

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 12, 2019**

**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.  
Present for a portion of the meeting: Sheriff Kim Cole.

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 from the regular meeting on January 8, 2019, the minutes of the special meeting on January 22, 2019 and the current agenda were approved by consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sheriff Cole reported on forty-six calls for service in January 2019.

NEW BUSINESS: A. **Request for Funding Support for the Household Hazardous Waste Program** – Board members reviewed a request from the Manistee, Mason, and Oceana Conservation Districts for funding support for the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Keson explained that the conservation district is requesting a .03 cent increase per person in order to cover disposal costs. The township has participated since the program began in 2007.

**Moved** by Kmetz, seconded by Piper to enter into a contract and agreement with the Manistee, Mason, and Oceana Conservation Districts to participate in the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program scheduled for Saturday, August 17, 2019 and to allocate \$950.00 for the program.

Motion carried.

B. **First Reading of Proposed Ordinance No. 142** – Board members conducted the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 142, an ordinance to amend certain portions of the Code of Ordinances to prohibit marihuana establishments and the sale and consumption of marihuana in public places and to provide for an effective date. Keson reviewed the ordinance in detail with board members.

**Moved** by Rasmussen, seconded by Sroka to accept the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 142, an ordinance to amend certain portions of the Code of Ordinances, to prohibit recreational marihuana establishments and to prohibit the sale and consumption of recreational marihuana in public places, to provide for an effective date and to schedule the second reading and consideration of adoption for February 26, 2019.

Motion carried.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals (Piper) – Reported on approval of a variance request in Linlook Park.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS: Assessor (Hall) – Reported that he will be contracting with Centron Data Services, Inc. for the printing and mailing of the 2019 Notice(s) of Assessment.

Building/Zoning Administrator (Bleau) – Provided a report detailing permit activity for January 2019. Bleau reported that he has also talked with Keson regarding updating the sidewalk ordinance.

DPW/Water/Sewer Superintendent (Larr) – Reported the department is busy moving snow and were able to get the brush piles burned; plumbing fixtures have been updated at the township hall and the department has begun to work on refurbishing the dock at Sutton's Landing Park.

Fire Department (Gaylord) – Reported on twenty-three responses in January of 2019, compared to forty in 2018; reported on the completion of the lighting replacement/upgrade at the Fire Department that was budgeted in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Parks Manager / Code Enforcement (Smith) – Reported helping with the Sutton’s dock repair; ordering supplies and purchasing equipment for the 2019 camping season; preparing for camping reservations that will begin on April 1<sup>st</sup>; working on behind the scenes code enforcement; has received positive comments from the fishermen regarding the port-a-john donated by the Fin and Feather Club.

OFFICERS REPORTS: Clerk (Enbody) – Reported the township audit will begin on February 19<sup>th</sup>; distributed fourth quarter financial reports to the trustees; there will be a special school election on May 7<sup>th</sup> with absentee ballots becoming available on March 23<sup>rd</sup>; reported that in 2018 there were many changes to election law that will affect voter registration and absentee ballots in the 2019 election. Enbody provided a list of current invoices for approval.

**Moved** by Enbody, seconded by Piper to approve payment of invoices totaling \$258,375.20. Motion carried.

Treasurer (Sroka) – Reported preparing for the audit and that it is a busy week with water bill payments coming in and tax season coming to an end.

Supervisor (Keson) – Reported meeting with Republic Services and working on contract negotiations. Republic has offered options of providing a ninety-six gallon rolling cart for recycling that would change from a weekly to monthly service and removing the annual spring clean up day and offering a monthly bulk pick up in its place. Keson asked board members to consider the options and let Keson know their thoughts on the changes presented by Republic. Reported attending Board of Review training with board of review members and the assessor. The sale of the property to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission is moving forward. Reported working with Consumers Energy to repair or replace street lights that have been burned out.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Keson informed resident Fran Kalchik that the road commission has been contacted and is aware of the tree/power line problem on Curtwood.

The meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 7:04 p.m.

Rachelle D. Enbody, CMC, Township Clerk

Paul A. Keson, Township Supervisor