



AGENDA

MARQUETTE AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY ADVISORY BOARD

August 20, 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 (*July 2026*)
3. FINANCIAL
 - a. Financial Report (*July 2026*)
4. OPERATIONS REPORT (*July 2026*)
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Biosolids Update
6. OLD BUSINESS
7. PUBLIC COMMENT (limited to three minutes)
8. BOARD COMMENT
9. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING

Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Plant
September 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.



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MARQUETTE AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 16, 2026

A regular meeting of the Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Facility Advisory Board was held at 10:00 a.m., July 16, 2026, at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT Sean Hobbins, City of Marquette

OTHERS Neil Traye, City of Marquette
Dan Johnston, City of Marquette
Leah LaCasse, City of Marquette

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

MINUTES J. Compton stated that M. Brumm was missing from others in attendance in prior meeting minutes. It was moved by J. Compton, supported by C. Lucas, to approve June 25, 2026, meeting minutes as written. Approved 4-0.

FINANCIAL

• Financial Report

M. Schlicht, City of Marquette, was absent but provided a narrative she wanted read in her absence.

Financial and FY'27 Budget Report July 2026 Board Meeting
As I am unable to attend this month's meeting, I respectfully submit the following report for the Board's review.



June 2026 Financial Report

The enclosed financial statements reflect activity through June 30, 2026. Overall, the Facility continues to operate within budget expectations.

Several budget categories appear either above or below the prorated spending level due to the timing of annual expenditures and accounting entries. Notable items include:

- The annual MERS defined benefit contribution has been recorded.
- Insurance premiums covering the fiscal year have been paid in full.
- Debt service principal will not be paid until the September payment date.
- The planned annual transfer to replacement reserves will be completed prior to fiscal year-end.
- Depreciation expense has been recorded through May.
- Revenues billed to the member municipalities are preliminary through May operations and will continue to be reconciled through year-end.

Certain operating accounts, such as fuel, purchased water, workers' compensation, and education, exceed budget due to timing or operational needs. These variances are not expected to materially impact the overall financial position of the Facility and will continue to be monitored through the remainder of the fiscal year.

- **FY27 Budget**

The proposed FY 2027 operating budget included with this agenda has been updated since the preliminary budget presented to the Board last month.

The most significant revision reflects receipt of the final FY 2027 MERS defined benefit contribution rates, allowing personnel-related expenditures to be refined from the preliminary estimates used during budget development. As a result, the overall requested FY 2027 budget is lower than the preliminary budget reviewed in June while continuing to provide sufficient funding for anticipated operations, maintenance, debt service, and capital reserve contributions.

I respectfully recommend that the Board approve the revised FY 2027 budget as presented for submission to the participating municipalities.

J. Compton moved to approve FY27 budget as presented, C. Lucas supported, approved 4-0.

Permit Compliance for June 2026:

There were no permit violations for the month of June.

Plant Notes

- Staff sampled fields at the VanDamme farm near Arnold to determine whether they can be used as land application sites for our biosolids cake. We are also ready for VanDamme to start hauling liquid biosolids to the Cliffs tailings basins, no word from them as of Monday.



- Prime Mechanical was on site to install a cable support and anchoring system to stabilize the liquid biosolids tanker fill station that was damaged over the winter.
- Staff cleaned the fresh air intakes for the plant.
- Duquaine was on site to diagnose the HVAC unit that serves the Aeration Basin's control building. They recommended replacement; we are waiting for a quote.
- Staff replaced the shear pin for the sweeper attachment on our Mahindra tractor.
- Staff dealt with multiple power-related issues and one fallen tree following the storm cell that came through on Sunday.

INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER ACCEPTANCE ACTIVITY FOR JUNE 2026

Source	Volume (gallons)	Total
Fabick/CAT	2,500	\$350.00
UPS	6,850	\$959.00
Pearl Seas Cruises (Stenberg)	27,100	\$3,794.00
Wisconsin Electric	35,000	\$1,400.00
Grand Totals	71,450	\$6,503.00

SEPTAGE ACTIVITY FOR JUNE 2026

Source	Volume (gallons)	Total
A-1 Toilets	1,598	\$287.64
Carey-Sodergren	45,157	\$8,128.26
Stenberg	74,020	\$13,323.60
North Country	39,491	\$7,108.38
Grand Totals	160,266	\$28,847.88

NEW BUSINESS

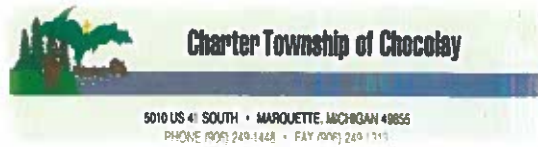
- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

