

REGULAR MEETING
August 8, 2023

PERE MARQUETTE CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
held at 1699 S. Pere Marquette Highway, Ludington MI 49431

Board members present: Clerk Rachelle Enbody; Trustees: Andrew Kmetz, James Nordlund Sr., Henry Rasmussen, and Ronald Soberalski.
Board member(s) absent: Supervisor Gerald Bleau and Treasurer Karie Bleau.
Also present: Sheriff Kim Cole, Larry Gaylord, and numerous guests.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the Clerk. Invocation was given by Nordlund; Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Moved by Nordlund, seconded by Soberalski to appoint Kmetz as President Pro Tem for this meeting. Motion carried. Kmetz assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Moved** by Soberalski, seconded by Nordlund to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 25, 2023 as presented.

Motion carried.

SHERIFF / COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT(S): Sheriff Cole reported on eighty-two calls for service in July 2023.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Department reports were received.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was held.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Moved** by Soberalski, seconded by Rasmussen to approved the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Enbody reported communications received include a letter from Charter Communications regarding price changes effective August 9, 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Personnel Committee (Kmetz, Rasmussen, Nordlund): Kmetz reported the committee met to review the job description for the campground manager. The committee had further questions and referred those questions back to the appropriate parties to obtain more information.

Zoning Board of Appeals (Rasmussen): Reported that the ZBA met and approved a variance for the construction of a shed.

LMTA Representative (Enbody): Reported that LMTA has made a presentation to the Area Agency on Aging in order to achieve funding to aid in trips for seniors. Three of the five new buses have been received with the remaining two new buses to be received in the next week or two. LMTA has received a grant for a new maintenance truck and administration car, which should also be received within two weeks. LMTA has mailed out the corridor rider information and petition for a Special Assessment District to include any commercial business property along the US-10 corridor. If approved, this initiative would provide transportation services to businesses along the corridor not already served by LMTA.

Western Mason County Fire District Authority (G. Bleau, A. Kmetz): Kmetz reported the Authority approved FireCATT for fire hose testing and approved the aerial truck to be on a five-year inspection schedule.

NEW BUSINESS: A. Nordlund stated that the board has received numerous complaints regarding the meeting sound system and the fact that the audience is unable to hear the board meeting proceedings. Board members agreed that the current system does not serve our public well and that the Township needs to look into getting a different sound system.

OFFICERS REPORTS: Clerk (Enbody) – Reported increased activity for cemetery columbarium spaces, plaques, and the coordination of columbarium openings. The office has also been busy with FOIA requests. Enbody provided a list of current invoices for approval.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES: **Moved** by Enbody, seconded by Soberalski to approve payment of invoices in the amount of \$396,107.59.

Motion carried.

Treasurer (K. Bleau) – (absent) Provided a report with bank balances for July 2023.

Supervisor (G. Bleau) – (absent).

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was held.

In response to questions received during public comment, Soberalski stated that he would like to see the board meetings moved back to the main floor conference room.

Kmetz referred to the building and zoning monthly report and reported on the current status of code enforcements for building code and land use violations. Kmetz added that the property on S. Pere Marquette Highway is currently in the hands of the Supervisor and Township Attorney who are working towards a solution.

ADJOURNMENT: **Moved** by Enbody, seconded by Nordlund to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m. Motion carried.

Rachelle D. Enbody, MiPMC², CMC Township Clerk

Andrew Kmetz, President Pro Tempore