



AGENDA

MARQUETTE AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY ADVISORY BOARD

March 19, 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 (*January 2026*)
3. FINANCIAL
 - a. Financial Report (*February 2026*)
4. OPERATIONS REPORT (*February 2026*)
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Biosolids Hauling Contract
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
April 16, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.



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

A regular meeting of the Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Facility Advisory Board was held at 10:00 a.m., February 19, 2026 at the Chocolay Township Fire Hall.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT Leonard Bodenus, Marquette Township
George Patrick, City of Marquette

OTHERS Mark O'Neill, City of Marquette
Mary Schlicht, City of Marquette
Dan Johnston, City of Marquette
Karla Kramer, City of Marquette
Joe Neumann, Chocolay Township

AGENDA It was moved by J. Compton, supported by S. Hobbins, to approve the agenda. Approved 3-0.

MINUTES C. Lucas requested a change to the November meeting minutes, J. Neumann was not in attendance and did not move to approve the meeting minutes. M. O'Neill stated that it would be looked into and corrected. It was moved by S. Hobbins to approve with the correction, supported by C. Lucas. Approved 3-0.

FINANCIAL

- **Financial Report**

M. Schlicht, City of Marquette, presented the Financial Report. M. Schlicht stated the December report showed we were operating ahead of budget with 1.77 million in revenue and 1.1 million in expenditures. We had some audit entries still waiting to enter before we were caught up for fiscal year 2026. The January report, after some entries were moved in, shows we are operating with a revenue of 1.2 million and 1.39 million in expenditures. The plant is still running within its budget and there are no concerns at this time.



Permit Compliance for December 2025/January 2026:

We had no permit violations for the months of December or January.

Plant Notes

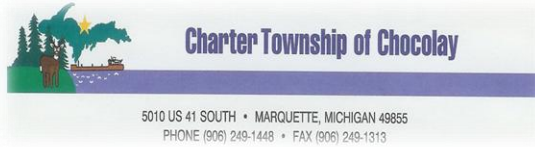
- Staff removed the failed #1 Bio-P Mixer. A request for a replacement unit has been sent to Crane Engineering.
- I corrected an issue that was preventing the PLC that controls the WRS’ air mixing system from running after an extended power outage. Should a power outage occur again, the program will now automatically load from the PLC’s memory card.
- The failed heating unit for the entrance gate’s control cabinet has been replaced under warranty. Marquette Fence performed the installation.
- The 200 building’s HVAC system has been faulting intermittently. We were able to get the issue covered under warranty. So far, JCI has confirmed it is not a Metasys controls-related issue. The problem is within the controls of the unit itself. Someone else should be here soon to dig into it further.
- Staff replaced the block heater on the plant’s emergency generator.
- JCI completed annual CSD-1 reports for all four of our boilers.
- The City’s IT staff corrected an issue that was causing repeated outages with our on-site security system.
- Staff removed stainless steel gas lines in our basement tunnels that were abandoned after the CoGen installation project in 2019.
- The lab’s B.O.D. incubator has failed. A replacement unit is on order and should be shipped sometime in March. We borrowed one and as a backup we can run them to NMU or Ishpeming WWTP for testing.
- Our new cake storage area is full. It was never intended to be utilized for all our storage in the winter months. That along with our other storage meets the 180. Our original storage area and the old belt filter press are now being utilized.
- Kraft was on site to get both CoGen units back into service. We have had mixed results in the week since they’ve been here.

INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER ACCEPTANCE ACTIVITY FOR DECEMBER 2025

Source	Volume (gallons)	Total
Fabick/CAT	12,000	\$1,680.00
UPS	11,000	\$1,540.00
LS&I	16,500	\$2,310.00
Wisconsin Electric	74,500	\$2,980.00
Grand Totals	114,000	\$8,510.00

SEPTAGE ACTIVITY FOR DECEMBER 2025

Source	Volume (gallons)	Total
Carey/Sodergren	20,174	\$3,631.32



North Country	9,477	\$1,705.86
Stenberg	7,685	\$1,383.30
Grand Totals	37,336	\$6,720.48

INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER ACCEPTANCE ACTIVITY FOR JANUARY 2026

Source	Volume (gallons)	Total
Fabick/CAT	13,000	\$1,820.00
UPS	5,500	\$770.00
LS&I	32,500	\$4,550.00
Grand Totals	51,000	\$7,140.00

SEPTAGE ACTIVITY FOR JANUARY 2026

Source	Volume (gallons)	Total
Carey/Sodergren	5,226	\$940.68
North Country	8,132	\$1,463.76
Stenberg	3,855	\$693.90
Grand Totals	17,213	\$3,098.34

