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**Tuesday, November 19th, 2019 – Noon – Marquette Township Hall
Joint Meeting between the MTBA and Marquette Township Board**

Lunch catered by
Hudson's Classic Grill

Randy Girard's contract ends 12-31-2019 which has been extended 6 months. The manager position is the boards only employee. He has been there for 17 years. Before anyone new is hired they are going to review the contract. There are interviews on Friday for Randy's replacement. There are 4 candidates. The board is also looking at restructuring Public Works. Possible changes in hours.

Fire ordinance- There are fire suppressions that are faulty that are causing false alarms. Once this happens three times the business will have to pay for the charges.

Consensus budget – The rates are going to change for wastewater- 35 cents more/1000 gallons. Water rate will be the same. The public hearing for the budget is 12/4 at the board meeting.

Directed towards Frank: Since the Marquette chamber of commerce closed. Would the township business association start their own chamber of commerce → include everybody as Marquette area Chamber of Commerce? It all comes down to money, need enough members to continue to support. It's a difficult thing to run. You need an executive director which you would have to pay. It doesn't seem to be working in our community.

AGENDA

- 1. 2020/2021 US 41 Road Project. Review MDOT's plans/blueprints, invite a MDOT person to explain the project. Discuss business accessibility. Discuss MTBA's input, concerns and questions.**

US41 East Corridor (2021)- This project is going to be a major resurfacing project from the west end to Front Street. DDA is working with MDOT and the road commission trying to figure what we can do regarding lighting, sidewalks, the median. The median is designed to move water. The DDA only meets 4 times a year. There have been grant opportunities that will help pay for the lighting. The 2 major projects are the ones that MDOT is doing the township is just trying to "piggyback" and make it a little better. There hasn't been any planning done yet, the only thing that is certain is that it is going to be a resurfacing from Commerce Drive to Front Street. There is

not a start date. Questions regarding MI lefts, pedestrian crossways, etc. have been raised but have not yet been addressed. Planning will start in 2020, project will start in 2021.

Planning Grant: MI State extension has a program called Substantiable Build Environmental Initiative- a grant that comes in and addresses some land and environmental issues. The median has been identified because it conveys storm water as a potential project. There was talk about more resilient, non-maintenance planting. Another component would be looking at a possible pathway on one side of the highway or both. It's a \$30,000 grant and uses google earth images to portray what it could look which could be used to try to obtain other grants. Early in 2020 there will be meetings with businesses to see if there are any possible driveway consolidations (access roads). Lighting could be part of a TAP grant. This project will come down to funding. The township will need the business community to be acceptable to some changes to their driveways.

There is a pathway all the way from the roundabout at Target all the way to Wright Street where the Cenex used to be. (to be finished next year). There is a site plan coming in for where the Range Bank used to be which is Verizon, Dunkin Donuts, plus another suite. Trying to get the path to extend across that property and the goal is to have it extend farther. The tunnel can be used now. It will be dedicated in the spring.

For the 2021 Project will there be a committee for it? Maybe come up with a "wish list". Once its down on paper it could be proposed to MDOT. That's what the DDA does and they have had countless meetings about lighting and safety crossings which was the whole idea of getting the grant. Now would be the time to have the MTBA step in and help with the planning portion. Jason does a great job with getting grant money. The project is going to come down to matching funds. Part of the planning grant, the MI state extension and their staff are going to come in and do townhall sessions on the segment of roadway. The first one is Dec 16th at 6:30pm at Township Hall, to discuss items wanted for the corridor (Frank will be attending).

Are there any thoughts on which deacceleration lanes are being condensed? Right now, there is a 10ft pathway connected to the highway on each side. Ideally you would like to have a 6 ft pathway separated from the highway. Then you have to think about how many people is this business attracting every day. It takes cooperation of the business owners.

2. Marquette Township Events Committee check presentation. (taken care of in between meetings)