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MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD - REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 - 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 Regular Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2022.
- B. Bills Payable in the amount of \$179,367.37. Checks 162633 to 162694. Note any voided checks.
- C. Received Committee and Other Reports
- D. Correspondence not Requiring Board Action
 - 1. MSU CLOSUP Sept 2022 Survey Results
 - 2. Mqt Co Road Comm-2022 Contractor Costs and Staff Info
 - 3. 2021 Test Results of West Nile Virus in Ruffed Grouse
 - 4. MDOT Ishpeming TSC 2023 Construction Map

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

6. Board Education/Privileged Comment

- A. Staff Reports
 - 1. Fire Department August 2022 Report
 - 2. Planning Report - MNRTF Acquisition Grant Application Presentation Update
 - 3. Public Works Report
 - 4. Assessor's Report

- 5. Attorney Report
- B. Update on Downtown Development Authority
- 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 Zoning Map Amendment Featuring Split-Lot Zoning
 - B. Consider scheduling Work Session to discuss the Northwest Marquette Road Network Connectivity Feasibility Study
 - C. Consider 2022 Tax Rate Request - Township
 - D. Consider 2022 Tax Rate Request - Township DDA
 - E. Consider MTA 2022-23 Policy Platform for 10/4/22 Discussion
- 9. Assurance of Organizational Performance**
 - A. Board - Committee Updates
 - 1. Planning Commission
 - 2. Recreation 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 4, 2022 at 6:30PM.

MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 - 6:30 PM
MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER**

Call to order:

Supervisor Durant called the Meeting to Order at 6:32PM.

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 (Zoom)

Committee Members

Present: None

Public Comment (3 minutes each):

Lynn Swadley, 135 Hidden Springs Dr., would like to reserve time to comment on Agenda Item 8.B.
Consider Support of Forestville Connector Road.

Board Member Comment in Response to Public Comment:

None

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2022

Bills Payable in the amount of \$98,699.45. Checks 162576 to 162632. Note any voided checks.

Received Committee and Other Reports

Peter White Public Library Board Work Session Minutes of July 27, 2022, and Regular Board Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 9, 2022.

Sheriff's Department Activity Report - March 2022 through July 2022

Correspondence not Requiring Board Action

Spotted Lanternfly Found in Pontiac

STATE OF MICHIGAN BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION NOTICE OF SECOND HEARING FOR THE GAS CUSTOMERS OF SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY CASE NO. U-21070

Financial

August 2022 Financial Statement

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Markes

Carried (7-0)

Approval of the Agenda:

Clerk Ritari, added to the Agenda under 8.D. Consider Hiring Probationary Firefighter.

MOTION: To approve the Regular Agenda as amended.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee LaRue

Carried (7-0)

Board Education/Privileged Comment:

None

Community Linkage :

Supervisor Durant, commented about the Candidate Forum that was recently held here and about the Tax Tribunal in regards to the Candidates. Also, commented about possible dates to meet with the planning commission.

Policy Discussion, Consideration and Development:

Consider Vandal-proofing Options for Warming House at Lions Field
(Background from Superintendent Bodenus)

Various Board Discussion about the situation at the Lions Field in regards to vandalism.

MOTION: To authorize staff to proceed with option 2 (cold rolled steel wall sheeting) for an estimated project cost of \$27,184.59 to be covered by the existing Recreation Millage revenues.

Motion – Clerk Ritari

Second – Trustee Markes

Carried (6-1)

Consider Support of Forestville Connector Road

Lynn Swadley, 135 Hidden Springs Dr., is not in support of the Forestville Connector Road and stated the various reasons why.

David Pesola, 135 Forestville Rd., is not in support of the Forestville Connector Road either.

Steve Sanderson, 350 Brickyard Rd, is not in support of the Forestville Connector Road either.

After hearing all the comments from the residents in the affected area, the Township Board felt they didn't have enough information to make a decision at this time.

Consider moving the Township Board Meetings to the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in 2023.
(Background from Clerk Ritari)

Consensus from the Township Board is that they would like to try Wednesday meetings for 2023.

Consider Hiring Probationary Firefighter

(Background from Supervisor Durant/Chief Shanahan)

MOTION: To approve the hiring of Hayden Jackson as probationary paid on-call Firefighter for Marquette Township.

Motion – Supervisor Durant

Second – Trustee Winslow

Carried (7-0)

Assurance of Organizational Performance:

Board - Committee Updates

Planning Commission

Trustee Winslow, was absent from last Planning Commission Meeting.

Roads Committee

Trustee LaRue, gave a brief report from the Roads Committee Meeting.

Events Committee

Trustee LaRue, next event is the Christmas Tree Lighting on November 22, 2022 at the Westwood Mall Parking Lot.

Public Comment (3 Minutes maximum):

None

Meeting Wrap-up:

Announcements

Clerk Ritari, gave some election information about the upcoming election in November.

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

Planner McCarthy could do the MNRTF Presentation for the Board from the meeting he attended.

Board Member Comment

Trustee Everson, wanted to know if we got the letter sent out for Officer McKee, and if Sheriff Zybert got back to her in regards to one of his questions.

Treasurer Johnson, reminded everyone that Summer Taxes are due on close of business on September 14, otherwise penalties will start accruing.

Adjournment:

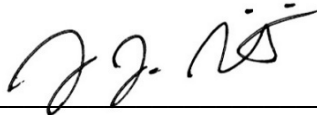
MOTION: To Adjourn the meeting.

Motion –Trustee Everson

Second – Clerk Ritari

Carried (7-0)

Supervisor Durant adjourned the meeting at 8:22PM.



Randy J. Ritari, Township Clerk

Lyn J. Durant, Township Supervisor

BILLS PAYABLE SUMMARY
9/20/22

1	9/7/22	Payroll-Firefighters	8,728.53
2	9/8/22	Payroll-BiWeekly	42,496.62
3	9/9/22	Accounts Payable - Exempt	91,359.10
4	9/13/22	Accounts Payable - Exempt	11,231.12
5	9/20/22	For Board Approval	25,552.00

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Total	<u>179,367.37</u>
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General Fund	\$53,492.66
Fire Fund	21,501.05
Twp. Improvements Fund	0.00
Wastewater Fund	29,451.98
Library Fund	0.00
Stormwater Fund	0.00
Water Fund	31,426.09
Water Restricted Fund	0.00
Solid Waste Fund	42,699.94
Trust and Agency Fund	<u>795.65</u>

Total Disbursements	<u>\$179,367.37</u>
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CHECK NO.	DATE	EMPLOYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
162633 to 162642	8/31/22	Various	Payroll - Firefighters	8,728.53
DD6638 to DD6654				
		Total Checks (27)		<u>8,728.53</u>

Voided
Checks

None

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CHECK NO.	DATE	EMPLOYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
DD6655 to DD6675	8/25/22	Various	Payroll - Biweekly	42,496.62
Total Checks (21)				<u>42,496.62</u>

