regulatory agencies consider altering the fiscal relationship of the state to local governments as well as powers and authorities of local governments, the Michigan Townships Association supports the following objectives:

- State laws should allow township officials to solve local issues in a manner consistent with local values, priorities and needs rather than impose a one-size-fits-all approach
- Full funding to townships for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes for state-purchased lands, commercial forest lands and swamp tax/tax-reverted properties
- Expand the number of townships eligible for statutory revenue sharing and grants
- A local government consolidation process that continues to require voter approval

Township Operations

The Michigan Townships Association supports state and federal governments granting to Michigan townships broad discretion and autonomy to govern the funding and delivery of programs and services. MTA also supports state reimbursement to townships for increased costs resulting from new mandated services and state regulations.

The Michigan Townships Association supports the following objectives:

- Modernizing state laws to clarify the governance role of township boards to establish policy direction for townships
- Appropriate, cost-effective training requirements for township planning commissioners and zoning board of appeal members to reduce costly lawsuits and improve township decision-making by key appointed boards
- Authority for township board to change township name with voter approval
- Granting township supervisors discretionary authority to perform marriages
- Permit members of a public body to participate in a public meeting remotely



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Board Action Item

Board Meeting Date: October 5, 2021
Agenda Item #: 8.D.
Proposal: Recommend that the Township Safety Committee be dissolved
Presented by: Supervisor Lyn Durant

Background:

The Township Safety Committee has not met for years. The listed members consist of two Public Works employees, the Public Works Superintendent, the Fire Chief and one Township Board member as liaison. Fire Department safety and Public Works safety are each handled separately and uniquely based on state and federal requirements. The committee currently serves no purpose.

Attachments: None

Cost: \$ None

Budget Account: None

Recommended motion:

To dissolve the Township Safety Committee effective immediately.

Mission Statement:

"Recognize and meet the needs of the Township Community."





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NOTICE

**The Marquette County Apportionment Commission
will meet in open session for a Meeting
to be held on Friday, October 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Location: Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis
Courthouse Annex, Marquette**

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46.403 County apportionment commission; membership; convening apportionment commission; adopting rules of procedure; quorum; action by majority vote; conducting business at public meeting; notice of meeting; availability of certain writings to public. Sec. 3. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the county apportionment commission shall consist of the county clerk, the county treasurer, the prosecuting attorney, and the statutory county chairperson of each of the 2 political parties receiving the greatest number of votes cast for the office of secretary of state in the last preceding general election.



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To: Township Board
From: Jon Kangas, Manager
Date: September 30, 2021
Regarding: Manager Report for October 5, 2021

I've taken a little bit of time off the past couple weeks to accommodate weekend travel for my kid's athletic events. I anticipate doing that again this week. Basically, I extend my weekend by a few hours or a day plus/minus. Three more weekends in the coming weeks and the season will be over! This time is all approved Paid Time Off.

As you know, Lenny has been on vacation this week. As a result, I interjected myself into a few things that he normally will handle. First, we had a mystery storm sewer on Badger Street that discharged across private property. After several discussions, it was determined the storm sewer was installed as part of a road project by MCRC in 2000. This issue resulted from a lack of recorded easement. In the end, MCRC came to a verbal agreement with the new property owner which includes acquiring a permanent easement for that storm sewer.

Just yesterday, I attended the progress meeting for the US 41 project. Paving is going very well, but there are many gaps in the curb and gutter. I won't get into the details of that discussion, but the Contractor is concerned about this progress and is checking every option they have to complete the work. More importantly, our DPW has identified 4 sanitary sewer manholes and one valve box that were paved over. As of yesterday afternoon, two of the manholes had been adjusted and the remaining castings were marked in the field. There is also a water main gate well in a landscaped area that needs to be raised due to final grading. The contractor should now be familiar with our remaining "punchlist" items.

On September 21st, I was invited to attend a portion of MCRC's safety training that was held in our Community Room. The portion of the meeting I attended was a guest speaker who attended via zoom and is a world-renowned motivational speaker. At some point in the future, I'd like to research the opportunity to bring someone like this in for our staff to hear. This particular speaker is a quadriplegic as a result of a farming accident. He acknowledges his life was significantly altered because of a safety mistake of his own doing. That said, he has turned his mistake into a new career that is awe-inspiring. He travels the world doing speaking engagements, and travels alone. I wish I could repeat his entire story for you.

Lastly, you are all aware that we closed the building for a half-day due to suspected COVID exposure within the building. This was a cautionary measure and all potentially exposed staff were provided rapid tests. No other staff cases have been reported to date.

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