NEW BUSINESS

- **2025 Audit – Preliminary Communication with Board Letter**

C. Lucas stated he and M. Schlicht received the letter from the accountant and asked what was needed. M. Schlicht stated this is standard every year. The Chair is asked to sign on behalf of the Board as an acknowledgment of what the responsibilities of the auditor and the Board are and we are supporting the process. It was moved by S. Hobbins, supported by C. Lucas to support the letter. Approved 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Solids Handling Project**

M. O'Neill stated there is nothing to report. It continues to be in EGLE's hands for closeout.

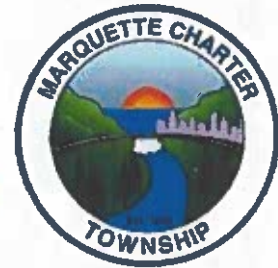
PUBLIC COMMENT

- None



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BOARD COMMENT

- None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. O'Neill", is written over a horizontal line.

Reviewed by:
M. O'Neill
Director of Municipal Utilities

Prepared by:
Melissa Erkkila

MARQUETTE AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
For the fiscal period ended February 28, 2026

	Amended Budget FY'26	2/28/2026	% of budget collected / distributed	
				NOTES:
Operating Revenues				
Services for City of Marquette	\$ 5,052,590.00	\$ 1,024,668.05	20.28%	} Preliminary billings through January 2026 activities, and monthly PILT amounts recorded through February 2026.
Services for Marquette Township	541,440.00	110,355.12	20.38%	
Services for Chocolay Township	261,630.00	30,272.33	11.57%	
Services to other	150,000.00	76,556.84	51.04%	
Equipment rental and miscellaneous	4,220.00	50,563.72	1198.19%	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	6,009,880.00	1,292,416.06		
Operating Expenses				
Operation labor	1,088,640.00	640,674.97	58.85%	
Operation supplies and expenses	153,298.00	38,065.59	24.83%	
Chemicals	225,000.00	76,383.08	33.95%	
Purchased power and utilities	285,000.00	92,601.19	32.49%	} BLP thru 01/20/26; SEMCO thru 01/06/26; Water thru 01/28/26
Education	9,000.00	3,078.05	34.20%	
Professional services	494,434.00	103,014.68	20.83%	
Administrative:				
Salaries and wages	99,390.00	42,951.52	43.22%	
Fringe benefits	233,040.00	220,017.66	94.41%	} Annual DB contribution [MERS] submitted 10/29/25
Office supplies	-	-	#DIV/0!	
Professional and contractual	174,329.80	71,115.00	40.79%	} FY'26 Admin / Technology / Gen & Protect Fee / North Country Disposal This amt of insurance premium covers through June 30, 2026.
Insurance and bonds	66,220.00	49,294.00	74.44%	
Rental	1,000.00	-	0.00%	
Miscellaneous	12,110.00	5,045.00	41.66%	} FY'26 Stormwater is \$1,009 per month Will adjust to \$300,000 annual contribution to 'reserve' account by FYE'26; \$50,768 plow truck purch
Capital outlay or transfer to reserves	348,768.20	50,768.00	14.56%	
Depreciation	1,152,400.00	402,247.97	34.91%	} Budgeted \$96,034 (est) per month; Depr through Jan'26 is posted and budget will be adjusted. FY'26 PILT is \$22,968 per month
Payment in lieu of taxes	275,620.00	114,840.00	41.67%	
Debt Service Payments:				
Principal	1,024,740.00	-	0.00%	} Pmt due September 2026 Pmts due March & September 2026; TELP pmt 6/15/26
Interest	366,890.00	-	0.00%	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	6,009,880.00	1,910,096.71		
OPERATING GAIN (LOSS)	\$ -	\$ (617,680.65)		

