

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 22, 2022**

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

Board members present: Supervisor Gerald Bleau; Clerk Rachelle Enbody; Treasurer Karie Bleau; Trustees: Andrew Kmetz, James Nordlund Sr., Henry Rasmussen, and Ronald Soberalski.

Board member absent: None.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the Supervisor. Invocation was given by Nordlund; Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. The minutes of the February 8, 2022 meeting and the current agenda were approved by consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was held.

COMMUNICATIONS: Board members received copies of the Western Mason County Fire District Authority 2021 Annual Report and a communication from auditor Douglas Wohlberg, CPA detailing the planned scope and timing of the audit along with the auditor's responsibilities under accepted auditing standards.

NEW BUSINESS: A. **Consider Proposals for Planning Services** – Board members reviewed a memorandum from the Planning Commission regarding the use of professional planning consultant services. The Planning Commission reviewed three proposals and is recommending Mission North, LLC.

**Moved** by Nordlund seconded by Rasmussen to accept the proposal from Mission North, LLC for professional planning consultant serves including assistance with the update of the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion carried.

B. **Consider 2022 Road Projects** – Board members reviewed the proposed 2022 road projects. The township budget has allocated \$275,00.00 for road projects in 2022.

**Moved** by Enbody seconded by Rasmussen to complete the following road projects at a total estimated township cost of \$266,826.30 and to authorize the township supervisor and township clerk to sign the contracts with the Mason County Road Commission on behalf of the township:

S. Lakeshore Drive – Buttersville Park to South to top of hill (length 600’):  
Place 3” HMA overlay over entire roadway with HMA lip gutter  
Estimated Cost - \$54,482.50

W. Bradshaw Road – Inman to Brunson (length 3.931’):  
Place 2” HMA overlay over entire roadway  
Estimated Cost \$82,565.40

W. Patterson Road – Lakeshore westerly (length 760’):  
Place 1.5” HMA overlay over entire roadway  
Estimated Cost \$15,764.56

S. Speer Drive – Patterson southerly including cul-de-sac (length 726’)  
Place 1.5” HMA overlay over entire roadway and 275’ of wedging  
Estimated Cost \$20,038.70

W. Dunecrest Avenue – South Lakeshore Drive to South Shoreview Court (length 950’)  
Place 1.5” HMA overlay over entire roadway  
Estimated Cost \$20,674.83

S. Shoreview Court – Shoreview Court end to end (length 365’ including two cul-de-sacs 100’)  
Place 1.5” HMA overlay over entire roadway and remove berm  
Estimated Cost \$24,639.55

W. Riverview Drive – West Pleasant Ridge Road to West Pleasant Ridge Road (length 1,853')  
Place 1.5" HMA overlay over entire roadway and remove berm  
Estimated Cost \$30,731.87

West Pleasant Ridge – West Riverview Drive to West Riverview Drive (length 689')  
Place 1.5" HMA overlay over entire roadway and remove berm  
Estimated Cost \$17,712.01

Township wide dust control  
Estimated Cost – \$216.88

Motion carried.

C. **Consider Fifth Amendment to Water Tower Lease Agreement** – Board members reviewed the Water Tower Lease Agreement. The amendment would become effective immediately.

**Moved** by K. Bleau, seconded by Soberalski to approve the fifth amendment to the SyncWave Lease Agreement to amend Section 3 a. to read as follows and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Fifth Amendment to Water Tower Lease Agreement:

Section 3. Rent a. Coinciding with the term as amended by this Fifth Amendment, SyncWave shall provide complimentary broadband service with “standard equipment only” to the following Township-owned facilities:

- (a) Pere Marquette Charter Township’s Sutton’s Landing Park, 5610 W. Iris Road, Ludington, MI 49431
- (b) Pere Marquette Charter Township Fire Station, 1040 S. Pere Marquette Highway, Ludington, MI 49431
- (c) Pere Marquette Charter Township Department of Public Works Building, 5030 W. Progress Drive, Ludington, MI 49431
- (d) Pere Marquette Charter Township Conservation Park, S. Lakeshore Drive, Ludington, MI 49431
- (e) Pere Marquette Charter Township Beach Parking Lot, S. Lakeshore Drive, Ludington, MI 49431

Motion carried.

D. **Consider Resolution #2022-5 to Adopt Public Transportation Service Millage Ballot Language** – The millage is a renewal of the original transportation millage which began in 2008. The millage was renewed in 2012 and in 2018. The millage renewal is for the same millage rate of up to .4 mill for the period of 2022-2025, inclusive. The millage has been collected in the amount of .29 mill from 2008-2017 and at .20 mill from 2018-2021.

The following Resolution #2022-5 was moved for adoption by Nordlund and supported by Soberalski.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION  
SERVICE MILLAGE RENEWAL BALLOT LANGUAGE AND TO CALL  
FOR A MILLAGE ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Ludington Mass Transportation Authority is a public transportation authority established and existing under Public Act 196 of 1986, as amended, and provides public transportation in the Ludington and Scottville areas of Mason County; and

WHEREAS, the Township has made and wishes to continue to make available and provide economical public transportation service to promote the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Township is authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and applicable laws to contract and cooperate with other public entities, including public transportation authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Township may impose and levy ad valorem taxes to finance lawful public services, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, the voted millage levied by the Township for public transportation services expired in 2021 and the Township wishes to renew such millage at up to .4 mill to account for costs of the services; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board wishes to levy up to .4 mill for the purpose of raising revenues to continue providing public transportation service under a contract with the Ludington Mass Transportation Authority;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Township Board of Pere Marquette Charter Township, Mason County, Michigan approves the following millage ballot question language:

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE MILLAGE RENEWAL**

Shall a previously voted increase of up to .4 mill (\$0.40 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value for all taxable property) above the Charter Township tax of 5 mills be renewed at up to .4 mill on general ad valorem taxes imposed upon all taxable property in Pere Marquette Charter Township, Mason County, Michigan for a period of four (4) years, 2022 through 2025, inclusive, for the purposes of providing public transportation services for the citizens of Pere Marquette Charter Township under a contract with the Ludington Mass Transportation Authority? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied in its entirety in the 2022 calendar year is approximately \$269,937, of which a portion will be disbursed to the Ludington Mass Transportation Authority as provided by law and contract.

YES ( )  
NO ( )

2. The Township calls for an election of the qualified electors of Pere Marquette Charter Township to be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 for purposes of submitting such millage ballot question to the electors.

3. The Township Clerk is instructed and directed to prepare the ballot to be used in the election and to proceed in cooperation with the Mason County Clerk and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations relating to placing the millage proposal on the ballot and to the holding of the election.

Roll call vote: Yes: Soberalski, Rasmussen, K. Bleau, G. Bleau, Enbody, Kmetz, and Nordlund.  
No: None.  
Absent: None.

Resolution declared adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Mason Lake Conservation District Annual Meeting is on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Mason County Reformed Church. Pere Marquette Charter Township has been nominated for Outstanding Conservationist.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was held.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 4:24 p.m.

Rachelle D. Enbody, CMC, MiPMC Township Clerk

Gerald A. Bleau, Township Supervisor