

REGULAR/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
August 28, 2018

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

Board members present: Clerk Rachelle Enbody; Treasurer Jacalyn Sroka; Trustees: Paul Piper, Andrew Kmetz, James Nordlund, Sr., and Henry Rasmussen.
Board member absent: Supervisor Paul Keson.
Present for a portion of the meeting: Deborah DelZoppo.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the Clerk. Invocation was given by Enbody; Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Moved by Enbody, seconded by Nordlund to appoint Paul Piper as President pro tem for this meeting. Motion carried. Piper assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

The minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting and the current agenda were approved by consent.

NEW BUSINESS: **Certify the 2018 Millage Rates for Township Operation and Public Transportation** – A public hearing was held on December 12, 2017, to propose the 2018 levies and adopt the 2018 budgets. The 2018 budgets were adopted using the millage rate(s) of 2.85 for operation and 0.29 for public transportation (LMTA).

Piper explained that the Township Board held a public hearing in December of 2017 for the 2018 proposed budget(s) and levy(s) for the General Fund and Transportation Fund. The millage rates were a subject of the hearing. The rates of 2.85 for the General Fund and .29 for the Transportation Fund were used to determine the 2018 budgets. At the August 14th meeting, Keson explained that he would recommend that the Transportation Fund millage be reduced from .29 mills to .20 mills. The original millage for the Transportation Fund was set at .29 mills in 2008. The recent growth within the township has increased the taxable value base and the Transportation Fund has a fund balance that will allow for a reduction in the millage rate.

Moved by Rasmussen, seconded by Sroka to certify the taxes to be levied in 2018 at 2.85 mills for township operation and at 0.20 mills for public transportation.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: **Moved** by Enbody, seconded by Nordlund to move into Committee of the Whole at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried. Various topics discussed with no action taken:

Department request budget figures were distributed for board members. Enbody noted that Keson would like members to review the department budget requests and contact him with any questions or comments.

Moved by Enbody, seconded by Nordlund to return to regular session at 6:39 p.m. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next meeting of the Lincoln Lake Improvement Board will be Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mason County Drain Commissioner's Office.

Enbody informed board members that the township has received the FOIA Request from "Emily" of United Impact Group, LLC. The request asks for an extensive amount of records in connection with the November 8, 2016 election.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by the President pro tem at 6:50 p.m.