Voided
Checks

None

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CHECK	DATE	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNTS	AMOUNT
162643	9/9/22	AFSCME	Payroll Deductions	701-000.000-231.000	485.65
162644	9/9/22	Baraga Telephone Company	Long Distance	101-299.000-850.000	12.04
162645	9/9/22	Charter Communications	Internet,Phone	101-299.000-810.000	204.99
				101-299.000-850.000	144.41
162646	9/9/22	City of Marquette	May Water	591-570.000-921.000	12,418.20
162647	9/9/22	City of Marquette	July 2022 Wastewater	590-579.000-922.000	15,033.61
162648	9/9/22	Krist Oil	August 2022 Fuel	101-265.000-931.000	387.36
	9/9/22			590-578.000-863.000	208.12
				591-578.000-863.000	208.11
				206-340.000-863.000	34.11
162649	9/9/22	Marquette Co Sheriffs Dept	August Police Services	101-301.000-801.000	19,582.70
162650	9/9/22	MHR Billing	August 2022 Ambulance Billing	206-337.000-802.000	400.00
162651	9/9/22	Mqt City Solid Waste Mgmt	August Landfill	596-526.000-816.000	5,920.09
				596-526.000-816.010	13,436.08
162652	9/9/22	MTFD Support Organization	Payroll Deductions	701-000.000-231.000	310.00
162653	9/9/22	North Country Disposal	August 2022	101-265.000-930.000	150.00
				596-528.000-880.000	325.00
				590-580.000-801.000	55.00
				591-580.000-801.000	55.00
				596-528.000-825.000	17,735.25
162654	9/9/22	Peninsula Fiber Network	September Hyperlink	101-299.000-810.000	1,119.03
162655	9/9/22	Pitney Bowes	Ink Cartridge	101-299.000-726.000	84.99
162656	9/9/22	U.S. Bank Equipment Finance	Copier Lease	101-299.000-807.000	198.86
162657	9/9/22	Unifirst	Uniforms & Mats	101-265.000-726.000	179.84
				101-265.000-750.000	133.62
				590-578.000-750.000	319.89
				591-578.000-750.000	319.89
				590-580.000-726.000	8.51
				591-580.000-726.000	8.51
162659	9/9/22	Wex Bank	Meijer Gasoline	590-578.000-863.000	242.84
				591-578.000-863.000	242.84
				101-265.000-931.000	61.17
				206-340.000-863.000	1,034.44
				206-340.000-864.000	298.95

Total Checks (16)

91,359.10

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CHECK	DATE	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNTS	AMOUNT
162660	9/13/22	Arcadia Home Care & Staffing	Utility Refund	591-000.000-255.000	90.00
162661	9/13/22	Brittany Carlson	Utility Refund	596-000.000-630.000	1.27
				591-541.000-654.000	6.62
162662	9/13/22	Casey Reynolds	Utility Refund	590-542.000-654.000	0.40
				591-541.000-654.000	0.92
				596-000.000-630.000	1.04
				591-541.000-642.000	3.02
				590-542.000-642.000	3.87
162663	9/13/22	Mark Gillis	Utility Refund	591-541.000-655.000	35.75
				590-542.000-655.000	15.73
162664	9/13/22	Marquette Township	Various Water/Wastewater	590-580.000-921.000	63.52
				591-580.000-921.000	63.51
				590-580.000-926.000	48.92
				591-580.000-926.000	48.92
				596-569.C00-921.000	26.23
				591-569.C00-926.000	20.09
				206-265.000-921.000	200.22
				206-265.000-926.000	73.35
				101-265.000-921.000	542.67
				101-265.000-926.000	283.18
				101-756.000-921.000	150.03
				101-756.000-926.000	129.59
162666	9/13/22	Northland Basement Systems	Utility Refund	591-541.000-655.000	12.69
				590-542.000-655.000	9.79
162667	9/13/22	Reuben Schultz	Utility Refund	591-541.000-654.000	14.19
				590-542.000-654.000	87.96
				591-541.000-642.000	71.95
162668	9/13/22	US Postal Service	Postage Permit #21	590-558.000-940.030	3,000.00
				591-558.000-940.030	3,000.00
				596-528.000-940.030	3,000.00
162669	9/13/22	Verizon Connect NWF, Inc	August GPS Service	101-265.000-931.000	34.75
				590-578.000-955.000	78.17
				591-578.000-955.000	78.17
162670	9/13/22	Verizon Wireless	FD Vehicle Phone	206-340.000-850.000	34.60
Total Checks (11)					<u>11,231.12</u>

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CHECK NO.	DATE	VENDOR NAME	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNTS	AMOUNT
162671	9/20/22	906 Technologies	Monthly IT Services, Board Room A/V System Upgrade	101-265.000-726.000 101-299.000-810.000 101-903.000-970.228	1,092.62 3,518.28 3,247.48
162672	9/20/22	Bell Roofing Company	Old Fire Hall Building Roof Repairs	590-580.000-930.000 591-580.000-930.000	241.08 241.09
162673	9/20/22	Bensing, Cotant & Menkes	Legal Services	101-721.000-803.000 101-299.000-955.010 101-105.000-803.000	762.50 162.50 1,225.00
162674	9/20/22	City of Marquette	#2178 Front Bumper Repair, Bacteriological Anaysis (3)	206-340.000-930.000 591-569.W00-801.000	231.00 75.00
162675	9/20/22	Cook Sign Service	FD Banner Update	206-337.000-862.000	29.53
162676	9/20/22	Core & Main LP	Angle Stops	591-572.000-930.000	964.36
162677	9/20/22	Dalco	Community Room Carpet Cleaning Supplies	101-265.000-726.000	80.19
162678	9/20/22	Dan Pruner	Drivers Training & Course Setup	206-337.000-861.000	113.96
162679	9/20/22	DLP Mgt Physician Practices	Firefighter Physical	206-337.000-801.000	339.00
162680	9/20/22	Donald Schetter	Reimburse EMS License	206-337.000-861.000	25.00
162681	9/20/22	Dubois-Cooper Associates	Grinder Tank Repair - Accessway Extension	590-583.000-930.000	1,153.00
162682	9/20/22	ETNA Supply	Sewer Repair Supplies, Valve Box Repair Supplies Hydrant Repair Supplies	590-576.000-930.000 591-570.000-930.000 591-573.000-930.000 101-265.000-726.000	624.88 1,979.00 535.00 22.50
162684	9/20/22	Lowe's	Hydraulic Cement, Office Flag	590-583.000-930.000 101-265.000-726.000	99.30 47.25
162685	9/20/22	Menards	Cup Holder Twp Car, Board TV Install Supplies,Flat Washer, Toilet Tank Lever, Coax, F-Conn,Paint,Acid Brush,Sealer Applicator	206-265.000-726.000 591-580.000-930.000 590-580.000-930.000 101-265.000-930.000 590-580.000-726.000 591-580.000-726.000 101-756.000-726.000 101-299.000-931.000 101-903.000-970.756 101-265.000-726.000 591-569.W00-930.000	50.96 37.96 37.97 201.06 7.72 7.72 31.43 5.99 1,436.92 -19.98 3.16
162687	9/20/22	NAPA	Battery, Core Deposit, Pre Mix Fuel	206-340.000-726.000 590-578.000-930.000 591-578.000-930.000	10.99 89.99 90.00
162688	9/20/22	North Country Disposal	Extra Containers (4)	596-528.000-880.000	1,400.00
162689	9/20/22	Oberstar	Gravel	591-573.000-930.000	310.40
162690	9/20/22	OHM Advisors	Water Demand Analysis	591-558.000-801.000	1,317.50
162691	9/20/22	Pomsal Fire Equipment	FD Annual Pump Tests	206-340.000-801.000	1,330.00
162692	9/20/22	Pomps Tire Services	#142 Front End Alignment, DPW Truck Tires	590-578.000-930.000 591-578.000-930.000	563.31 563.32
162693	9/20/22	Pride Printing	#10 Window Envelopes	590-558.000-900.000 591-558.000-900.000	549.50 549.50
162694	9/20/22	State of Michigan-DHS	Ambulance Assessment	206-337.000-802.000	167.06
Total Checks (24)					<u>25,552.00</u>

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Lyn Durant

From: Debra Horner <dhorner@umich.edu>
Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2022 9:38 AM
To: Lyn Durant
Subject: Michigan local officials' reports of harassment and abuse, a policy brief from the Spring 2022 Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS)

Dear Supervisor Durant,

Below is a link to a new 3-page policy brief from the University of Michigan's Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP) presenting Michigan local government leaders' experiences with public harassment, threats, or even violence as part of their role in local government.

