

MACKINAW TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY, MI
OCTOBER 19, 2021

Supervisor Smydra called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

All Board members present: Brew, Closs, Falor, Darrow, Smydra.

Also present: Tim MacArthur, Richard E. Mahlmeister

The agenda was edited and approved by adding an "Attorney Report" under "Reports" and adding "Township Building" under "New Business".

Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the September 21, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Richard E. Mahlmeister presented the Independent Auditor's Report for 2020/2021. The Township was able to report positive balances in net position. Net position decreased by \$27,427. Revenue remained stable over the prior year with modest decreases in property taxes and state shared revenue. Expenses increased primarily due to general government township hall repairs and significant public works road projects.
2. MacArthur discussed that the "Blight Elimination Ordinance" was published in the Straits Land Resorter and the Cheboygan Daily Tribune on October 6, 2021. The ordinance is also available at mackinawtownship.com. Brent Shank who was the Cheboygan County Road Manager has resigned and is now the Emmet County Road Manager. Money from the American Rescue Plan Act has started to be dispersed to townships in the local area. Mackinaw Township did apply for this Act but has not yet received any money.
3. Smydra attended a MTA meeting on September 30, 2021. At this meeting the "Blight Elimination Ordinance" was discussed and an insurance agency presented their company and how they can help local townships. Smydra and residents from Mackinaw and Hebron Township attended a Cheboygan Road Commission Meeting on October 14, 2021. These residents were able to voice their opinions and presented to the Road Commission that they think part of Potter Road should be paved to reduce the dust and eliminate the cost of brine. Some of the residents who live on Potter Road have asthma and the dust negatively affects their breathing.

Smydra attended a Fire Board Meeting on October 19, 2021. The Fire Department had recently redone one of the pumpers and the equipment work on these pumpers came in \$5,000-\$8,000 under budget. The Village of Mackinaw City has obtained a \$46,000 grant from ENBRIDGE for battery operated jaws of life.

Unfinished Business

1. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the "Blight Elimination Ordinance" letter to be sent out in December with winter taxes. Motion carried.
2. Road projects for 2022 were discussed and prioritized. The top three roads the township would like to focus on are Stimpson Road, Hebron Mail Route, and the turnaround at the end of Edgewater Beach Trail. Smydra will continue to look into who is responsible for the project cost of the turnaround at the end of Edgewater Beach Trail. Smydra will bring up the concerns of these three roads at the next Road Commission Meeting which will be held on November 3, 2021.

New Business

1. Brew fixed the doorways in the treasurer's office and the women's bathroom. Both doors now close and lock properly. While working on that project Brew noticed a wall in the township hall has settled about a sixteenth of an inch. