



AGENDA

MARQUETTE AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY ADVISORY BOARD

April 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

**Note: Meeting Location – Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Plant
1930 US 41 South**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Others in Attendance:

1. AGENDA APPROVAL - Additions/Deletions
2. PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (*March 2026*)
3. FINANCIAL
 - a. Financial Report (*March 2026*)
4. OPERATIONS REPORT (*March 2026*)
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Wet Weather
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Solids Handling Project
7. PUBLIC COMMENT (limited to three minutes)
8. BOARD COMMENT
9. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING

Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Plant
May 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.



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MARQUETTE AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 19, 2026

A regular meeting of the Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Facility Advisory Board was held at 10:00 a.m., March 19, 2026 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT Chris Lucas, Chocolay Township (Chair)
Sean Hobbins, City of Marquette
Jim Compton, City of Marquette
Leonard Bodenus, Marquette Township

ABSENT Mary Schlicht, City of Marquette
George Patrick, City of Marquette

OTHERS Mark O'Neill, City of Marquette
Dan Johnston, City of Marquette
Karla Kramer, City of Marquette

AGENDA It was moved by L.Bodenus, supported by S. Hobbins, to approve the agenda.
Approved 4-0.

MINUTES It was moved by J.Compton, supported by C. Lucas to approve the February 19, 2026, meeting minutes as written. Approved 4-0.

FINANCIAL

- **Financial Report**

Board saw no issues or concerns with finances.

Permit Compliance for February 2026:

Violated our total phosphorus units for February. Cold water temperatures are thought to be cause, as similar violations occurred in years prior at this time of year. Steps are being taken to mitigate issue by adding polymer to aeration basins to offset phosphorus particles.



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Plant Notes

- Our new Admin, Leah LaCasse, has been adapting well to our environment. She is already proving to be a great addition to our group.
- The BLP sent a group of engineers and technicians to get a first-hand look at the strange problems we've been experiencing with random circuit breaker faults that have been happening with our CoGen units, along with erratic tripping of much of our three-phase equipment on the weekends. The circuit breakers connect the CoGens to the grid. These faults sometimes occur even when the units were not running; the controls for the circuit breakers would detect something was wrong with the grid and prevent them from operating. They gathered a lot of data and asked a lot of questions, and even looked at the programming for the anti-islanding relay that separates the CoGen units from the grid.
- I have been having issues with the power output of the #2 CoGen unit...it doesn't perform well when programmed to output more than 50kW. I haven't contacted Kraft about this problem because I'm waiting to see what the BLP says about the other issues. I believe that this unit's problems are with itself and are not grid-related because the output of the #1 CoGen is just fine.
- We are still waiting for someone to get back to us regarding the HVAC issue in the new 200 building. The affected air handler appears to be running most of the time, so it is not a critical issue.
- One of the pressure belts on our old belt filter press ripped. Fortunately, we had enough spare belts on hand to perform a replacement of both pressure belts.
- Staff got us all prepped for another spring thaw/high river level event by setting up both of our large trash pumps at the Chlorine Contact Tanks. The melt was progressing nicely, then the weather turned and we got nailed with cold and more snow, as you all know. But at least we're ready for the next thaw.
- Staff replaced the block heater element on our portable generator.

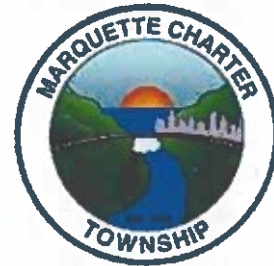
INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER ACCEPTANCE ACTIVITY FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Source	Volume (gallons)	Total
Fabick/CAT	11,700	\$1,638.00
UPS	8,200	\$1,148.00
LS&I	28,400	\$3,976.00
RMS	4,000	\$560.00
Wisconsin Electric	63,500	\$2,540.00
Grand Totals	115,800	\$9,862.00



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SEPTAGE ACTIVITY FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Source	Volume (gallons)	Total
Carey/Sodergren	10,326	\$1,858.68
North Country	11,879	\$2,138.22
Stenberg	3,978	\$716.04
Grand Totals	26,183	\$4,712.94