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 02/28/2026

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

GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	YTD BALANCE		YTD BALANCE		AVAILABLE		% BGDG USED
		02/28/2025 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	2025-26 AMENDED BUDGET	02/28/2026 NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	2025-26 AMENDED BUDGET	NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	
Fund 590 - MQT AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT								
Services for City of Marquette								
590-000-622.000	City of Marquette	622,699.82	5,052,590.00	1,024,668.05		4,027,921.95		20.28
Net Services for City of Marquette		622,699.82	5,052,590.00	1,024,668.05		4,027,921.95		20.28
Services for Marquette Township								
590-000-623.000	Marquette Township	69,438.52	541,440.00	110,355.12		431,084.88		20.38
Net Services for Marquette Township		69,438.52	541,440.00	110,355.12		431,084.88		20.38
Services for Chocolay Township								
590-000-624.000	Chocolay Township	9,823.60	261,630.00	30,272.33		231,357.67		11.57
Net Services for Chocolay Township		9,823.60	261,630.00	30,272.33		231,357.67		11.57
Services to other								
590-000-625.000	Other	22,173.00	150,000.00	76,556.84		73,443.16		51.04
Net Services to other		22,173.00	150,000.00	76,556.84		73,443.16		51.04
Equipment rental and miscellaneous								
590-000-665.000	Interest	45,627.42	0.00	46,040.84		(46,040.84)		100.00
590-000-667.000	Rent	4,615.65	4,220.00	4,522.88		(302.88)		107.18
590-000-676.000	Reimbursements	102.44	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00
590-000-695.000	Other Financing Sources	8,520.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00
590-000-695.000-50239	Other Financing Sources-COVID-19	1,700.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00
Net Equipment rental and miscellaneous		60,565.51	4,220.00	50,563.72		(46,343.72)		1,198.19
Operation labor								
590-527-702.000	Wages	191,187.40	519,230.00	192,493.84		326,736.16		37.07
590-527-715.000	Longevity	1,630.00	1,200.00	1,200.00		0.00		100.00
590-527-716.000	Social Security	14,400.67	40,030.00	14,641.35		25,388.65		36.58
590-527-717.000	Health Insurance	73,046.16	186,400.00	90,265.88		96,134.12		48.43
590-527-718.000	Life Insurance	149.96	500.00	252.48		247.52		50.50
590-527-719.000	Unemployment Insurance	0.00	1,790.00	0.00		1,790.00		0.00
590-527-720.000	Disability Insurance	318.04	1,010.00	363.42		646.58		35.98
590-527-721.000	Workers Compensation	1,641.00	2,000.00	1,272.00		728.00		63.60
590-527-722.000	Retirement-MERS	258,254.00	336,480.00	340,186.00		(3,706.00)		101.10
Net Operation labor		(540,627.23)	(1,088,640.00)	(640,674.97)		(447,965.03)		58.85
Operation supplies and expenses								
590-527-729.000	Fuel-Wastewater	1,474.94	3,800.00	1,346.97		2,453.03		35.45
590-527-740.000	Operating Supplies	10,585.53	34,498.00	7,082.21		27,415.79		20.53
590-527-775.000	Repair/Maintenance Supplies	58,617.13	104,000.00	28,123.57		75,876.43		27.04
590-527-945.000	Vehicle & Equipment Rental	3,193.13	11,000.00	1,512.84		9,487.16		13.75
Net Operation supplies and expenses		(73,870.73)	(153,298.00)	(38,065.59)		(115,232.41)		24.83
Chemicals								
590-527-731.000	Chemicals	86,843.64	225,000.00	76,383.08		148,616.92		33.95
Net Chemicals		(86,843.64)	(225,000.00)	(76,383.08)		(148,616.92)		33.95
Purchased power and utilities								
590-527-920.000	Purchased Power	34,297.48	192,000.00	78,976.21		113,023.79		41.13

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		NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	2025-26 AMENDED BUDGET	02/28/2026 NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	NORMAL	
Fund 590 - MQT AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT								
590-527-921.000	Purchased Natural Gas	18,990.83		90,000.00	12,400.49		77,599.51	13.78
590-527-922.000	Purchased Water	737.00		3,000.00	1,224.49		1,775.51	40.82
Net Purchased power and utilities		(54,025.31)		(285,000.00)	(92,601.19)		(192,398.81)	32.49
Education								
590-527-865.000	Conference/Seminars	1,761.77		9,000.00	3,078.05		5,921.95	34.20
Net Education		(1,761.77)		(9,000.00)	(3,078.05)		(5,921.95)	34.20
Professional services								
590-527-801.000	Professional/Contractual	86,862.80		294,434.00	88,658.17		205,775.83	30.11
590-527-801.000-50219	Prof/Contr-JCI Maint Costs	20,151.98		200,000.00	14,356.51		185,643.49	7.18
Net Professional services		(107,014.78)		(494,434.00)	(103,014.68)		(391,419.32)	20.83
[Admin] Salaries and wages								
590-561-702.000	Wages	35,957.42		92,240.00	39,856.48		52,383.52	43.21
590-561-716.000	Social Security	2,713.29		7,150.00	3,095.04		4,054.96	43.29
Net [Admin] Salaries and wages		(38,670.71)		(99,390.00)	(42,951.52)		(56,438.48)	43.22
[Admin] Fringe benefits								
590-561-715.000	Longevity	322.49		410.00	322.49		87.51	78.66
590-561-717.000	Health Insurance	15,473.53		25,630.00	11,182.05		14,447.95	43.63
590-561-718.000	Life Insurance	41.00		150.00	61.50		88.50	41.00
590-561-719.000	Unemployment Insurance	0.00		220.00	0.00		220.00	0.00
590-561-720.000	Disability Insurance	67.08		220.00	100.62		119.38	45.74
590-561-721.000	Workers Compensation	513.00		750.00	426.00		324.00	56.80
590-561-722.000	Retirement-MERS	181,260.00		205,660.00	207,925.00		(2,265.00)	101.10
Net [Admin] Fringe benefits		(197,677.10)		(233,040.00)	(220,017.66)		(13,022.34)	94.41
[Admin] Professional and contractual								
590-561-801.000	Professional/Contractual	680.00		0.00	680.00		(680.00)	100.00
590-561-801.000-50300	Prof/Contr-SRF 2022	103,776.48		5,299.80	0.00		5,299.80	0.00
590-561-806.000	Administration Charges	31,165.00		74,790.00	31,165.00		43,625.00	41.67
590-561-809.000	General & Protective	4,550.00		10,230.00	4,265.00		5,965.00	41.69
590-561-812.000	Technology Svcs Fund Fee	29,855.00		84,010.00	35,005.00		49,005.00	41.67
Net [Admin] Professional and contractual		(170,026.48)		(174,329.80)	(71,115.00)		(103,214.80)	40.79
[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
[Admin] Miscellaneous								
590-561-923.000	Stormwater Fee	4,875.00		12,110.00	5,045.00		7,065.00	41.66
Net [Admin] Miscellaneous		(4,875.00)		(12,110.00)	(5,045.00)		(7,065.00)	41.66

