

MACKINAW TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY, MI
APRIL 16, 2019

Supervisor Smydra called the meeting to order at 5 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All Board members present: Brew, Closs, Falor, Munns, Smydra. Also present: Virginia Brew, Tim MacArthur, and Joe Lavender. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to modify the Agenda with addition, D #2: Freedom rd trail sign and D #3: Road brining. Motion carried.

Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the amended Agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the March 19, 2019 minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Reports

1. There is a 2 million dollar reduction in taxable value for this year, largely due to the commercial properties selling much lower than their appraised values. Assessor Lavender presented recent sales figures.
2. Smydra updated the Board on the Fire Board meeting he attended. To date the Village has spent 85% of the fire monies from last years budget. One dry fire hydrant will be installed near Mill Creek that can be used in event of an emergency. Our insurance company will need to be notified of the dry hydrant. Thoughts on BOR policy content were presented.
3. Attorney MacArthur reviewed some of the public acts that were discussed at the MTA's legal seminar he attended in Grand Rapids.

Unfinished Business

1. A copy of the original Section 218 of Social security code effective 1960 was presented. This Section 218 allows municipalities to participate in SS, making it acceptable for political subdivisions to contribute into SS. Attorney MacArthur drafted a letter to Gleaner Life Insurance Society requesting clarification on whether an Annuity retirement plan, once adopted with all positions covered by the plan can in subsequent years amend the plan to remove some of those positions from the plan. He did not receive a suitable reply and will contact Municipal Retirement systems with the same request.
2. MTA's Nonpartisan election legislation resolution was reviewed. Motion by Brew, supported by Munns to oppose the legislation that would allow township boards the option to have its elected offices appear as nonpartisan on the ballot. Roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Munns, Falor, Brew, Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Motion by Munns, supported by Brew and carried to approve the following budget amendment:
Minus 1,400. (101-101-726) Office supply
Minus 725. (101-101-960) Conference & Workshops Plus 2,125. (101-101-826) Legal Fees.
2. The Freedom rd trail sign was damaged this winter and is now missing. Motion by Falor, supported by Brew to accept the price quote from Genesis graphics of \$1,081 to replace the sign.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Closs, Munns, Brew, Falor. Nays: None. Motion carried.
The Welcome to Mackinaw township sign by Roberts Landing is also damaged. Smydra will contact the Road commission about replacing with a metal sign.
3. The contract for road brining has not come in yet. Motion by Falor, supported by Brew to authorize Supervisor Smydra to commit up to \$1500 for road brining. Roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Falor, Brew, Closs, Munns. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report/ Bills/ Financial Report

1. The Treasurers report was accepted as presented.
2. Motion by Closs, supported by Brew to approve the bills for April.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Closs, Falor, Smydra, Munns, Brew. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. The Standard budget financial report was reviewed.

Non-agenda items

Smydra will check about permit requirements for the township putting in a driveway off of US 23. Enbridge is hosting community open houses in St. Ignace and Cheboygan on May 1 and May 2.

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Maria Munns, Clerk