NEW BUSINESS

- **2026/2027 Biosolids Hauling Contract**

Proposal from M.J. Vandamme for biosolids was received due to expiration of contract. A four percent increase in cost per year was noted, but pricing is guaranteed for two years. Purchasing own truck for biosolids hauling has been considered, but due to cost and coordination with farmers not in best interest. M.O'Neill stated he will go to City Commission the first week of April to request waiving competitive bidding process. Needed due to limited vendors and vendors with expertise in hauling biosolids. C.Lucas supports securing rates with Vandamme.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Solids Handling Project**

M. O'Neill stated everything closed on our end. It continues to be in EGLE's hands for closeout.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

BOARD COMMENT

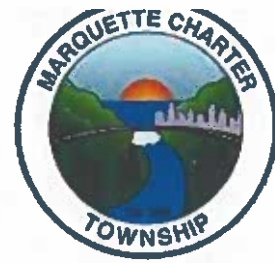
- None

ADJOURNMENT



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M. O'Neill

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M. O'Neill
Director of Municipal Utilities

Prepared by:
Leah LaCasse

MARQUETTE AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
For the fiscal period ended March 31, 2026

	Amended Budget FY'26	3/31/2026	% of budget collected / distributed	NOTES:
Operating Revenues				
Services for City of Marquette	\$ 5,052,590.00	\$ 1,180,804.73	23.37%	<i>Preliminary billings through February 2026 activities, and monthly PILT amounts recorded through March 2026.</i>
Services for Marquette Township	541,440.00	132,816.58	24.53%	
Services for Chocolay Township	261,630.00	35,687.04	13.64%	
Services to other	150,000.00	91,131.78	60.75%	
Equipment rental and miscellaneous	4,220.00	63,335.39	1500.84%	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	6,009,880.00	1,503,775.52		
Operating Expenses				
Operation labor	1,088,640.00	699,192.43	64.23%	
Operation supplies and expenses	153,298.00	44,609.83	29.10%	
Chemicals	225,000.00	116,038.30	51.57%	
Purchased power and utilities	285,000.00	119,901.68	42.07%	<i>BLP thru 02/19/26; SEMCO thru 02/04/26; Water thru 02/28/26</i>
Education	9,000.00	3,211.80	35.69%	
Professional services	494,434.00	116,388.35	23.54%	
Administrative:				
Salaries and wages	99,390.00	51,340.46	51.66%	
Fringe benefits	233,040.00	219,172.40	94.05%	<i>Annual DB contribution [MERS] submitted 10/29/25</i>
Office supplies	-	104.80	#DIV/0!	
Professional and contractual	174,329.80	85,202.00	48.87%	<i>FY'26 Admin / Technology / Gen & Protect Fee / North Country Disposal</i>
Insurance and bonds	66,220.00	49,294.00	74.44%	<i>This amt of insurance premium covers through June 30, 2026.</i>
Rental	1,000.00	-	0.00%	
Miscellaneous	12,110.00	6,054.00	49.99%	<i>FY'26 Stormwater is \$1,009 per month</i>
Capital outlay or transfer to reserves	348,768.20	61,384.95	17.60%	<i>Will adjust to \$300,000 annual contribution to 'reserve' account by FYE'26; \$50,768 plow truck purch</i>
Depreciation	1,152,400.00	502,809.91	43.63%	<i>Budgeted \$96,034 (est) per month; Depr through Feb'26 is posted and budget will be adjusted.</i>
Payment in lieu of taxes	275,620.00	137,808.00	50.00%	<i>FY'26 PILT is \$22,968 per month</i>
Debt Service Payments:				
Principal	1,024,740.00	-	0.00%	<i>Pmt due September 2026</i>
Interest	366,890.00	82,426.56	22.47%	<i>Pmts due March & September 2026; TELP pmt 6/15/26</i>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	6,009,880.00	2,294,939.47		
OPERATING GAIN (LOSS)	\$ -	\$ (791,163.95)		

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions about this report. I can be reached via email at mschlicht@marquettemi.gov or via phone at (906) 225-8559

PERIOD ENDING 03/31/2026

*NOTE: Available Balance / Pct Budget Used does not reflect amounts encumbered.