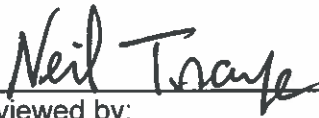


BOARD COMMENT

- Members asked how N. Traye was settling into new position.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Reviewed by:
N. Traye
Director of Municipal Utilities

Prepared by:
Leah LaCasse

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

	Amended Budget FY'26	7/31/2026	% of budget collected / distributed	NOTES:
Operating Revenues				
Services for City of Marquette	\$ 5,052,590.00	\$ 2,460,021.14	48.69%	Preliminary billings through June 2026 activities, and monthly PILT amounts recorded through July 2026.
Services for Marquette Township	541,440.00	265,771.14	49.09%	
Services for Chocolay Township	261,630.00	71,594.82	27.36%	
Services to other	150,000.00	198,038.24	132.03%	
Equipment rental and miscellaneous	4,220.00	120,784.31	2862.19%	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	6,009,880.00	3,116,209.65		
Operating Expenses				
Operation labor	1,088,640.00	953,255.61	87.56%	
Operation supplies and expenses	153,298.00	90,203.03	58.84%	
Chemicals	225,000.00	183,227.78	81.43%	
Purchased power and utilities	285,000.00	208,030.35	72.99%	BLP thru 06/18/26; SEMCO thru 06/04/26; Water thru 06/28/26
Education	9,000.00	10,400.25	115.56%	
Professional services	494,434.00	177,024.42	35.80%	
Administrative:				
Salaries and wages	99,390.00	112,293.00	112.98%	
Fringe benefits	233,040.00	227,308.56	97.54%	Annual DB contribution [MERS] submitted 10/29/25
Office supplies	-	108.50	#DIV/0!	
Professional and contractual	174,329.80	147,617.50	84.68%	FY'26 Admin / Technology / Gen & Protect Fee / North Country Disposal
Insurance and bonds	66,220.00	67,972.00	102.65%	This amt of insurance premium covers through September 30, 2026.
Rental	1,000.00	-	0.00%	
Miscellaneous	12,110.00	10,090.00	83.32%	FY'26 Stormwater is \$1,009 per month
Capital outlay or transfer to reserves	348,768.20	61,569.95	17.65%	Will adjust to \$300,000 annual contribution to 'reserve' account by FYE'26; \$50,768 plow truck purch
Depreciation	1,152,400.00	904,438.15	78.48%	Budgeted \$96,034 (est) per month; Depr through June '26 is posted and budget will be adjusted.
Payment in lieu of taxes	275,620.00	229,680.00	83.33%	FY'26 PILT is \$22,968 per month
Debt Service Payments:				
Principal	1,024,740.00	-	0.00%	Pmt due September 2026
Interest	366,890.00	279,098.56	76.07%	Pmts due March & September 2026; TELP pmt 6/15/26
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	6,009,880.00	3,662,317.66		
OPERATING GAIN (LOSS)	\$ -	\$ (546,108.01)		

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 07/31/2026

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

		YTD BALANCE 07/31/2025	2025-26	YTD BALANCE 07/31/2026	AVAILABLE BALANCE	% BDGT USED
GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	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	2,047,693.56	5,052,590.00	2,460,021.14	2,592,568.86	48.69
Net Services for City of Marquette		2,047,693.56	5,052,590.00	2,460,021.14	2,592,568.86	48.69
Services for Marquette Township						
590-000-623.000	Marquette Township	232,556.20	541,440.00	265,771.14	275,668.86	49.09
Net Services for Marquette Township		232,556.20	541,440.00	265,771.14	275,668.86	49.09
Services for Chocolay Township						
590-000-624.000	Chocolay Township	64,776.31	261,630.00	71,594.82	190,035.18	27.36
Net Services for Chocolay Township		64,776.31	261,630.00	71,594.82	190,035.18	27.36
Services to other						
590-000-625.000	Other	109,394.74	150,000.00	198,038.24	(48,038.24)	132.03
Net Services to other		109,394.74	150,000.00	198,038.24	(48,038.24)	132.03
Equipment rental and miscellaneous						
590-000-665.000	Interest	95,697.48	0.00	108,033.40	(108,033.40)	100.00
590-000-667.000	Rent	9,574.06	4,220.00	9,826.83	(5,606.83)	232.86
590-000-676.000	Reimbursements	102.44	0.00	2,230.08	(2,230.08)	100.00
590-000-695.000	Other Financing Sources	8,966.45	0.00	694.00	(694.00)	100.00
590-000-695.000-50239	Other Financing Sources-COVID-19	2,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Equipment rental and miscellaneous		116,940.43	4,220.00	120,784.31	(116,564.31)	2,862.19
Operation labor						
590-527-702.000	Wages	379,351.05	519,230.00	404,910.52	114,319.48	77.98
590-527-715.000	Longevity	2,090.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	100.00
590-527-716.000	Social Security	28,508.17	40,030.00	29,991.22	10,038.78	74.92
590-527-717.000	Health Insurance	146,697.62	186,400.00	173,208.66	13,191.34	92.92
590-527-718.000	Life Insurance	356.54	500.00	462.88	37.12	92.58
590-527-719.000	Unemployment Insurance	1,733.40	1,790.00	45.06	1,744.94	2.52
590-527-720.000	Disability Insurance	700.40	1,010.00	666.27	343.73	65.97
590-527-721.000	Workers Compensation	2,085.00	2,000.00	2,585.00	(585.00)	129.25
590-527-722.000	Retirement-MERS	258,254.00	336,480.00	340,186.00	(3,706.00)	101.10
590-527-725.000	OPEB Contribution	18,980.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Operation labor		(838,756.18)	(1,088,640.00)	(953,255.61)	(135,384.39)	87.56
Operation supplies and expenses						
590-527-729.000	Fuel-Wastewater	3,414.99	3,800.00	13,777.32	(9,977.32)	362.56
590-527-740.000	Operating Supplies	14,295.41	34,498.00	23,320.13	11,177.87	67.60
590-527-775.000	Repair/Maintenance Supplies	70,685.17	104,000.00	50,812.32	53,187.68	48.86
590-527-945.000	Vehicle & Equipment Rental	4,309.29	11,000.00	2,293.26	8,706.74	20.85
Net Operation supplies and expenses		(92,704.86)	(153,298.00)	(90,203.03)	(63,094.97)	58.84
Chemicals						
590-527-731.000	Chemicals	164,782.01	225,000.00	183,227.78	41,772.22	81.43
Net Chemicals		(164,782.01)	(225,000.00)	(183,227.78)	(41,772.22)	81.43

