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MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD - SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023 - 4:00 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. Approval of the Agenda *(Declaration of Conflict of Interest, if any)*

5. Policy Discussion, Consideration and Development

- A. Consider a Letter of Support for the Marquette County Road Commission for a funding request for the Forestville area road improvements.

6. Public Comment (3 Minutes maximum)

7. Meeting Wrap-up

- A. Review of Motions Passed & Assignments, if any
- B. Board Member Comment

8. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Meeting Date is April 26, 2023 at 5:00PM



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Board Action Item

Board Meeting Date: April 24, 2023
Agenda Item #: 5.A.
Proposal: Consider a Letter of Support for the Marquette County Road Commission for a funding request for the Forestville area road improvements.
Presented by: Manager Kangas/Supervisor Durant

Background:

After months of deliberation and expert advice, it has been determined that a boulevard option is the best solution for the safety issues at the CR 492/Forestville Road intersection. However, this solution puts additional strain on the existing road network in the immediate vicinity of the intersection. MCRC is proposing to upgrade the intersection and many roads in the immediate vicinity of it, including the secondary access route to Forestville via the former haul road. These improvements come with a significant price tag that MCRC, the Township and any developer will be able to tackle on our own. Therefore, they are considering a modified appropriation request per the attached. This request does NOT include funding for the previously proposed by-pass. It does, however, include funding for two other smaller projects in the county. The draft letter of support provided here for your consideration addresses the improvements proposed in the Township.

Attachments:

1. Draft Letter of Support 04.24.2023
2. 2023-04-14_v2_Area of Improvement Costs

Cost: \$ NA

Budget Account: NA

Recommended motion:

Approve the letter of support as written.

Mission Statement:

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



April 24, 2023

Mr. Raymond Roberts, Chair
Marquette County Road Commission
1610 North Second Street
Ishpeming, Michigan 49849

Regarding: Proposed Infrastructure Improvements on Existing MCRC Roadways in Marquette Township

Chairman Roberts and MCRC Commissioners:

Per the 2020 Census, the Charter Township of Marquette was one of just a few communities in the Upper Peninsula that experienced population growth over the 2010 Census. As you know, we have also grown in more ways than population and this growth is putting a significant strain on our infrastructure, most specifically our transportation network.

In fact, the demand for more housing has landed squarely on the Township's shoulders due to limited developable property remaining in the City of Marquette. This demand is leading to proposed development in areas where the Township had limited prior expectations. Former CFA land that has reached the end of its productive life-cycle is now targeted for smart residential growth and increased outdoor recreational opportunities.

As developers have approached the Township, we have been made aware of existing vulnerabilities in our transportation network, and of greatest concern is safety. The portion of the township that locals have affectionately come to know as Forestville is currently accessible only from the south via Forestville Road/CR 492. That intersection has proven to be dangerous on its own for two of the four legs, resulting in the Township engaging with a consultant to study multiple options for safety improvements at the subject location. The consultant has recommended a boulevard option as a solution to the safety concerns at this location and the Township fully supports their findings. The recent acquisition of the WE Energies haul road by the Road Commission will eventually provide redundant support to the east and into the City of Marquette via CR 550.

However, all of the supporting transportation network for this area (short of CR 492 and CR 550) is either nearing the end of its life-cycle or in need of significant upgrades to handle the expected residential and recreational growth. In addition, many of those same roadways are critical for the nearby supporting businesses, including medical offices, governmental agencies, and the like.

Marquette Township has been working with all of the affected parties, including existing residents and recreational user groups for many months to find solutions for these significant problems. Unfortunately, we know the solutions are much bigger than the Road Commission, Township and prospective developers will be able to solve on our own. We feel outside assistance from the State of Michigan and/or Federal government will be the only solution for the anticipated growth and needed improvements to the existing deficiencies.

The Township's entire annual operating budget would make just a small dent in all of the improvements necessary and we know the Road Commission's resources are even more limited for such an extensive network.

The developer has committed to the improvements they are obligated to make for the direct benefit of their residential P.U.D.

The Township hereby pledges, by unanimous Board decision, our full support to the Road Commission in seeking any funding opportunity available for the remainder of the needed improvements, specifically to include an appropriation request to the State of Michigan.

Respectfully,
MARQUETTE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Lyn Durant, Supervisor

Randy Ritari, Clerk

Ernest Johnson, Treasurer

Daniel Everson, Trustee

Karl Kytta, Trustee

John Markes, Trustee

Linda Winslow, Trustee

- cc: Representative Jenn Hill, 109th House District
Senator Ed McBroom, 38th Senate District
Marty Fitante, Invest UP
Christopher Germain, Lake Superior Community Partnership
Karen Kovacs, City of Marquette
David Nyberg, Northern Michigan University
Lori Hauswirth, Noquemanon Trail Network
Alyssa Arwood, J. M. Longyear, LLC

Marquette Township - Forestville Area Connectivity Improvements					
Improvement	Map Reference	Impacted Roads	Distance (Mile)	Cost/Mile	Estimated Cost
Short Term Quality of Service Improvements	I	Forestville Intersection Reconfiguration			\$ 1,292,831.20
Crush and Shape with HMA Paving	II	CR 492	0.65	\$ 570,000.00	\$ 370,500.00
Partial Reconstruction with Sidepath	III	Old Wright St Multi-Modal Improvements	0.42	\$ 1,815,258.51	\$ 762,408.57
	IV	Alternate Route Resurfacing (Commerce, Venture, Old Wright St, CR HR, Forestville Rd)			
Full Depth Mill with HMA Paving		Commerce Drive	0.92	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 368,000.00
Full Depth Mill with HMA Paving		Venture Avenue	0.44	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 176,000.00
Full Depth Mill with HMA Paving		Old Wright Street (Remaining Portion near School)	0.09	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
Crush and Shape with HMA Paving		CR HR	0.15	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
HMA Overlay		Forestville Road South of Bridge	1.41	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 119,850.00
Reconstruction with Realignment and HMA Paving	V	Forestville Road North of Bridge to Fly Ash Road Including Noquemanon Access Improvements	1.75	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 2,100,000.00
Crush and Shape with HMA Paving	VI	Fly Ash Road	2.29	\$ 540,000.00	\$ 1,236,600.00
				Total Cost:	\$ 6,537,189.77

Road Improvements To Support Renewable Energy Projects & Increases In Local Industry Traffic					
Improvement	Map Reference	Impacted Roads	Distance (Mile)	Cost/Mile	Estimated Cost
County Road 480 Resurfacing		County Road 480 (State Highway M35 to State Highway M553)	5.27	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 1,264,800.00
Ewing Township Road Repair Fund		Various			\$ 400,000.00
				Total Cost:	\$ 1,664,800.00

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST (INCLUDES ROW): \$ 8,201,989.77

DESIGN ENGINEERING (10%): \$ 820,198.98

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING (10%): \$ 820,198.98

APPROPRIATIONS TOTAL REQUEST: \$ 9,842,387.73

Type of Work	Cost/Mile
Crush & Shape with 3.5" of HMA (44' Wide)	\$ 570,000.00
Crush & Shape with 3.5" of HMA (22' Wide)	\$ 500,000.00
Full Depth Mill & HMA Paving 3.5" (34' Wide)	\$ 400,000.00
HMA Overlay (22' Wide)	\$ 175,000.00
Partial Reconstruction with Sidepath	\$ 1,815,258.51
Reconstruction with Realignment and HMA Paving	\$ 1,142,670.52