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	YTD BALANCE		YTD BALANCE		AVAILABLE		% BGD USED
		03/31/2025	2025-26	03/31/2026	2025-26	NORMAL	ABNORMAL	
		NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	AMENDED BUDGET	NORMAL (ABNORMAL)		NORMAL (ABNORMAL)		
Fund 590 - MQT AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT								
Services for City of Marquette								
590-000-622.000	City of Marquette	1,021,552.67	5,052,590.00	1,180,804.73		3,871,785.27		23.37
	Net Services for City of Marquette	1,021,552.67	5,052,590.00	1,180,804.73		3,871,785.27		23.37
Services for Marquette Township								
590-000-623.000	Marquette Township	120,809.95	541,440.00	132,816.58		408,623.42		24.53
	Net Services for Marquette Township	120,809.95	541,440.00	132,816.58		408,623.42		24.53
Services for Chocolay Township								
590-000-624.000	Chocolay Township	33,243.66	261,630.00	35,687.04		225,942.96		13.64
	Net Services for Chocolay Township	33,243.66	261,630.00	35,687.04		225,942.96		13.64
Services to other								
590-000-625.000	Other	29,021.00	150,000.00	91,131.78		58,868.22		60.75
	Net Services to other	29,021.00	150,000.00	91,131.78		58,868.22		60.75
Equipment rental and miscellaneous								
590-000-665.000	Interest	55,953.87	0.00	57,666.42		(57,666.42)		100.00
590-000-667.000	Rent	5,616.93	4,220.00	5,668.97		(1,448.97)		134.34
590-000-676.000	Reimbursements	102.44	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00
590-000-695.000	Other Financing Sources	8,570.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00
590-000-695.000-50239	Other Financing Sources-COVID-19	2,100.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00
	Net Equipment rental and miscellaneous	72,343.24	4,220.00	63,335.39		(59,115.39)		1,500.84
Operation labor								
590-527-702.000	Wages	250,073.43	519,230.00	231,920.46		287,309.54		44.67
590-527-715.000	Longevity	2,090.00	1,200.00	1,200.00		0.00		100.00
590-527-716.000	Social Security	18,904.03	40,030.00	17,384.78		22,645.22		43.43
590-527-717.000	Health Insurance	88,336.24	186,400.00	105,760.64		80,639.36		56.74
590-527-718.000	Life Insurance	224.94	500.00	294.56		205.44		58.91
590-527-719.000	Unemployment Insurance	0.00	1,790.00	0.00		1,790.00		0.00
590-527-720.000	Disability Insurance	477.06	1,010.00	423.99		586.01		41.98
590-527-721.000	Workers Compensation	1,661.00	2,000.00	2,022.00		(22.00)		101.10
590-527-722.000	Retirement-MERS	258,254.00	336,480.00	340,186.00		(3,706.00)		101.10
	Net Operation labor	(620,020.70)	(1,088,640.00)	(699,192.43)		(389,447.57)		64.23
Operation supplies and expenses								
590-527-729.000	Fuel-Wastewater	1,871.61	3,800.00	2,162.02		1,637.98		56.90
590-527-740.000	Operating Supplies	10,716.15	34,498.00	8,715.38		25,782.62		25.26
590-527-775.000	Repair/Maintenance Supplies	59,994.24	104,000.00	32,219.59		71,780.41		30.98
590-527-945.000	Vehicle & Equipment Rental	3,418.73	11,000.00	1,512.84		9,487.16		13.75
	Net Operation supplies and expenses	(76,000.73)	(153,298.00)	(44,609.83)		(108,688.17)		29.10
Chemicals								
590-527-731.000	Chemicals	91,217.64	225,000.00	116,038.30		108,961.70		51.57
	Net Chemicals	(91,217.64)	(225,000.00)	(116,038.30)		(108,961.70)		51.57
Purchased power and utilities								
590-527-920.000	Purchased Power	49,822.03	192,000.00	98,770.82		93,229.18		51.44