Purchased power and utilities

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		NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)		NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	NORMAL	(ABNORMAL)	
Fund 590 - MQT AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT									
590-527-920.000	Purchased Power		107,200.77	192,000.00		149,471.10		42,528.90	77.85
590-527-921.000	Purchased Natural Gas		50,142.88	90,000.00		52,253.77		37,746.23	58.06
590-527-922.000	Purchased Water		3,226.06	3,000.00		6,305.48		(3,305.48)	210.18
Net Purchased power and utilities			(160,569.71)	(285,000.00)		(208,030.35)		(76,969.65)	72.99
Education									
590-527-865.000	Conference/Seminars		8,862.53	9,000.00		10,400.25		(1,400.25)	115.56
Net Education			(8,862.53)	(9,000.00)		(10,400.25)		1,400.25	115.56
Professional services									
590-527-801.000	Professional/Contractual		176,078.37	294,434.00		143,424.91		151,009.09	48.71
590-527-801.000-50219	Prof/Contr-JCI Maint Costs		32,180.70	200,000.00		33,599.51		166,400.49	16.80
Net Professional services			(208,259.07)	(494,434.00)		(177,024.42)		(317,409.58)	35.80
[Admin] Salaries and wages									
590-561-702.000	Wages		69,965.33	92,240.00		104,273.20		(12,033.20)	113.05
590-561-716.000	Social Security		5,280.94	7,150.00		8,019.80		(869.80)	112.17
Net [Admin] Salaries and wages			(75,246.27)	(99,390.00)		(112,293.00)		12,903.00	112.98
[Admin] Fringe benefits									
590-561-715.000	Longevity		322.49	410.00		615.61		(205.61)	150.15
590-561-717.000	Health Insurance		19,659.00	25,630.00		17,903.01		7,726.99	69.85
590-561-718.000	Life Insurance		102.50	150.00		96.83		53.17	64.55
590-561-719.000	Unemployment Insurance		211.86	220.00		9.18		210.82	4.17
590-561-720.000	Disability Insurance		167.70	220.00		150.93		69.07	68.60
590-561-721.000	Workers Compensation		702.00	750.00		608.00		142.00	81.07
590-561-722.000	Retirement-MERS		181,260.00	205,660.00		207,925.00		(2,265.00)	101.10
Net [Admin] Fringe benefits			(202,425.55)	(233,040.00)		(227,308.56)		(5,731.44)	97.54
[Admin] Office supplies									
590-561-727.000	Office Supplies		0.00	0.00		108.50		(108.50)	100.00
Net [Admin] Office supplies			0.00	0.00		(108.50)		108.50	100.00
[Admin] Professional and contractual									
590-561-801.000	Professional/Contractual		6,210.00	0.00		6,500.00		(6,500.00)	100.00
590-561-801.000-50300	Prof/Contr-SRF 2022		137,245.77	5,299.80		247.50		5,052.30	4.67
590-561-806.000	Administration Charges		62,330.00	74,790.00		62,330.00		12,460.00	83.34
590-561-809.000	General & Protective		9,100.00	10,230.00		8,530.00		1,700.00	83.38
590-561-812.000	Technology Svcs Fund Fee		59,710.00	84,010.00		70,010.00		14,000.00	83.34
Net [Admin] Professional and contractual			(274,595.77)	(174,329.80)		(147,617.50)		(26,712.30)	84.68
[Admin] Insurance and bonds									
590-561-910.000	Insurance		64,125.00	66,220.00		67,972.00		(1,752.00)	102.65
Net [Admin] Insurance and bonds			(64,125.00)	(66,220.00)		(67,972.00)		1,752.00	102.65
[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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Fund 590 - MQT AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT									
[Admin] Miscellaneous									
590-561-923.000	Stormwater Fee		9,750.00	12,110.00		10,090.00		2,020.00	83.32
Net [Admin] Miscellaneous			(9,750.00)	(12,110.00)		(10,090.00)		(2,020.00)	83.32
[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: Plow Truck		0.00	0.00		61,569.95		(61,569.95)	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)		(61,569.95)		(287,198.25)	17.65
[Admin] Depreciation									
590-561-968.000	Depreciation		629,052.68	1,152,400.00		904,438.15		247,961.85	78.48
Net [Admin] Depreciation			(629,052.68)	(1,152,400.00)		(904,438.15)		(247,961.85)	78.48
[Admin] Payment in lieu of taxes									
590-561-954.000	Payment In Lieu of Taxes		244,260.00	275,620.00		229,680.00		45,940.00	83.33
Net [Admin] Payment in lieu of taxes			(244,260.00)	(275,620.00)		(229,680.00)		(45,940.00)	83.33
[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		194,031.00	196,680.00		196,672.00		8.00	100.00
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			(278,444.33)	(366,890.00)		(279,098.56)		(87,791.44)	76.07
Fund 590 - MQT AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT:									
TOTAL REVENUES			2,571,361.24	6,024,111.80		3,116,209.65		2,907,902.15	51.73
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			4,798,605.54	6,024,111.80		3,662,317.66		2,361,794.14	60.79
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES			(2,227,244.30)	0.00		(546,108.01)		546,108.01	100.00

Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Plant

Advisory Board Meeting

Operations Report for July 2026

August 20, 2026



Permit Compliance for July 2026:

There were no permit violations for the month of July.

Plant Notes

- We had a bulk shipment of sodium aluminate arrive on July 16th, but the tanker had to wait for the liquid's temperature to drop enough to be safe to offload into our bulk tank. It was finally within limits on the 22nd.
- We had to drain/clean the #1 Secondary Clarifier so we could remove a piece of pipe that had fallen into the tank. The pipe was originally part of a flushing feature for the scum beach on the tank, but it rotted fell off. The rest of the clarifier inspection went well. We also drained/cleaned the #2 Secondary Clarifier, and its inspection also went well.
- Duquaine diagnosed the HVAC unit that serves our Aeration Basin's control building as being bad (it hasn't consistently worked well since it was put into service in 2009). They replaced the unit and we are back in business.
- We gave tours to the trades summer camp group of high school-aged students.
- I replaced the seal fail/over temp relay for the #2 pump in our bunker sump station.
- We completed the installation of the new Secondary Scum Pump. Staff had to unplug the drain lines from the Secondary Clarifier scum beaches to the scum well.
- Our first round of W.E.T. testing was a failure due to inability of UPS to deliver the last shipment. Another attempt at completing this series of tests is under way this week.
- Staff built a rig to clean the level sensor for the WRS's rotating drum screen. This will help prevent false signals that make the controls think the unit needs to run when nothing is in it.
- I installed a new control board for the WRS's water heater.
- Jarrod repaired the spare muffle furnace in the lab.
- I installed the new level transducer for the #2 Digester.
- Kraft was on site to perform routine maintenance on both units.
- Staff repaired a cracked fitting on the sodium aluminate feed line.
- The influent step screen started throwing random faults. I discovered the high influent flow alarm float was bad. The failed float is now bypassed.

INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER ACCEPTANCE ACTIVITY FOR JULY 2026

Source	Volume (gallons)	Total
Fabick/CAT	5,500	\$770.00
LS&I	8,000	\$1,120.00
Wisconsin Electric	36,500	\$1,460.00
Grand Totals	50,000	\$3,350.00

SEPTAGE ACTIVITY FOR JULY 2026

Source	Volume (gallons)	Total
Carey/Sodergren	61,810	\$11,125.80
North Country	53,342	\$9,601.56
Stenberg	11,138	\$2,004.84
A-1 Toilets	1,127	\$202.86
Grand Totals	127,417	\$22,935.06