Key Findings:

- * Statewide, 47% of Michigan's top elected and appointed local government leaders report personally experiencing online or in-person harassment over the last few years as part of their role in local government, including around two-thirds of leaders from jurisdictions with more than 5,000 residents.
- * A majority (53%) report harassment, threats, or even violence against at least one member of the local government, including themselves. These include reports of abuse against the County, City or Township Clerk, their election staff, or other election workers (29%), other members of their Board or Council (28%), and other jurisdiction employees or volunteers (26%).
- * Overall, 53% of local leaders report that the general climate of abuse toward local government personnel has had at least some negative impact on their government functions, such as on the willingness of people to work or serve in the jurisdiction, on the ability of jurisdiction personnel to get work done, or on their Board's or Council's decision-making process regarding potentially contentious issues. This includes 70% of jurisdictions where some abuse has occurred in the last few years, but also in 33% of jurisdictions where none is reported.

These findings come from surveys of local government leaders like you in 1,327 Michigan jurisdictions—counties, cities, townships, and villages—as part of the Spring 2022 Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS).

The policy brief is available online at: https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__myumi.ch_d9PDV&d=DwIFAw&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpgnVfiiMM&r=IQMlyjyX8pNQ3ggAcjS_lucfrWW9vnrkbbcaWjr1WM8&m=0-a36m-NZjHBtPsLpKAWbdaG_dGa9Sx06itv6aYyFzo&s=jJadSlh0KcjgeE4bpzVbcgZrd84ZIokUlKSuJ5zJKpY&e=

You can read or download the brief from the website, or if you contact us here at CLOSUP (closup-mpps@umich.edu or 734-647-4091), we would be happy to email you a PDF version.

CLOSUP also invites you to two virtual events related to local government later this month:

* On September 12th at 4pm - Cities on the front line: Urban approaches to national issues

This special virtual event brings together mayors from cities across the states of the Big Ten—including Mike Duggan (Detroit), Lori Lightfoot (Chicago), Aftab Pureval (Cincinnati), and Bruce Teague (Iowa City)—in a discussion about how leadership at the city level shapes our national approaches to some of the most pressing issues of the day.

You can learn more about this free event at: https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__myumi.ch_WJbbn&d=DwIFAw&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpgnVfiiMM&r=IQMlyjyX8pNQ3ggAcjS_lucfrWW9vnrkbbcaWjr1WM8&m=0-a36m-NZjHBtPsLpKAWbdaG_dGa9Sx06itv6aYyFzo&s=y6RcY-owEGeZFRo5SAmelqyRAD1lUpuHb6yfiJOUmdc&e=

* On September 29th at 4pm - Trust in elections: Preserving democracy from the ballot box

Election officials are working in an unprecedented climate of antagonism, misinformation, and even personal threats. Join the Ford School of Public Policy and the Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy (CLOSUP) for a conversation with Michigan election officials—including Barb Byrum (Ingham County Clerk), Sherikia Hawkins (Southfield City Clerk), Adam Wit (Harrison Township Clerk and a director of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks), and Chris Thomas (former Director of Elections for the state of Michigan)—about the processes at the local level from the perspective of those charged with protecting the integrity of our democratic elections.

You can learn more about this free event at: https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__myumi.ch_wM43e&d=DwIFAw&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpgnVfiiMM&r=IQMlyjyX8pNQ3ggAcjS_lucfrWW9vnrkbbcaWjr1WM8&m=0-a36m-NZjHBtPsLpKAWbdaG_dGa9Sx06itv6aYyFzo&s=IrH35dpY1TJq3T8VkZm5k5hChIbwpWIZtIMVQz8UW5U&e=

Meanwhile, CLOSUP is eager to answer any questions you may have and to help you interpret the MPPS survey data. We would also be able to produce customized data tables for different groupings of local governments, such as responses for all jurisdictions within a particular county. Our goal is to help inform the policymaking process in Michigan at all levels.

The MPPS is conducted by CLOSUP in partnership with the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Municipal League, and Michigan Townships Association. The survey program is unique in the country as the only ongoing survey targeted at every unit of general purpose local government across an entire state.

For more information, contact MPPS staff by email at closup-mpps@umich.edu or by phone at 734-647-4091. More information is also available on the CLOSUP website at: https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__closup.umich.edu&d=DwIFAw&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpgnVfiiMM&r=IQMlyjyX8pNQ3ggAcjS_lucfrWW9vnrkbbcaWjr1WM8&m=0-a36m-NZjHBtPsLpKAWbdaG_dGa9Sx06itv6aYyFzo&s=NxZHO6cD5VV07SoVqs8e2HQAAD1TEBCbhfYwSOFCBaro&e=. Follow CLOSUP on Twitter @closup.



Marquette County Road Commission

1610 North Second Street
Ishpeming, Michigan 49849
Phone: (906) 486-4491
Fax: (906) 486-4493

August 2, 2022

MARQUETTE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION Average ~~Contractor~~ Construction Costs FY 2022

Reconstruction

\$450,000/Mile

Removal or recycling existing asphalt, addressing bad soil conditions, placing crush gravel, paving.

Gravel Rebuild

\$250,000/Mile

Placing 4 to 6 inches of crushed gravel on existing asphalt and paving.

Resurfacing

\$200,000/Mile

Placing an asphalt wedge over existing paving to correct rutting, divots and woops. Paving a top course for ride quality. *1 1/2" on top*

Chip and Fog

\$30,000/Mile

Placing a single course chip seal on existing pavement and then fogging the top to help lock in the stone chips.

Notes: Average cost assumes minimal drainage work and unit prices being stable.

MCRC will be doing chip seal with our own forces starting in 2022. That will be done on a 60 Township /40 Road Commission split with the Townships.

Russell Williams, Chair
William Carlson, Member
Joseph Valente, Vice-Chair
Raymond Roberts, Member
William Luetzow, Member
James M. Iwanicki, P.E., Engineer-Manager



Marquette County Road Commission

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Director of Operations & Maintenance

Peter Duex

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Ishpeming District

Foreman

Ross Olsen

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Leadman

Tony Williams

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Kl Sawyer District

Foreman

Gary Revord

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Leadman

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From: **Melotti, Julie (DNR)** <Melottij@michigan.gov>

Date: Tue, Sep 13, 2022, 3:26 PM

Subject: Results of WNV Ruffed Grouse Study

To: Melotti, Julie (DNR) <Melottij@michigan.gov>

Good afternoon,

Below you will find the final summary of the West Nile virus ruffed grouse study. Over the three-season sampling period, we sampled **736 grouse!!!** We really appreciate all the effort on behalf of our grouse hunters. We would never have been able to accomplish this without your assistance. If you submitted grouse for the 2021 study, results on your birds will be emailed soon.

Overall, 11% of the grouse sampled had antibodies consistent with WNV exposure. This is consistent with seroprevalence in other states. West Nile virus was isolated from heart samples from five (<1%) grouse, indicating that few birds exposed to West Nile virus developed an active infection.

Interestingly, during the 2021 season, Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) was isolated in heart tissue from 11 grouse submitted as part of this study. These findings were important and represented the first known cases of EEE in some geographic locations. We do not know a lot about EEE in ruffed grouse but are certainly interested in learning more down the road.

