

**MACKINAW TOWNSHIP  
10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY  
2024/2025 PUBLIC BUDGET AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2024**

Supervisor Smydra called the Public Budget Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board Members present: Brew, Closs, Darrow, Smydra. Absent: Falor. Also, present: Timothy MacArthur and Jeff Ostman. No public comments. Smydra declared the Public Budget Meeting closed at 7:02 PM.

The Regular Board Meeting was opened at 7:03PM.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the February 20, 2024 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

### **Reports**

1. Supervisor Smydra met with State Representative Neil Friske on March 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the potential township driveway. Friske pledged to help the township with this project. Friske instructed Smydra to call his administrative assistant after the meeting. The administrative assistant said they would like to approach MDOT in Lansing and then have MDOT in Lansing approach MDOT in Gaylord. Smydra has followed up multiple times with the administrative assistant and we are still waiting on the status of this project.

Wawatam Supervisor Roger Moore is in charge of the 2024 Spring Clean-Up Day in Mackinaw City. This will take place Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

Brew attended the Fire Board Meeting this morning in Smydra's place. Brew reported to the board that the rescue pumper is not scheduled for production until July of this year. The fire department was awarded 25 Scott air packs through the AFG grant. The firefighters went through training last night and were given some new updated equipment. They also got all the connection tubing and 25 feet of hose to help fill aerial ladder tanks with the compressor that is downtown in station 1. They discussed dry hydrants in Wawatam Township and their potential location.

The Board of Review Members met in March for their organizational and appeals meetings. There were 6 administrative paperwork duties to complete and one public resident showed up during the meeting.

Smydra gave an update on the building maintenance that was discussed at last month's meeting. Brew replaced the American Flag and properly disposed the old flag. Smydra has purchased the LED lights for the treasurer's office and will get those replaced. The exterior lights on the township building have been replaced and should be working. Smydra has purchased a replacement door handle/lock for the front door and will have that replaced soon.

Ruby Solario from the Cheboygan Road Commission contacted Smydra via email stating "when we updated the Construction Estimate, the Project Description for Old Mackinaw Road did not update. I want to be sure we are all clear on this. The Estimate for \$52,925.95 for the 730' of N. Old Mackinaw Rd. was for an HMA Overlay NOT a Crush & Shape. Would you still like to proceed?" The board discussed this in detail and came to an agreement that Mackinaw Township would like to still proceed with this project.

2. Attorney MacArthur presented the 2024/2025 Municipal Retainer Agreement of \$500.00. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve and pay the 2024/2025 \$500 Municipal Retainer Agreement with MacArthur Law Firm. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brew, Darrow, Smydra, Closs. Absent: Falor. Nays: None. Motion carried. MacArthur will be attending the MTA convention legal seminar and will pass along any valuable information he obtains. There is a referendum that has been started to restore local control over solar and wind development. Currently the Michigan Public Service Commission has current control. The governor officially appointed Michael Ekdahl as the 89<sup>th</sup> district court judge in Presque Isle and Cheboygan counties.

### **New Business**

1. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the 2024/2025 Meeting Schedule as presented.

Motion carried.

2. Motioned by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the Supervisor's salary of \$9,600 per year.

Roll call: Ayes: Brew, Darrow, Closs. Absent: Falor. Abstained: Smydra. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motioned by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the Treasurer's salary of \$16,500 per year.  
Roll call: Ayes:Smydra, Darrow, Brew, Closs. Absent Falor. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motioned by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the Clerk's salary of \$16,500 per year.  
Roll call: Ayes: Brew, Smydra, Closs. Absent: Falor. Abstained: Darrow. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motioned by Darrow, supported by Smydra to approve the Trustee's salary of \$1,800 per year. As well as Fifty Dollars (\$50) per diem for each meeting, event, or function that said Trustee attends, as approved by the Township Board, above and beyond regular or special meetings of the Township Board.  
Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Brew, Smydra, Closs. Absent: Falor. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the statement of wages for Board of Review, deputies, election inspectors, mileage, and assessor. Roll call vote: Ayes: Symdra, Darrow, Brew, Closs. Absent: Falor.

3. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the 2024/2025 General Budget & Fire Fund Budget.  
Roll call vote: Ayes: Symdra, Brew, Closs, Darrow. Absent: Falor. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. Motion by Darrow, supported by Brew to adopt the 2024/2025 General Appropriations Act.  
Roll call vote: Ayes: Darrow, Closs, Smydra, Brew. Absent: Falor. Nays: None. Motion carried.

5. Motion by Closs, supported by Brew to approve the following 2023/2024 budget amendments:  
**MOVE:**

<b>Minus</b>	\$600	101-900-980.00 Capital Control: Contingencies
<b>Plus</b>	\$600	101-191-726.00 Election: Office Supply

**MOVE:**

<b>Minus</b>	\$300	101-900-980.00 Capital Control: Contingencies
<b>Plus</b>	\$300	101-191-860.00 Election: Transportation

**MOVE:**

<b>Minus</b>	\$300	101-900-980.00 Capital Control: Contingencies
<b>Plus</b>	\$300	101-191-956.00 Election: Miscellaneous

**MOVE:**

<b>Minus</b>	\$100	101-900-980.00 Capital Control: Contingencies
<b>Plus</b>	\$100	101-101-726.00 Governing Body: Office Supply

Roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Brew, Darrow, Closs. Absent: Falor. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **Treasurers Report/ Bills/ Financial Report**

1. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented via email. The tax roll has been turned over to the county with everything balanced and disbursed.
2. Motion by Closs, supported by Brew to approve the bills for March.  
Roll call vote: Ayes: Brew, Smydra, Closs, Darrow. Absent: Falor. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. The Standard Budget Financial Report was reviewed as presented.

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 7:47 PM.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Ashley Darrow, Clerk

