

**MACKINAW TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY, MI
JANUARY 16, 2018**

Supervisor Crisp called the meeting to order at 5 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members present: Brew, Closs, Crisp, Falor, Munns. Also present: Karen Johnson, Eleanor Crisp and Joe Lavender.

The agenda was accepted as presented. The minutes from November 21, 2017 meeting stand as presented.

Reports

- Assessor Lavender received MAI appraisals for the two tax tribunals and is hoping to establish dialogue to get a resolution. The state published inflation rate for property taxes for 2018 is 2.1%. Business owners with less than 80K in personal property need to file the Small business taxpayer exemption claim form by February 20. No leeway, no late filing will be accepted. The 2018 Assessments will be mailed out by the end of February.
- Supervisor Crisp will be attending the County Road Commission meeting February 21.

New Business

- Motion by Falor, supported by Brew for the BOR members to attend the MTA BOR training class in St. Ignace. Motion carried. Joe informed the Board of training classes offered by the Department of Treasury. This possible alternative will be considered for next year.
- Motion by Falor, supported by Munns to approve the Resolution adopting the 2018 Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines. Roll call vote: Ayes: Munns, Crisp, Brew, Falor, Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Falor, supported by Crisp to enter into the HAVA grant agreement to acquire new voting equipment and to authorize the Clerk to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the township. Roll call vote: Ayes: Crisp, Closs, Brew, Falor, Munns. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- After discussion about AT&T internet/phone versus our current provider, Charter, consensus was to check other providers. This will be taken up at the next meeting.
- Discussion and review of current practice of paying election inspectors and BOR members travel mileage for training and mileage for travel to and from the hall for elections and BOR meetings.
Motion by Falor, supported by Brew to update the Reimbursement of expenses policy to read, "The Board will pay the Federal standard mileage for election workers and BOR members to travel for training".
Roll call vote: Ayes: Closs, Brew, Falor, Crisp, Munns. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Motion by Munns, supported by Brew to update the Reimbursement of expenses policy to read, "The Board will pay election workers and BOR members, round trip Federal standard mileage for travel from home to the hall for election work and BOR meetings"
Roll call vote: Ayes: Brew, Munns. Nays: Falor, Crisp, Closs. Motion failed.
- The 2018/2019 preliminary budget was reviewed and adjustments made.

Treasurers Report

- The Treasurers report for November and December were accepted as presented.

Bills/ Financial Report

- Motion by Falor, supported by Munns to approve the bills for December.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Crisp, Brew, Falor, Closs, Munns. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motion by Falor, supported by Brew to approve the bills for January.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Closs, Brew, Falor, Crisp, Munns. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- The Standard budget financial reports were accepted as presented.

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Brad Forrester will be speaking on Medical Marijuana at the County MTA meeting on January 25.

Public Comments

Commissioner Johnson informed the Board of the new Charter program offering low-income seniors and low-income families with children Internet service for \$15 per month.

Non-Agenda items

- Munns is registered for the upcoming Local update of Census addresses (LUCA) webinar
- Brew will be a speaker at the 2018 Michigan statewide Interoperable Communication training conference.

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Munns, Clerk