Although we are not organizing an official study this year, please continue to be on the lookout for grouse that appear sick before harvest or that are thin upon harvest. We would like to continue to examine these birds and submit tissues for both WNV and EEE testing.

Both WNV and EEE are mosquito borne viruses that can be transmitted to humans. Please be sure to protect yourselves from biting insects while out hunting this fall.

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Subject: Results of WNV Ruffed Grouse Study

2018 Season Total Samples: 213 28 (13%) positive for antibodies consistent with WNV exposure 9 (4%) confirmed WNV exposure 19 (19%) likely WNV exposure 4 (<2%) positive for the virus
2019 Season Total Samples: 281 20 (7%) positive for antibodies consistent with WNV exposure 7 (2%) confirmed WNV exposure 13 (5%) likely WNV exposure 1 (<1%) positive for the virus
2021 Season Total Samples: 242 33 (14%) positive for antibodies consistent with WNV exposure 1 (<0.5%) confirmed WNV exposure 32 (13%) likely WNV exposure 0 positive for the virus 11 (5%) positive for EEE virus

I hope you your furry friends all have a wonderful and successful grouse season!

Julie Melotti (she/her/hers)

Acting Wildlife Biologist/Pathologist

Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Wildlife Division
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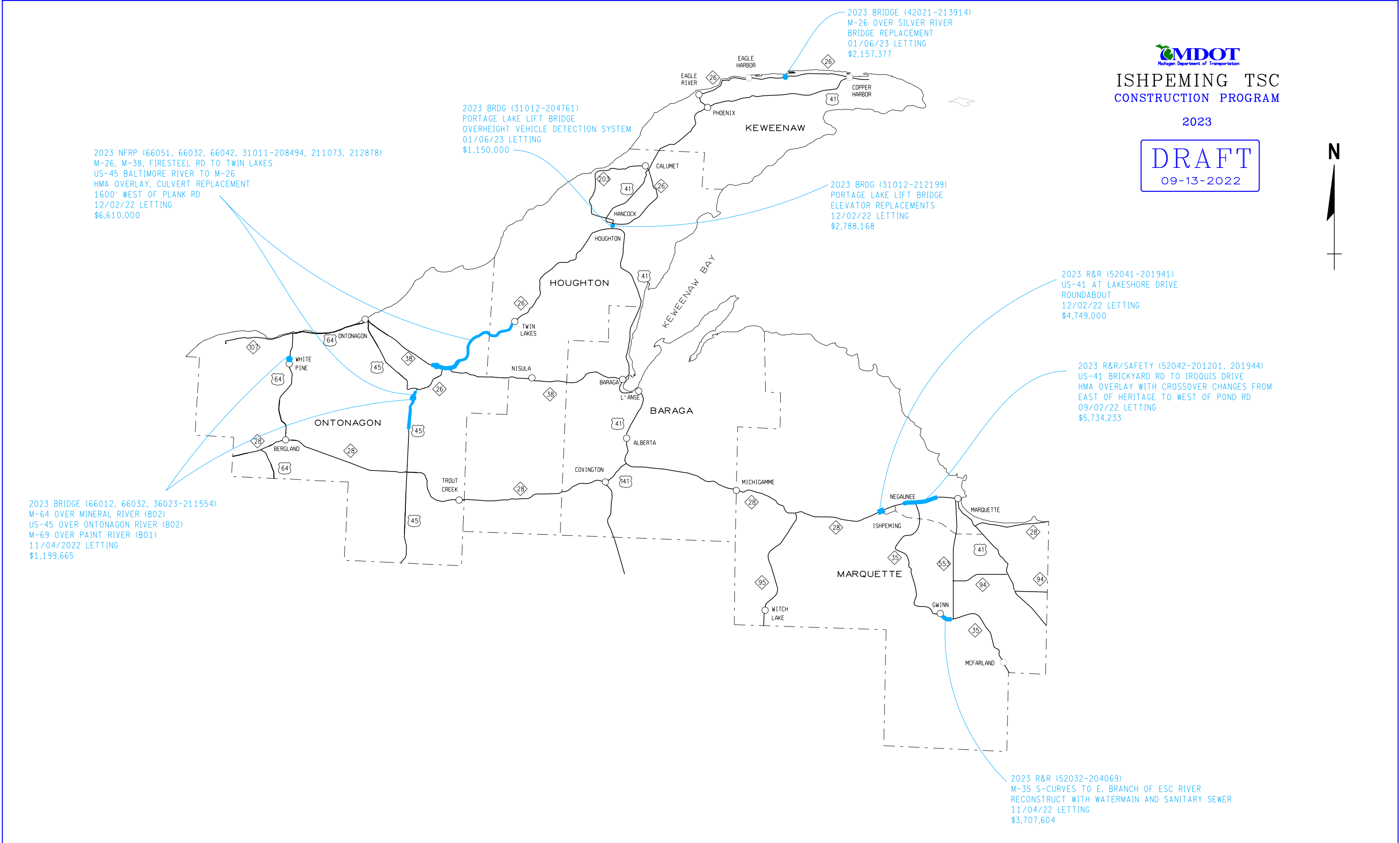
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TO: Marquette Township Board, Manager Kangas

FROM: Dan Shanahan, Fire Chief

DATE: September 13, 2022

SUBJECT: August 2022 Fire Department Report

Fire Fighter Training:

- August – Active Shooter training -NMU, Ladder Operations
- September - Fire Safety/Pub. Ed. / RIC Suicide
- MFIS – MI Fire Inspectors CEU's - NMU

EMS:

- Glucometer refresher
- October 6,7,8 UPEMS Conference at NMU

Emergency Response:

- August 2022 – 60 Calls for Service (CFS). August 2021 – 43 CFS
 - Medical calls – 48; 82%
- Fire Response
 - EMS – Mutual Aid – 6
 - Structure Fires – 0
 - Smoke / CO Alarms - 3
- Call volume YTD – 423 / 2021 – 376

Membership:

- Membership – 31
- Monthly Equipment and Truck Check outs
- Ore to Shore
- Community Days
- New Hire Hayden Jackson
- One interview in September
- Participated in the REMAX open House Fund Raiser for Children's Miracle Network

Plan Reviews/Projects/Inspections:

- Bargain Barn
- Halloween Store
- Little Agate
- Westwood Mall

Meetings:

- MI State Fire Marshal updates - 2
- MTFD Officers and Business
- MTFD FT Staff meeting with Manager Kangas
- MDHHS – conference call
- Vehicle Tablets – upgrade/update
- MCFFA – discussed 2023 training for the County FF's
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Reports:

- NFIRS uploaded and sent on 09/01/2022
- EMS reports to MI-EMIS daily (MI Emergency Medical Information System)

Grants/Donations:

- Michigan Township Participating Plan – **Awarded**, Back Up Cameras
- AFG – Nothing yet

Trucks:

- Annual Ladder Testing – Passed
- Met with 2 ambulance vendors
- Back Up Cameras to be installed in 3 vehicles this month, Grant from the MI Twp. Participating Plan

Miscellaneous:

- Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors given to residents
- Brenna Flynn is our 2022/23 HS Intern
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To: Township Board
CC. Manager Jon Kangas
From: Superintendent of Public Works Leonard Bodenus
Date: September 15, 2022
Regarding: September 2022 Public Works and B/G Staff Report

596-Solid Waste

As part of recycling cart grant we were required to compile one year's worth of information. The data has shown that Marquette Township's average recycling rate has increased while the overall volume of material going to the landfill has decreased. From this standpoint the program has been a success. We will continue to monitor data as it comes in to see if any improvements can be made. I have included the summary report that was sent to the Recycling Partnership.

590 Wastewater

Solicitation for bids regarding our Center Street Lift Station has been published. Bid opening will be on September 19th. By the time of this meeting, we should know the low bidder is.

Routine grinder replacement and repairs has been ongoing.

591- Water

Rob and Chad made repairs to the chemical feed system at the wellhouse. This was due to a leak in the sodium hypochlorite system. A new backup pump was ordered. Upon placing the order, it was discovered this was the last one in stock. Due to supply chain issues we have been proactive about ordering parts that will be needed in the future.

Staff has continued to perform the state mandated water service line survey. We have been getting 2-3 done per day.

We are currently prepping for a valve replacement at the intersection of Ontario and Norwood.

Building and Grounds

Crack sealing of Township parking lots was completed last week. This will help preserve the asphalt, especially from the freeze/thaw cycles that we experience here in the UP.

All of the irrigation components for Lions Field have been ordered and received. By ordering the material and installing ourselves, we are saving the Township a significant amount of money.

Andy is busy installing new windows at the Public Works Facility. The old windows were extremely inefficient. By looking at ways to save energy, we are hoping to

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Date: 9-9-2022

Grant Project Manager and Key Staff:

Leonard Bodenus, Superintendent of Public Works
Jon Kangas, Township Manager

Description of Project:

Marquette Township investigated, applied for and was awarded grants for recycling carts in 2020. The final grant agreement was signed in late 2020 for an anticipated recycling start date in early 2021.

Quotes for carts were developed by Cascade Engineering in late 2020 and an official order was placed by Marquette Township in February of 2021. During this time regularly scheduled meetings were continued with project team members and partners with the focus on developing plans for distribution of education and outreach materials and actual cart delivery. “Carts are Coming” info cards were mailed out to customers in early April of 2021. Marquette Township also shared an electronic copy of these cards on both its website and Facebook page. A press release was generated and released in April of 2021 to local media.

A plan was developed with Ishpeming Township, Cascade Cart Solutions and Marquette Township for joint delivery and distribution of recycling carts in late April of 2021. On April 26, 2021 Cascade Cart Solutions started the process of delivering carts throughout Marquette Township. Final delivery was on April 28, 2021. 1422 carts in total were delivered. Actual recyclable collection was started the first week of May of 2021.

Impact of Community Participation:

Looking at the data collected from between May of 2020 and May of 2022, there is a noticeable increase of recyclable material following the implementation of our cart program. Prior to carts being delivered Marquette Township collected 239.8 Tons of recyclable items from May 2020 to May 2021. This translated to 336 pounds per household for that year. Post cart delivery these figures increased to 319.2 Tons total with an average of 448 pounds per household between May 2021 and May 2022.



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Impact on Materials Quality:

While we do not have any hard data on the material quality after the implementation of this program, anecdotal evidence from visual observation and from talking with our contracted hauler has led us to believe that quality of the materials has been high. We have also had very few reports of contaminated loads being encountered.

Education and Outreach Feedback:

As part of the program Marquette Township delivered “Carts are Coming” informational cards to each one of our garbage customers. We also posted relevant information on our social media accounts as well as putting on our monthly utility bills. There were also press releases through local media companies. This education was instrumental to the implementation of our program. To date we have encountered very few problems with our recyclable program.

Working with The Recycling Partnership:

Working with the Partnership has been straightforward and seamless. Our representative made the process easy to understand and kept us on track. For busy municipalities juggling a multitude of issues this is important for a successful program implementation.

Evaluation of Project Success:

The above mentioned data speaks for itself. The increased level of recycling in our community is great for the longevity of our local landfill which ultimately saves money for our local community.

Lessons Learned and Planned Improvements:

The program as it is currently run seems to be working well. However, we are encouraging customers to only put out bins when more than half full. Minimally filled carts can cause unnecessary stops thus extending collection times. This can translate into more costs being passed onto our garbage customers.

TO: MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD
MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP MANAGER

FROM: ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

SUBJECT: QUARTERLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The assessing department held the July Board of Review meeting on July 20, 2022, to correct clerical errors on the current and prior year assessment roll. The corrections include:

- 1.) The recapping of taxable values when a transfer of ownership between first-degree blood relatives was not clear at the time of the deed entry.
- 2.) Disabled Veteran's Exemptions that were not heard at the March Board of Review
- 3.) Clerical errors of a transpositional error, such as an error in entering square footage or an error when creating new parcels due to an approved land division/split.

Data entry for deeds, property transfer affidavits, address corrections, name changes, principal residence exemptions/rescinds/denials. Staff has been extra diligent in performing those tasks on a daily/weekly basis to keep our assessing database as accurate as the information provided.

New zoning/building permits are entered into our current assessing database with the field inspections to be performed in the last quarter to determine percent complete to be added as new value for the 2023 property taxes.

Continued effort to digitize our current paper sketches into our APEX sketching system to create sketches that can be printed or accessed online for property owners, developers, title companies, appraisers, and real estate agents.

Staff will be attending the fall UP Assessor's Association school in September to obtain the required continuing education hours to maintain their assessing certificate. The township is fortunate to have the ability to send staff to a school in the UP to cut down on the cost of traveling to other areas located in the lower peninsula to obtain the education requirements.

During this quarter, the assessing department is active with preparing the land values and ECF analysis that is required to be done every year and reviewed by the State Tax Commission as part of the Audit (AMAR) performed every five (5) years. The next audit for Marquette Township will take place in 2025. The attached draft review sheets are included with this memo.

As we are learning from the transition of the assessor of record being contracted versus an employee, the office team member in assessing has been doing an exceptional job and our department has been effective in performing the duties of the department. Policies and procedures will continue to be improved as navigate through the changes.

If you have any questions, please contact our department.

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Agenda Item #14
August 23, 2022

Michigan State Tax Commission Assessment Audit Review Sheet

The State Tax Commission, per MCL 211.10f, is required to determine substantial compliance with the requirements of Public Act 660, MCL 211.10g, within the General Property Tax Act. The audit reflects the minimum assessing requirements of an assessing district based on statute and STC Rules, Policy, Bulletins and Publications.

As stated in STC Guideline 2020-1, each aspect within the audit is defined as "Technical" or "Substantial." A determination of Noncompliance will be made by the State Tax Commission if any "Substantial" aspect of the audit is not satisfied. Assessing districts that do not meet one or more of the "Substantial" aspects and/or four or more "Technical" aspects of the review will be required to submit a corrective action plan detailing how and when the deficiencies will be resolved. A final determination of Noncompliance may result in a follow up review, assumption of jurisdiction by the State Tax Commission, or assignment of the roll to the Designated Assessor.

LOCAL UNIT BACKGROUND INFORMATION (Technical Compliance)				
Year of Audit	Local Unit Name		County Name	
Assessor Name		Assessor Certification Level		
Supervisor, City Manager or Mayor Name		Title		
Mailing Address of Supervisor, City Manager or Mayor		City	State	ZIP Code
Date the assessor certified the assessment roll				
<p>Other than staff listed on Form 5730, did the assessor receive outside assistance, in the form of a contract or otherwise, in the development of valuation studies and or field data collection? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If answering yes, provide their names, and detail the work completed.</p>				
ASSESSMENT ROLL ANALYSIS FOR SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE (Requirements found in MCL 211.10g)				
<p>1. Does the assessing district have properly developed and documented land values that meet State Tax Commission requirements per MCL 211.10e and STC Land Value Determination Publications and have less than 1% of land adjustments without reason? MCL 211.10g(1)(h)(i). <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Notes:</p>				
<p>2. Does the assessing district have properly developed and documented Economic Condition Factors ("ECF") that meet State Tax Commission requirements per MCL 211.10e and STC ECF Publications? MCL 211.10g(1)(h)(iii). <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Notes:</p>				

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ASSESSMENT ROLL ANALYSIS FOR SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE (Continued)

3. Does the assessing district have an assessment database for which not more than 1% of parcels are in override and less than 1% flat land values – excluding DNR PILT Property (STC Policy)?
MCL 211.10g(1)(h)(ii).....

