

REGULAR MEETING
October 9, 2018

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

Board members present: Supervisor Paul Keson; Clerk Rachelle Enbody; Treasurer Jacalyn Sroka;
Trustees: Paul Piper, Andrew Kmetz and Henry Rasmussen.
Board member absent: Trustee James Nordlund, Sr.
Also present: Devon Hall, Jerry Bleau, Andy Larr, Larry Gaylord, Kelly Smith and Fran Kalchik.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the Supervisor. Invocation was given by Smith; Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. The minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting and the current agenda were approved by consent.

NEW BUSINESS: A. World War I Commemorative Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PERE MARQUETTE TO FORMALLY COMMEMORATE AND HONOR THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN WHO SERVED OUR GREAT NATION DURING WORLD WAR I; TO RECOGNIZE AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THE DISTINGUISHED MILITARY UNITS OF MICHIGAN WHO SERVED IN THIS GREAT WAR; AND TO PAY APPROPRIATE HOMAGE TO THE MANY MICHIGAN BUSINESS AND MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISES THAT SUPPORTED AND CONTRIBUTED TO OUR NATION'S WAR EFFORT. *

WHEREAS, World War I, "the War to End All Wars," was a global conflict fought primarily in Europe during the period 1914 to 1918 with participation of the majority of the world's then-most prominent nations, to include the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, said Great War tragically resulted in the loss of more than 9 million combatants and 6 million civilians and forever altered the course of world history; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Michigan signed into law Public Act 97 of 2017 on July 13, 2017 creating a World War I Centennial Commission, whose primary purpose is to plan, develop, and execute programs, projects, and activities to commemorate the centennial of WWI, and in particular to highlight and pay tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by Michigan citizens, private industry, and business organizations involved with or contributing to our nation's efforts in said global war.

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems that support of the work of said Centennial Commission is a tremendously important aspect of recognizing said contributions and sacrifices and in preserving the history of the State of Michigan and the United States of America.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township Board hereby offers its unequivocal support and endorsement of the efforts and work of Michigan's World War I Centennial to highlight and pay tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by Michigan citizens, Michigan military units, private industry, and business organizations involved with or contributing to our nation's involvement in World War I.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township Board strongly encourages the participation, support, and involvement of its citizens, its business community, and its private and fraternal organizations in events, programs, projects, and activities which commemorate or pay tribute to the contributions made by Michigan citizenry, Michigan military units, private industry, and business organizations that supported or played a role to our nation's efforts in World War I and in particular Armistice Day activities which commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of hostilities in said Great War.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township Board hereby designates the Charter Township of Pere Marquette as a Michigan World War I Commemorative Township in tribute to the contributions made by Michigan's citizens in support of our nation during said Great War and in recognition of said Centennial.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in memoriam to all who lost their lives in said world conflict and in commemoration to the end of hostilities in World War I, the Township Board encourages community participation in the national Armistice Bell Ringing Ceremony at 11 a.m. on November 11, 2018 to mark the cessation of said hostilities.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INSOFAR AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced by Enbody and supported by Kmetz.

Roll call vote: Yes: Kmetz, Rasmussen, Sroka, Keson, Enbody and Piper.
 No: None.
 Absent: Nordlund.

Resolution declared adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Zoning Board of Appeals (Piper) – Reported the ZBA will be meeting Wednesday, Oct. 11.

Planning Commission (Kmetz) – Meeting cancelled, no report.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS: Assessor (Hall) – Reported a lot of real estate activity this fall with entering new deeds, splits and combinations of properties and is busy with field work for new construction and other permits.

Building/Zoning Administrator (Bleau) – Provided a report detailing permit activity for September 2018.

DPW/Water/Sewer Superintendent (Larr) – Reported continuing to pick up brush and changing over to the new meter system with two hundred eighty new meters installed. The third quarter meter reading is complete and the new system is working well. The department is preparing for fall leaf pick-up.

Fire Department (Gaylord) – Reported that year to date runs are up sixty-six runs from 2017.

Parks Manager / Code Enforcement (Smith) – Reported preparing for shutting down the parks for the season with a closing date of October 15th. At the end of September, the campground revenues were up \$3500 from 2017 due to good weather. Meetings regarding the Dow property acquisition are continuing and stated that public input will be sought in the first quarter of next year as the acquisition of the property gets closer.

OFFICERS REPORTS: Clerk (Enbody) – Reported the Election Commission met to appoint inspectors for the November 6 election; to date, three hundred and thirty five absentee ballots have been sent with four weeks to go before the election; preparing for testing of election equipment with the Public Test of election equipment scheduled for October 24; reported attending the 2018 MERS annual conference; reported setting up meetings with representatives from MERS, AFLAC and VOYA for employees; distributed third quarter financial reports to trustees. Enbody provided a list of current invoices for approval.

Moved by Enbody, seconded by Piper to approve payment of invoices totaling \$232,265.40. Motion carried.

Treasurer (Sroka) – Reported attending the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association's fall conference, working on third quarter water billing and preparing for winter tax billing.

Supervisor (Keson) – Reported attending interviews for the County Drain Commissioner position. Keson was contacted by the Fin and Feather Club offering payment for a port-a-jon for ice fishermen in the winter months at the Father Marquette Memorial launch or the Buttersville beach parking lot. Keson will be setting up meetings in the near future of the Roads Committee and Personnel Committee. Keson presented a conceptual drawing of a boat launch facility planned for the property acquisition and noted that a fundraising campaign is being planned to assist with the development of the property.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Mason County Township Officers Association will meet October 17 in Eden Township. Vern Richardson of the MI DNR will meet with the Supervisor to evaluate Memorial Tree Park for archery deer hunting.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS: Fran Kalchik asked if the public could attend the meeting with the DNR. Keson responded that the meeting will be on October 18th at 1:00 p.m. and the public is welcome to attend.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 6:54 p.m.