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		NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	AMENDED BUDGET	NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)		
Fund 590 - MQT AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT										
590-527-921.000	Purchased Natural Gas	27,395.38		90,000.00		19,610.88		70,389.12		21.79
590-527-922.000	Purchased Water	979.83		3,000.00		1,519.98		1,480.02		50.67
	Net Purchased power and utilities	(78,197.24)		(285,000.00)		(119,901.68)		(165,098.32)		42.07
Education										
590-527-865.000	Conference/Seminars	2,960.17		9,000.00		3,211.80		5,788.20		35.69
	Net Education	(2,960.17)		(9,000.00)		(3,211.80)		(5,788.20)		35.69
Professional services										
590-527-801.000	Professional/Contractual	87,864.79		294,434.00		89,531.84		204,902.16		30.41
590-527-801.000-50219	Prof/Contr-JCI Maint Costs	25,851.98		200,000.00		26,856.51		173,143.49		13.43
	Net Professional services	(113,716.77)		(494,434.00)		(116,388.35)		(378,045.65)		23.54
[Admin] Salaries and wages										
590-561-702.000	Wages	42,759.03		92,240.00		47,650.27		44,589.73		51.66
590-561-716.000	Social Security	3,226.84		7,150.00		3,690.19		3,459.81		51.61
	Net [Admin] Salaries and wages	(45,985.87)		(99,390.00)		(51,340.46)		(48,049.54)		51.66
[Admin] Fringe benefits										
590-561-715.000	Longevity	322.49		410.00		421.67		(11.67)		102.85
590-561-717.000	Health Insurance	14,858.80		25,630.00		10,202.59		15,427.41		39.81
590-561-718.000	Life Insurance	61.50		150.00		71.75		78.25		47.83
590-561-719.000	Unemployment Insurance	0.00		220.00		0.00		220.00		0.00
590-561-720.000	Disability Insurance	100.62		220.00		117.39		102.61		53.36
590-561-721.000	Workers Compensation	560.00		750.00		434.00		316.00		57.87
590-561-722.000	Retirement-MERS	181,260.00		205,660.00		207,925.00		(2,265.00)		101.10
	Net [Admin] Fringe benefits	(197,163.41)		(233,040.00)		(219,172.40)		(13,867.60)		94.05
[Admin] Office supplies										
590-561-727.000	Office Supplies	0.00		0.00		104.80		(104.80)		100.00
	Net [Admin] Office supplies	0.00		0.00		(104.80)		104.80		100.00
[Admin] Professional and contractual										
590-561-801.000	Professional/Contractual	816.00		0.00		680.00		(680.00)		100.00
590-561-801.000-50300	Prof/Contr-SRF 2022	123,902.02		5,299.80		0.00		5,299.80		0.00
590-561-806.000	Administration Charges	37,398.00		74,790.00		37,398.00		37,392.00		50.00
590-561-809.000	General & Protective	5,460.00		10,230.00		5,118.00		5,112.00		50.03
590-561-812.000	Technology Svcs Fund Fee	35,826.00		84,010.00		42,006.00		42,004.00		50.00
	Net [Admin] Professional and contractual	(203,402.02)		(174,329.80)		(85,202.00)		(89,127.80)		48.87
[Admin] Insurance and bonds										
590-561-910.000	Insurance	47,694.00		66,220.00		49,294.00		16,926.00		74.44
	Net [Admin] Insurance and bonds	(47,694.00)		(66,220.00)		(49,294.00)		(16,926.00)		74.44
[Admin] Rental										
590-561-943.000	Bldg/Office Rent	1,000.00		1,000.00		0.00		1,000.00		0.00
	Net [Admin] Rental	(1,000.00)		(1,000.00)		0.00		(1,000.00)		0.00