☐ Yes☐ No

Notes:

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE ANALYSIS FOR TECHNICAL COMPLIANCE (Requirements found in MCL 211.10g)

4. Does the assessing district use a computer-assisted mass appraisal system (CAMA) that is approved by the State Tax Commission as having sufficient software capabilities to meet requirements of the General Property Tax Act and to store and back up necessary data?
MCL 211.10g(1)(b).....

☐ Yes☐ No

Notes:

5. Does the assessing district have and follow a published policy under which its assessor's office is reasonably accessible to taxpayers? MCL 211.10g(1)(c).

a. A designation by name, telephone number, and electronic mail address, of at least one official or employee in the assessor's office to whom taxpayer inquiries may be submitted directly by telephone or electronic mail. MCL 211.10g(1)(c)(i).....

☐ Yes☐ No

b. An estimated response time for taxpayer inquiries submitted, not to exceed seven business days. MCL 211.10g(1)(c)(ii).....

☐ Yes☐ No

c. Information about how a taxpayer may arrange an in-person meeting with an official or employee of the assessor's office for purposes of discussing an inquiry. MCL 211.10g(1)(c)(iii).....

☐ Yes☐ No

d. Information about how requests for inspection or production of records maintained by the assessor's office should be made by a taxpayer and how those requests will be handled by the assessor's office. MCL 211.10g(1)(c)(iv).....

☐ Yes☐ No

e. Information about any process that the assessor's office may have to informally hear or resolve disputes brought by taxpayers before the March meeting of the Board of Review. MCL 211.10g(1)(c)(v).....

☐ Yes☐ No

Notes:

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ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE ANALYSIS FOR TECHNICAL COMPLIANCE (Continued)

6. Does the assessing district provide taxpayers online access to information regarding its assessment services, including, but not limited to, parcel information, land value studies and documentation, and economic condition factors if there is a city or township building within the assessing district in an area with broadband internet access? MCL 211.10g(1)(d). ☐ Yes ☐ No

Notes:

7. Does the assessing district include the contact information of at least one official or employee in the assessor's office including name, telephone number, and electronic mail address in notices to taxpayers concerning assessment changes and exemption determinations? MCL 211.10g(1)(e). ... ☐ Yes ☐ No

Notes:

8. Does the assessing district ensure that its support staff is sufficiently trained to respond to taxpayer inquiries, require that its assessors maintain their certification levels, and require that its Board of Review members receive training and updates required and approved by the State Tax Commission? MCL 211.10g(1)(f). ☐ Yes ☐ No

Notes:

9. Does the assessing district comply with MCL 211.44(4) in respect to any property tax administration fee collected under section MCL 211.44? MCL 211.10g(1)(g). ☐ Yes ☐ No

Notes:

10. Does the assessing district conduct an annual personal property canvass and maintain sufficient personal property records according to developed State Tax Commission policies and statutory requirements? MCL 211.10g(1)(h)(iv). ☐ Yes ☐ No

Notes:

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ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE ANALYSIS FOR TECHNICAL COMPLIANCE (Continued)

11. Does a sample of the July and/or December Board of Review actions indicate the Board met the requirements of MCL 211.53b and considered only those items over which they have statutory authority? MCL 211.10g(1)(h)(v)..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

Notes:

12. Does the assessing district have an adequate process for determining whether to grant or deny exemptions according to statutory requirements? MCL 211.10g(1)(h)(vi)..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

Notes:

13. Does the assessing district meet the requirements outlined in the State Tax Commission's publication entitled, "Supervising Preparation of the Assessment Roll," including, but not limited to, the submission of all required forms, attendance at all required meetings, fulfilling the requirements of the assessment roll, appraising and assessing taxable property including new construction, and maintenance of accurate record cards? MCL 211.10g(1)(h)(vii)..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

Notes:

a. Was the auditor made aware of possible record card issues or inaccuracies by County Equalization, the local unit, the State Tax Commission, or the Michigan Tax Tribunal? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Notes:

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ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE ANALYSIS FOR TECHNICAL COMPLIANCE (Continued)14. Review of Exemptions Granted under MCL 211.7u (Poverty Exemptions) MCL 211.10g(i).

- a. Did the local unit grant any exemptions under MCL 211.7u (Poverty Exemption)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b. Does the local unit have proper Poverty Exemption guidelines? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- c. Do the local unit Poverty Exemption guidelines include a proper asset level test? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- d. Does a sampling of the exemptions granted under MCL 211.7u indicate that the statutory requirements were met and that the local unit policy was followed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Notes:

15. Has the local unit implemented CAMA Data Standards as currently adopted by the State Tax Commission? MCL 211.10g(i). ☐ Yes ☐ No

Notes:

CERTIFICATION

I hereby declare that the foregoing information submitted is a complete and true statement.

Signature

Date

- ☐ By checking this box, I agree and confirm that the signature I have typed above is the electronic representation of my original, handwritten signature when used on this document. I further understand that signing this document using my electronic signature will have the same legally binding effect as signing my signature using pen and paper.

Assessment Duties Audit

To be completed by the local unit supervisor, city manager, or highest elected official.

Local Unit	Assessor of Record		
County	Date		
<p>1. Did the Assessor, or assessing office staff, timely deliver the certified assessment roll to the local Board of Review for its required March meetings? See MCL 211.30..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>2. Did the Assessor, or assessing office staff, attend Board of Review meetings if requested by the Township or City? See MCL 211.10g(1)(h)(vii)..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>3. Did the Assessor attend meetings with the public when requested? See MCL 211.10g(1)(h)(vii)..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>4. Did the Assessor, or assessing office staff, assist legal counsel in the prosecution or defense of cases arising out of assessment administration activities if requested? See MCL 211.10g(1)(h)(vii).. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>5. Did the Assessor, or assessing office staff, appear before the Michigan Tax Tribunal (both Entire Tribunal and Small Claims Division) to defend property tax appeals if needed? See MCL 211.10g(1)(h)(vii)..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>6. Did the Assessor, or assessing office staff, appear before the Township or City governing body when requested? See MCL 211.10g(1)(h)(vii)..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p>7. Did the Assessor, or assessing office staff, provide reports to the Township or City governing body when requested? See MCL 211.10g(1)(h)(vii)..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>			
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Attachment 2

Assessment Roll Audit — County Equalization Background

Local Unit	Assessor of Record
County	Date
<p>1. Did the local unit assessing office timely provide a copy of the assessor's database to the County Equalization Department after the completion of the March Board of Review? See MCL 211.10g(1)(h)(vii) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>2. Did the local unit assessing office timely deliver an original copy of the assessment roll, either physical or computerized, to the County Equalization Department with the attached post-Board of Review certificate signed by the Board of Review? See MCL 211.10g(1)(h)(vii)..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>3. Did the local unit assessing office timely submit State Tax Commission Forms L-4021, if requested, and L-4022? See MCL 211.10g(1)(h)(vii)..... <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
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Board Action Item

Board Meeting Date: September 20, 2022
Agenda Item #: 8.A.
Proposal: To amend the zoning map on a parcel of property that features split-lot zoning. Currently, the parcel features both Development District (DD) and General Business (GB) zoning. Amendment would convert the split zoning to all General Business (GB) district zoning to assist in the reuse of the former U.S. Fish & Wildlife property. Parcel ID# 52-08-017-018-20.
Presented by: Jason McCarthy, Planning & Zoning Administrator

Background:

The Planning & Zoning Department has received Special Use Permit applications from Ottawa Innovations Processing, LLC (Higher Love Cannabis Company) to conduct proposed Adult Use (Recreational) and Medical Marijuana Processor land uses on the subject property. As this lot features split-lot zoning the zoning ordinance requires that these land use types be conducted in the General Business (GB) zoning district.

