

MACKINAW TOWNSHIP
MACKINAW CITY, MICHIGAN, 49701
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2009

UNAPPROVED

The regular meeting of the Mackinaw Township Board was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on January 20, 2009 at 10595 Wallick Road, Mackinaw City, Michigan. Supervisor Dean led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Keck, Dean, Rogala, Davis
Absent: Bertchinger

Agenda approved as presented. Minutes of November 18, 2008 approved on motion by Keck, second by Davis. All aye, minutes approved.

Public Comments: Mr. Dave Valot, member of the Mackinaw City School Board addressed the Board on the concerns of property tax settlements and how it affects the schools. Attorney Tim Mac Arthur reviewed the procedures and meetings that precluded the recommended settlements. Eric Jacobson, township assessor also recapped how each and every request for tax reduction is dealt with. Because Mackinaw City Schools is an “out of formula” district, losses thru property tax reductions directly impact the school.

**TOWNSHIP BOARD RESOLUTION ADOPTING SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL OF
PETITIONER:**

WHEREAS, The Petitioner in MTT case #350690 has proposed settlement of the dispute pending in the Michigan Tax Tribunal; and WHEREAS, the Township Board believes the settlement proposal represents a fair compromise of valuation for the affected parcel; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Mackinaw Township, Cheboygan County, adopts the settlement proposal in MTT case #350690 and agrees to entry of a Consent Judgment in that matter. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the assessor and attorney for Mackinaw Township, Cheboygan County, be and hereby are authorized to sign the Settlement Stipulation on behalf of the Township and forward the same to the representative of the Petitioner for filing with the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Dean and supported by Board Member Keck. Upon roll call vote the following voted “Aye”, Dean, Davis, Rogala, Keck. Upon roll call vote, the following voted “Nay:” – None. Absent: Bertchinger The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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WHEREAS, the Petitioner in MTT case #350688 has proposed settlement of the dispute pending in the Michigan Tax Tribunal; and WHEREAS, the Township Board believes the settlement proposal represents a fair compromise of valuation for the affected parcel: NOW, THEREFORE, BUT IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Mackinaw Township, Cheboygan County, adopts the settlement proposal in MTT case #350688 and agrees to entry of a Consent Judgment in that matter. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the assessor and attorney for Mackinaw Township, Cheboygan County be and hereby are authorized to sign the Settlement Stipulation on behalf of the Township and forward the same to the representative of the Petitioner for filing with the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Dean and supported by Board Member Rogala. Upon roll call vote, the following voted “Aye:” Dean, Davis, Keck, Rogala. Upon roll call vote, the following voted “Nay:” None. Absent: Bertchinger. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

WHEREAS, the Petitioner in MTT case #3337528 has proposed settlement of the dispute pending in the Michigan Tax Tribunal; and WHEREAS, the Township Board believes the settlement proposal represents a fair compromise of valuation for the contested parcel; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Mackinaw Township, Cheboygan County, adopts the settlement proposal in MTT case #3337528 and agrees to entry of a Consent Judgment in that matter. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the assessor and attorney for Mackinaw Township, Cheboygan County, be and hereby are authorized to sign the Settlement Stipulation on behalf of the Township and forward the same to the representatives of the Petitioner for filing with the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Keck and supported by Board Member Davis. Upon roll call vote, the following voted “Aye:” Rogala, Dean, Davis, Keck. Upon roll call vote, the following voted “Nay:” – None. Absent: Bertchinger. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Dean suggested that a meeting be scheduled with Tim MacArthur and Eric Jacobson to review procedure for assessing and when and if an adjustment was justified. Joe Levander of the County Equalization would also be invited to attend. This meeting would be open to anyone directly affected by these adjustments.

Tom Peters was appointed to the Fire Board. The Board consists of members from Wawatam Township, Village of Mackinaw, and Mackinaw Township.

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Motion by Davis, second by Rogala to amend as follows Agenda and supporting attachments, budget comparison report, supervisor's report and treasurer's report to be delivered to board member's at least 3 business days in advance of the meeting. Board members are to turn in their expenses to the clerk at least 7 days prior to a regular meeting. All aye, motion adopted.

Motion by Keck, second by Davis to amend Board Policy concerning minutes as follows: Unapproved board minutes shall be published in a local newspaper within 21 days after the meeting. Tapes of the board meetings shall be erased after the approval of the board minutes. All aye, motion adopted.

Budget Amendment for current budget as follows:

Reduce Capital Outlay 101-265-975 by \$2500.00, and increase Election Supplies, 101-191-726 by \$2500.00 This motion brought forth by Rogala, second by Keck. Roll call: Aye: Keck, Davis, Dean, Rogala, Absent: Berchinger.

Resolution concerning Partial Surrender of Pension Plan was introduced by Davis, second by Dean. All aye, resolution approved.

Current ORV Policy was discussed and the changes currently under study by the County. Motion by Rogala, second by Davis that Mackinaw Township keep all existing roads now open to ORV travel in the new ordinance. All aye, motion approved.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreements were reviewed for each board member. Motion by Rogala, second by Davis to adopt these agreements as presented. Roll Call: Aye: Davis, Rogala, Davis, Keck. Absent: Bertchinger

Warrant list for December and January approved. Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the chair at 8:30 P.M.