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		NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	AMENDED BUDGET	NORMAL (ABNORMAL)		NORMAL (ABNORMAL)	BALANCE	
Fund 590 - MQT AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT								
[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	1,199,888.48	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00
590-598-977.000	Capital Outlay-Equipment	0.00	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	50,768.00		(50,768.00)		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		(1,199,888.48)	(348,768.20)	(50,768.00)		(298,000.20)		14.56
[Admin] Depreciation								
590-561-968.000	Depreciation	314,676.73	1,152,400.00	402,247.97		750,152.03		34.91
Net [Admin] Depreciation		(314,676.73)	(1,152,400.00)	(402,247.97)		(750,152.03)		34.91
[Admin] Payment in lieu of taxes								
590-561-954.000	Payment In Lieu of Taxes	122,130.00	275,620.00	114,840.00		160,780.00		41.67
Net [Admin] Payment in lieu of taxes		(122,130.00)	(275,620.00)	(114,840.00)		(160,780.00)		41.67
[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	0.00	170,210.00	0.00		170,210.00		0.00
Net [Debt Service] Interest		0.00	(366,890.00)	0.00		(366,890.00)		0.00
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Fund 590 - MQT AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT:								
TOTAL REVENUES		784,700.45	6,024,111.80	1,292,416.06		4,731,695.74		21.45
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,960,781.96	6,024,111.80	1,910,096.71		4,114,015.09		31.71
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(2,176,081.51)	0.00	(617,680.65)		617,680.65		100.00

Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Plant

Advisory Board Meeting

Operations Report for February 2026

March 19, 2026



Permit Compliance for February 2026:

We violated our total phosphorus discharge limit for the month of February. The plant suffered some unknown event that reduced the plant's ability to remove tiny particles of solids from our final effluent. These solids were high in total phosphorus. We were able to remain within our permit limits for all other parameters.

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

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

February 24, 2026

ATTN: Mark O'Neill, Director of Municipal Utilities

RE: Biosolids hauling and application for the City of Marquette

Scope: Provide contractual services of transporting and application of Biosolids from the Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Facility to approved sites for a contract term ending December 31, 2026.

Service to be provided:

- Biosolids loading on site at the Wastewater Facility.
- Applications per owner at approved agronomic sites and rates.
- Insurance limits per City requirements.

Proposal Cost:

- Distance (one way) application to Cliffs Natural Resources will be charged at the 16-30 mile per unit rate.

2026 Rates

Distance	Liquid per gallon	Cake per cubic yard
31-60 miles	\$.1652	\$41.33
16-30 miles	\$.1542	\$34.47
15 miles or less	\$.1340	\$30.54

2027 Rates

Distance	Liquid per gallon	Cake per cubic yard
31-60 miles	\$.1718	\$42.98
16-30 miles	\$.1604	\$35.85
15 miles or less	\$.1394	\$31.76

- Any Work not covered under this agreement will be invoiced on a time and material basis.
- A mobilization charge of \$2,434.00 will apply to each haul out (totaling \$4,868.00 for the year 2026 both cake & liquid).
- A mobilization charge of \$2,531.00 will apply to each haul out (totaling \$5,062.00 for the year 2027 both cake & liquid).

Thank you for your consideration. Please let us know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Rod Wells
General Manager
M.J. VanDamme Trucking, Inc.