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		NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	
Fund 590 - MQT AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT								
[Admin] Miscellaneous								
590-561-923.000	Stormwater Fee	5,850.00	12,110.00	6,054.00		6,056.00		49.99
Net [Admin] Miscellaneous		(5,850.00)	(12,110.00)	(6,054.00)		(6,056.00)		49.99
[Admin] Capital outlay and transfer to reserves								
590-000-697.000	Use of Replacement Reserve	0.00	14,231.80	0.00		14,231.80		0.00
590-598-976.000-50300	C/O-Biosolids Storage CWSRF'23	1,524,663.33	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00
590-598-977.000	Capital Outlay-Equipment	21,108.25	63,000.00	0.00		63,000.00		0.00
590-598-977.000-50344	C/O-Equip/Veh: Flow Truck	0.00	0.00	61,384.95		(61,384.95)		100.00
590-599-997.000	Reserves	0.00	300,000.00	0.00		300,000.00		0.00
Net [Admin] Capital outlay and transfer to reserves		(1,545,771.58)	(348,768.20)	(61,384.95)		(287,383.25)		17.60
[Admin] Depreciation								
590-561-968.000	Depreciation	377,612.16	1,152,400.00	502,809.91		649,590.09		43.63
Net [Admin] Depreciation		(377,612.16)	(1,152,400.00)	(502,809.91)		(649,590.09)		43.63
[Admin] Payment in lieu of taxes								
590-561-954.000	Payment In Lieu of Taxes	146,556.00	275,620.00	137,808.00		137,812.00		50.00
Net [Admin] Payment in lieu of taxes		(146,556.00)	(275,620.00)	(137,808.00)		(137,812.00)		50.00
[Debt Service] Principal								
590-561-991.000	Debt Service-Principal	0.00	1,024,740.00	0.00		1,024,740.00		0.00
Net [Debt Service] Principal		0.00	(1,024,740.00)	0.00		(1,024,740.00)		0.00
[Debt Service] Interest								
590-561-990.000	TELP Lease Payment	0.00	196,680.00	0.00		196,680.00		0.00
590-561-995.000	Debt Service-Interest	84,413.33	170,210.00	82,426.56		87,783.44		48.43
Net [Debt Service] Interest		(84,413.33)	(366,890.00)	(82,426.56)		(284,463.44)		22.47
Fund 590 - MQT AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT:								
TOTAL REVENUES		1,276,970.52	6,024,111.80	1,503,775.52		4,520,336.28		24.96
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		3,637,561.62	6,024,111.80	2,294,939.47		3,729,172.33		38.10
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(2,360,591.10)	0.00	(791,163.95)		791,163.95		100.00

Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Plant

Advisory Board Meeting

Operations Report for March 2026

April 16, 2026



Permit Compliance for April 2026:

We violated our pH discharge limit for one day in March.

Plant Notes

- Since just after midnight Monday, we have been staffed 24 hours per day, monitoring and operating three bypass pumps to offset the effects of the high Carp River levels. Our goal is to prevent solids from washing out of our Secondary Clarifiers into the river, and the best way to prevent this is to keep the water level in the plant low enough for proper operation.
- Staff went above and beyond tackling the blizzard that occurred March 16th. A few of them actually stayed here at the plant for more than 24 hours, as travel to or from their homes was too dangerous. Fortunately, there were no major issues operation-wise, other than dealing with all the snow that seemed to never stop.
- Johnson Controls, Eric Stemen (the City's Facilities Director) and our IT department assisted in getting our security system back up and running. The problem was software that needed to be updated but was no longer compatible with the end use equipment on our site.
- We ran into a little snag with our bulk sodium bisulfite supplier. They were not willing to bring us a load that our storage tank could handle without charging us extra, so we switched up suppliers and were able to get a shipment that we could accommodate with no issues.
- Our new B.O.D. incubator arrived and is currently in operation in the Lab. This model is very quiet, unlike the old one. Jarrod is pleased.
- Kraft is supposed to be here this week to service both CoGen units, as well as attempt to address power output issues with the #2 unit.
- Staff replaced the auxiliary oil pump in the #2 CoGen unit.
- I've been working on getting our upgraded WIN 911 alarm dialer software and equipment working. It is a much more complicated program than our current one, which makes the process slow.

INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER ACCEPTANCE ACTIVITY FOR MARCH 2026

Source	Volume (gallons)	Total
Fabick/CAT	9,650	\$1,351.00
UPS	7,568	\$1,059.52
LS&I	40,800	\$5,712.00
RMS	12,000	\$1,680.00
UP Environmental Services	5,050	\$707.00
Wisconsin Electric		\$0.00
Grand Totals	75,068	\$10,509.52

SEPTAGE ACTIVITY FOR MARCH 2026

Source	Volume (gallons)	Total
Carey/Sodergren	15,235	\$2,742.30
North Country	6,660	\$1,198.80
Stenberg	17,892	\$3,220.56
Grand Totals	39,787	\$7,161.66