

**REGULAR MEETING
September 26, 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: County Commissioner Lewis Squires, Ludington City Manager Mitch Foster, Dave Bossick (Ludington Daily News), Pete Wadel and numerous guests.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Clerk. Invocation was given by Nordlund; Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Moved by Enbody, seconded by Nordlund 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 of the September 12, 2023 regular meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was held.

Commissioner Squires reported on the most recent meeting of the Mason County Board of Commissioners.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Moved** by Soberalski, seconded by Enbody to add Item D. "**Presentation – Ludington Industries**" and to add "**and Building Official**" to Item A. and to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A. **Consider Interlocal Agreement for Recreation Programs & Services** – Ludington City Manager Mitch Foster reviewed the Recreation Program and confirmed the amendment language offered by Pere Marquette was incorporated into the current Agreement. The \$10,000.00 compensation will allow the recreation program participation fee(s) to be waived for students residing in Pere Marquette Charter Township. As part of the Agreement, the City of Ludington is to host the recreational programs on its properties, staff the programs, and provides for the City of Ludington to serve as the fiduciary. Manager Foster added that a future goal is to hold regular meetings of the Recreation Board, which will include member representation from all participating municipalities.

Moved by Nordlund, seconded by Soberalski to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Recreation Programs & Services as presented, between the City of Ludington, the Charter Township of Pere Marquette, Hamlin Township, and Summit Township, for the purpose of funding and operation of recreational programming within the jurisdictions of the parties on the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement on behalf of the Township.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: A. **Consider Notice of Retirement Township Supervisor and Building Official** – Board members reviewed a letter received from Gerald Bleau announcing his retirement from the elected position of Township Supervisor (elected term ending 11/20/2024) and position of building official, both with an effective date of October 1, 2023.

Moved by Soberalski, seconded by Enbody that the Board accept the September 18, 2023 letter from Gerald A. Bleau, in which he announces his retirement from the positions of Township Supervisor and Building Official, both effective October 1, 2023.

Motion carried with Nordlund opposed.

B. **Consider Notice of Change Order C – Pere Marquette River Community Access Project** – Board members reviewed a change order approved by the Landscape Architect for a change in the footing design for the shelter foundation footings.

Moved by Soberalski, seconded by Nordlund to approve Change Order C for a contract addition in the amount of \$13,300.00 to supply and install final footing design as engineered and provided by the manufacturer.

Motion carried.

C. **Consider Notification of Termination of Agreement – JMB Associates, LLC** – Board members reviewed a communication from James Bernier informing the Board of his decision to end his ongoing consulting services at the end of the 2023. The agreement allows for either party to terminate the agreement with thirty days advance notice.

Moved by Nordlund, seconded by Rasmussen to accept the notification received from James Bernier of JMB Associates, LLC to end the ongoing consulting services arrangement as of December 31, 2023, with regret, per the terms of the agreement dated November 4, 2022.

Motion carried.

D. **Presentation – Ludington Industries** (added) – Peter Wadel addressed the Board to inform them about a property located at 229 S. Jebavy Drive. The building was leased to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and was used to store lampricide for sea lamprey treatment. The operation has since moved to a location in the First Street Business Park. Mr. Wadel stated that the property on Jebavy is no longer usable. The assessed value was reduced in 2019 due to the condition of the building and property. Mr. Wadel stated they have been in litigation over the property since 2018 and is asking for the Township Board's help to obtain a solution to the circumstances involving the property. Mr. Wadel indicated he had drafted a Resolution for consideration by the Board. It was noted that G. Bleau had referred the Resolution to the Township Attorney for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Roads Committee (Nordlund) – Reported that the Roads Committee met to review the water drainage issue in Linlook Park. Eric Nelson of the Mason County Road Commission attended the committee meeting to review the improvements proposed by the Road Commission. The committee discussed the possibility of a cost share between the property owner, the Township, and the Road Commission. The matter will come back to the Township Board for a decision.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was held.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by consent at 6:52 p.m.

Rachelle D. Enbody, MiPMC?, CMC Township Clerk

Andrew Kmetz, President Pro Tempore