On Wednesday, August 10, 2022, the Planning Commission unanimously approved the proposed zoning map amendment and recommended that the Township Board also approve the proposed zoning map amendment.

Public Hearing(s) for the proposed land uses were held on Wednesday, **August 10??**, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Attachments: 1. PC 081022

Cost: \$ \$ 0.00

Budget Account: - 0 -

Recommended motion:

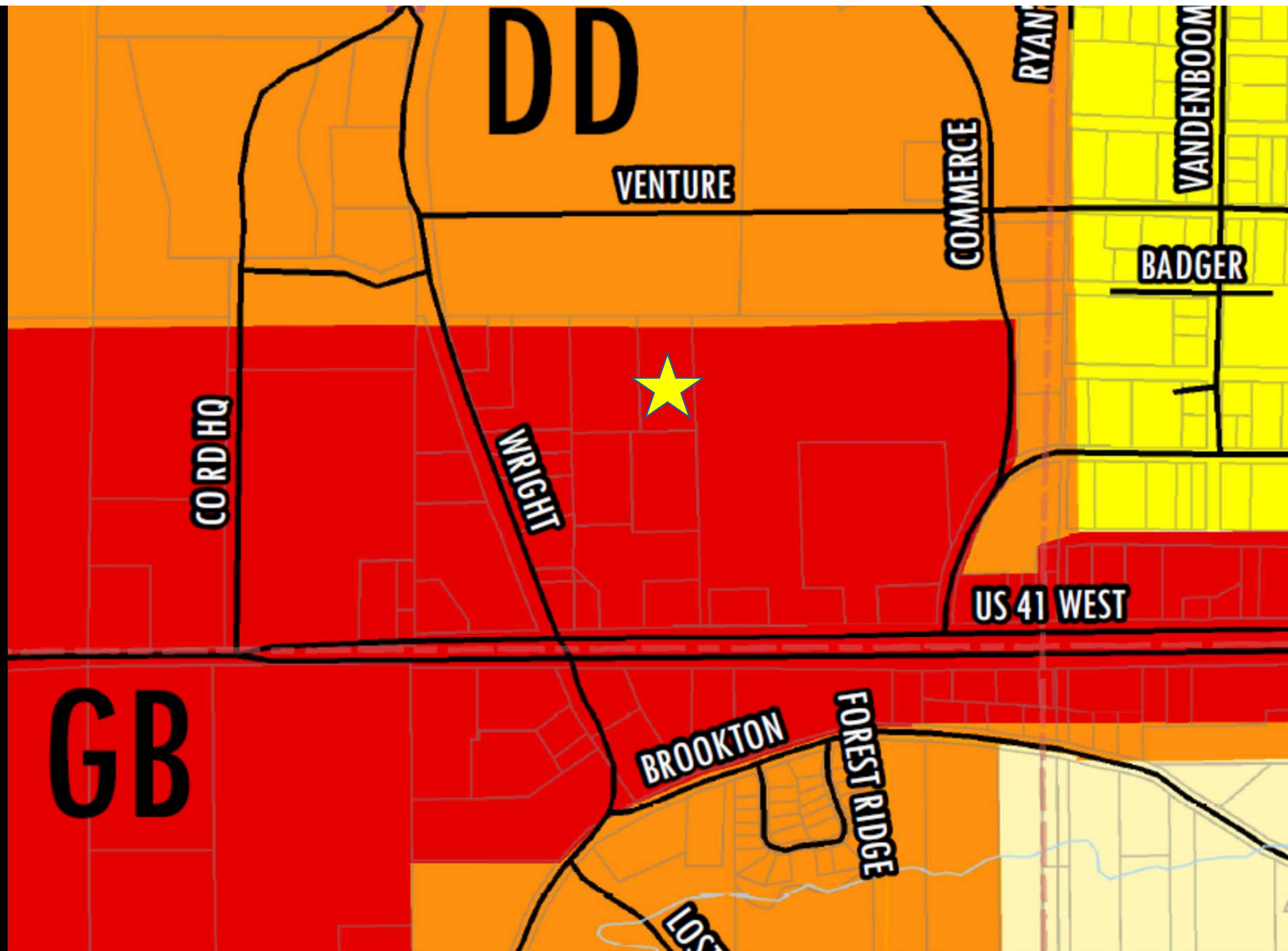
To amend the Marquette Township Zoning Map in order to convert the zoning designation of parcel ID #52-08-017-018-20 to all General Business (GB) district (by majority vote).

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Board Action Item

Board Meeting Date:	September 20, 2022
Agenda Item #:	8.B.
Proposal:	Consider scheduling Work Session to discuss Northwest Marquette Road Network Connectivity Feasibility Study.
Presented by:	Supervisor Durant

Background:

Township Board along with the County Road Commission can discuss the Northwest Marquette Road Network Connectivity Feasibility Study.

Attachments: None

Cost: \$ N/A

Budget Account: N/A

Recommended motion:

Schedule a work session for the purpose of discussing the Northwest Marquette Road Network Connectivity Feasibility Study.

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Board Action Item

Board Meeting Date:	September 20, 2022
Agenda Item #:	8.C.
Proposal:	Consider 2022 Tax Rate Request - Township
Presented by:	Clerk Ritari

Background:

This is the Tax Rate Request for the Township that needs to be filed with the County by September 30, 2022.

Attachments: 1. 2022 Tax Rate Request - Township

Cost: \$ N/A

Budget Account: N/A

Recommended motion:

Approve the 2022 Tax Rate Request for Marquette Township. (Roll Call Vote)

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2022 Tax Rate Request (This form must be completed and submitted on or before September 30, 2022)

MILLAGE REQUEST REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

This form is issued under authority of MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and 211.34d. Filing is mandatory; Penalty applies.

Carefully read the instructions on page 2.

County(ies) Where the Local Government Unit Levies Taxes MARQUETTE	2022 Taxable Value of ALL Properties in the Unit as of 5-23-2022 288,032,209
Local Government Unit Requesting Millage Levy MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP	For LOCAL School Districts: 2022 Taxable Value excluding Principal Residence, Qualified Agricultural, Qualified Forest, Industrial Personal and Commercial Personal Properties.

This form must be completed for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec 211.119. The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2022 tax roll.

