

MACKINAW TOWNSHIP
MACKINAW CITY, MICHIGAN, 49701
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2009

The regular meeting of the Mackinaw Township Board was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on February 17, 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, Bertchinger
Absent: None

Agenda approved as presented. Minutes of January 20, 2009 meeting approved as presented.

Assessor Eric Jacobson reviewed with Board Members the current figures for properties in the township. He also compared these figures to prior year and it appears that the end result will be taxable values very similar to last year. There was also discussion on current conditions and what changes may result in the near future.

Tim MacArthur, attorney for the township reviewed current litigation and timetable for action in the next case, which involves Mackinaw Crossings. The question of continuation before the tax tribunal involving the Morehouse property was discussed, with the Board Members agreeing that this case should be continued.

Budget Study for the upcoming 2008/09 Budget year reviewed recommended line item changes as recommended by the Clerk. Salaries for the next year will be increased by 3% on motion by Bertchinger, second by Keck. Roll call as follows: Ayes: Keck, Dean, Davis, Rogala, Bertchinger.

Mileage reimbursement for the next year will be paid at the IRS current rate of 55 cents. This motion was brought forth by Rogala, second by Davis. Roll Call as follows: Ayes: Bertchinger, Rogala, Dean, Keck, Davis.

Keck recommended that budget amount of \$70,000 for roads for the 08/09 budget be approved. A determination will be made in the near future on the best use of this money for township roads.

Budget Hearing will be set for 5:45 P.M. on March 17, 2009, at the Township Hall with March Board meeting immediately following.

Motion by Davis, second by Rogala, that Richard Mahlmeister be contracted to conduct the 08/09 audit. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Keck, second by Davis that Tim MacArthur be hired at Township Attorney for the coming year. All aye, motion carried.

April Board meeting will be set for one week later than current schedule on motion by Keck, second by Davis. The meeting will be April 28, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. All aye, motion accepted.

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Board of Review dates scheduled as follows: Organizational Meeting on March 3rd at 12:00. Appeal Hearings: March 9, 2009, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and March 10, 2009, 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. These dates and times were approved on motion by Davis, second by Rogala. All aye, motion approved.

Dean reminded Board Members that he is looking for a township resident to serve as an alternate member for Board of Review.

Keck presented the current Poverty Exemption guidelines for the next year. Motion by Davis, second by Bertchinger to accept these as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Keck, Davis, Dean, Bertchinger, Rogala.

Contract for Liquor Inspector for next year to be issued to Richard Miller was approved with the following change: Language to be included which states terms of termination by either the Board or the Inspector. This contract is for \$800 per year, to be paid in four equal installments. Motion by Bertchinger, second by Keck to approve contact. All aye, motion carried.

Bertchinger reviewed current Treasurer's Report and also reported on current tax collections. Motion by Davis, second by Rogala to accept Treasurer's Report. All aye, motion approved.

Warrant list for payment of February bills approved on motion by Davis, second by Bertchinger. All aye, bills approved.

Keck reviewed current recommendations from Evergreen Lawn Care for the upcoming year. Board members agreed we should approve these recommendations.

Board members reported on recent Annual Convention of MTA held in Detroit. They briefly reviewed sessions attended and reviewed information available from these meetings. Any board member who would like copies of this information should request them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 to the call of the Chair.