



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.



Charter Township of Chocolay

5010 US 41 SOUTH • MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN 49855
PHONE (906) 249-1448 • FAX (906) 249-1313



- 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

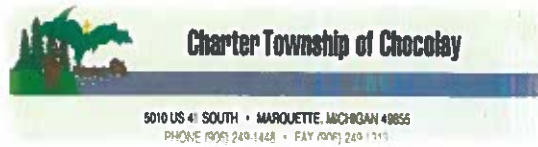
- None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

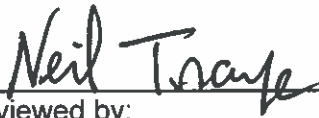


BOARD COMMENT

- 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