(1) Source	(2) Purpose of Millage	(3) Date of Election	(4) Original Millage Authorized by Election Charter, etc.	(5) ** 2021 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee"	(6) 2022 Current Year "Headlee" Millage Reduction Fraction	(7) 2022 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee"	(8) Sec. 211.34 Truth in Assessing or Equalization Millage Rollback Fraction	(9) Maximum Allowable Millage Levy *	(10) Millage Requested to be Levied July 1	(11) Millage Requested to be Levied Dec. 1	(12) Expiration Date of Millage Authorized
ALLOCATE	OPERATING	6/2008	5.0000	4.8078	1.0000	4.8078	1.0000	4.8078		4.8078	N/A
VOTED	ROADS	10/2010	1.5000	1.4702	1.0000	1.4702	1.0000	1.4702		1.4702	2029
VOTED	FIRE EQ	11/2018	0.6000	0.5880	1.0000	0.5880	1.0000	0.5880		0.5880	2023
VOTED	POLICE	11/2018	0.4000	0.3920	1.0000	0.3920	1.0000	0.3920		0.3920	2023
VOTED	LIBRARY	11/2020	0.8915	0.8880	1.0000	0.8880	1.0000	0.8880		0.8880	2022
FIRE ACT 33	FIRE	11/1993	2.8000	2.8000		2.8000	1.0000	2.8000		2.8000	N/A
VOTED	REC	11/2020	0.5000	0.4980	1.0000	0.4980	1.0000	0.4980		0.4980	2022

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Board Action Item

Board Meeting Date: September 20, 2022
Agenda Item #: 8.D.
Proposal: Consider 2022 Tax Rate Request - Township DDA
Presented by: Clerk Ritari

Background:

This is the Tax Rate Request for the Township DDA that needs to be filed with the County by September 30, 2022.

Attachments: 1. 2022 Tax Rate Request - Township DDA

Cost: \$ N/A

Budget Account: N/A

Recommended motion:

Approve the 2022 Tax Rate Request for Marquette Township DDA. (Roll Call Vote)

Mission Statement:

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2022 Tax Rate Request (This form must be completed and submitted on or before September 30, 2022)

MILLAGE REQUEST REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Carefully read the instructions on page 2.

This form is issued under authority of MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and 211.34d. Filing is mandatory; Penalty applies.

County(ies) Where the Local Government Unit Levies Taxes MARQUETTE	2022 Taxable Value of ALL Properties in the Unit as of 5-23-2022 288,032,209
Local Government Unit Requesting Millage Levy MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP DDA	For LOCAL School Districts: 2022 Taxable Value excluding Principal Residence, Qualified Agricultural, Qualified Forest, Industrial Personal and Commercial Personal Properties.

This form must be completed for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec 211.119. The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2022 tax roll.

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ALLOCATE	OPERATING		0.5000	0.5000	1.0000	0.5000	1.0000	0.5000		0.5000	2023

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Board Action Item

Board Meeting Date: September 20, 2022
Agenda Item #: 8.E.
Proposal: Consider MTA 2022-23 Policy Platform for 10/4/22 Discussion
Presented by: Supervisor Durant

Background:

Supervisor will provide the Background

Attachments: 1. MTA 2022-23 Policy Platform

Cost: \$ N/A

Budget Account: N/A

Recommended motion:

Informational for the next meeting.

Mission Statement:

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2022-23 MTA Legislative Policy Platform

As adopted by delegates at MTA's 2022 Annual Meeting, the following is the platform to guide the Association's legislative efforts in 2022-23.

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, secure, 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 utilized in a manner consistent with township regulations that protect public health and 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:

- Require the valuation of big box stores to 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
- Oppose expansion of property tax exemptions without replacement of local revenue, and support the state assuming administration and funding of disabled veterans 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, efficient and secure 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 pre-processing of absentee ballots
- Allow option to increase the active number of registered voters per precinct
- Require election challenger training

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, local authority over land use decisions must be protected: preemption of that authority to resolve proven issues of exceptional statewide impact must only be used when all other possibilities are exhausted and must maintain the ability for townships to have continued input to serve and protect their community residents.

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

- Ensure any statewide septic system maintenance standards adopted reduce septic system failures that create serious public health threats and expose townships to liability for 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
- Increase state funding for environmental programs to address issues such as brownfield redevelopment, contamination and invasive species
- Ensure that the definition of Waters of the United States, subject to permitting processes of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers, is not extended to non-navigable waters such as roadside ditches, field drainage systems, and culvert installation and maintenance

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:

- Ensure state laws 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
- Guarantee 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
- Ensure a local government consolidation process 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.

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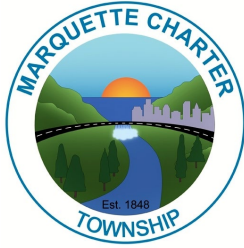
- Clarify and strengthen the governance role of township boards to establish policy direction and manage operations for their community
- Enact appropriate, cost-effective training requirements for township planning commissioners and zoning board of appeal members to reduce costly lawsuits and improve township decision-making by key appointed boards
- Grant township supervisors the authority to perform marriages
- Permit members of a public body to participate in a public meeting remotely

Transportation and Infrastructure

The Michigan Townships Association concludes that Michigan's transportation system will continue to require more funding than is currently anticipated in law to ensure that county primary and local roads are safe and convenient for travel. As townships are major financial contributors to road maintenance and construction costs, the Michigan Townships Association supports the inclusion of township officials in transportation policy discussions at all government levels. Michigan has also under-invested in other infrastructure necessary to remain economically competitive and protect the health, safety and general welfare of residents. The Michigan Townships Association supports the State of Michigan working with township officials in planning, funding and delivering infrastructure needed by every community to be economically viable and free of environmental threats and risks.

As lawmakers and regulators address pressures to better address Michigan's infrastructure, the Michigan Townships Association supports the following objectives:

- Increase funding above current statutory levels for primary and local roads and increase state funding for water, sewer and communications infrastructure
- Allow for a county road agency in conjunction with a requesting township to lower the speed to a level deemed necessary for motorist or pedestrian safety on a gravel or unimproved surface road
- Allow townships to create special assessment districts for high-speed internet
- Allow townships to create special assessment districts for the replacement of privately owned sewer leads
- Encourage county road agencies to provide matching funds for township road construction and maintenance projects to be spent at the township's discretion
- Expand engineering and safety data to include pedestrian-vehicle impact data and multiple modes of transportation to properly manage speed limits



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To: Township Board
From: Jon Kangas, Manager
Date: September 15, 2022
Regarding: Manager Report for September 20, 2022

Parking Lot Crack Sealing

Our asphalt parking lots require similar preventive maintenance treatments as our local roads. If you have been paying attention, the parking lots at all three of our primary facilities (Township Hall, Fire Hall, DPW) have all started showing their age. Our Building and Grounds crew was able to acquire the services of a local crack sealing company to seal our parking lot cracks. This work was estimated and authorized late this past spring, and they have finally fit us into their very busy schedule. By the end of this week, we anticipate all cracks in our parking lots to be sealed.

The next round of pavement maintenance for these parking lots will be seal coating. As we prepare the budget for next year, we will determine if this will be a funding request or not, based on available funding. As this is a maintenance item, it is not considered a CIP project, but the expense may be large enough to capitalize. The request would either be in operations or capital expenditures, depending on the investment value. We will provide more information in the coming weeks.

DDA

At a Special Meeting this week, the DDA scheduled Open Houses for October 20th at three different times: 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The purpose of these Open Houses will be to share their project plans with DDA property owners. We will do our best to notify as many owners as possible by issuing a press release to all of the area media outlets.

As a result of the timing of these Open Houses, the October Regular (quarterly) Meeting was rescheduled from October 11th to October 25th. This allows the DDA to discuss feedback from the Open Houses while it is still fresh. We hope there will be heavy doses of public participation at all three sessions.

Lions Field Tri-party Agreement

We've had some growing pains with the new Lions Field agreement and we anticipate those pains will lead to proposed changes for one or more of the parties involved. Conversations are preliminary at this time, but I wanted to let everyone know that we may receive a request to amend the agreement, or possibly a request to negate the agreement by one or more of the user groups. As of today, no improvements have occurred at the field, but that is primarily a result of the late winter we had. Stay tuned for more information on this matter.

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