

MACKINAW TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY, MI
FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Supervisor Smydra called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
All Board members present via Google Meet: Brew, Closs, Darrow, Falor, Smydra.
Also present: Assessor Joe Lavender

Motion by Falor, supported by Closs to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.
Motion by Brew, supported by Falor to approve the January 19, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Lavender explained that he has a “Go To” meeting account set up with his company for the Board of Review March meetings. The 2021 Board of Review organizational meeting is Tuesday, March 2, 5:30 PM. Appeals hearings will be held Monday, March 8 from 9:00 AM to 3 PM and Thursday, March 11 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. These meetings will be held virtually via video conference or individuals have the option to call in. This information for meeting attendance has been published in the newspaper and the Mackinaw Township website. The annual assessment notices have been finished and are in the mail.
2. Smydra has received a notice from Cheboygan County Road Commission about the 2021 brine. The lowest bidder was American Waste Inc. DBA Northern A-1 Services. The township has used this company for the past two consecutive years.
Motioned by Falor, supported by Closs to authorize Smydra to use American Waste Inc. DBA Northern A-1 Services for our 2021 road brining with a budget of \$2,000.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Falor, Closs, Brew, Smydra, Darrow. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Smydra used his personal credit card to pay \$20 for Loretta Martinek Board of Review training. Unfortunately, Martinek has resigned from the BOR. Smydra is seeking reimbursement.
Motioned by Falor, supported by Closs to reimburse Smydra for \$20.
Roll call: Ayes: Smydra, Darrow, Closs, Falor, Brew. Nays: None. Motion carried

Unfinished Business

1. No new news on the blight ordinance. Recommended by Beaugrand Township Supervisor Marcia Rocheleau to wait until the Covid-19 lockdown order has lifted so we can meet in person to further discuss this issue.
2. According to Michigan Township Association attorney Catherine Mullhaup Board of Review members are required training per term. Board of Review consists of a 2-year term. Jones and Bryers opted to take the required training in 2022. Strieby opted to take the required training in 2021. Strieby received 9 hours of training total and used her personal credit card to pay the \$70 training fee. She took the required 4-hour training class and then took an additional 5-hour training class. Strieby will be compensate for her time.
Smydra proposed we use the 2020 BOR salary pay rate to properly compensate Strieby as shown below:
Strieby BOR Training: 9 Hours Total
\$110 Full Day 6 Hours Training
\$55 Half Day 3 Hours Training
\$70 BOR Training Fee
TOTAL: \$235
Motion by Falor, supported by Closs to pay Strieby \$235 for BOR training.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Closs, Darrow, Falor, Brew. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Darrow issued a check to Strieby on 2/22/2021 for \$130. Strieby will be issued another check for \$105 to make up the difference for a total of \$235.
3. Motion by Smydra, supported by Brew to adopt the Meal Reimbursement Policy.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Closs, Falor, Smydra, Darrow, Brew. Nays: None. Motion carried.
4. The Mackinaw City 2021 Recreation Center agreement was approved and a check for \$1,500 will be issued.
5. The 2021/2022 Preliminary Budget was reviewed and salary increases were discussed.
 - Motioned by Brew, supported by Smydra to increase the Treasurer’s & Clerk’s salary to \$15,000 per year.
Roll call: Ayes: Brew, Darrow, Smydra, Closs, Falor. Nays: None. Motion carried.
 - Motioned by Smydra, supported by Falor to increase the Trustee’s salary to \$1,500 per year.
Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Smydra, Falor, Closs, Brew. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- Motioned by Falor, supported by Brew to keep the Supervisor's salary at \$9,000 per year as Smydra's request.
Roll call: Ayes: Closs, Smydra, Brew, Darrow, Falor. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Motioned by Falor, supported by Brew to pay the Board of Review members at an hourly rate of \$30 for the first hour of service and \$24 for each additional hour of service.
Roll call: Ayes: Brew, Falor, Smydra, Closs, Darrow. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

1. There have been no updates on the Edgewater Beach Trail turn around. The road commission will have to take further action on this issue.
2. Motion by Smydra, supported by Brew to approve the Presque Isle Electric & Gas Franchise Ordinance.
Roll call: Ayes: Brew, Darrow, Smydra, Falor, Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Falor, supported by Closs to hire Maria Munns as an election consultant to assist Darrow with the May 4th school election for an hourly rate of \$20 and limited to 4 hours on election day.
Roll call: Ayes: Smydra, Darrow, Closs, Falor, Brew. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report/ Bills/ Financial Report

1. The Treasurers report was accepted as presented.
2. Motion by Brew, supported by Falor to approve the bills for February
Roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Closs, Darrow, Falor, Brew. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. The Standard budget financial report was reviewed. Public Budget meeting is virtually March 16 at 7 PM

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ashley Darrow, Clerk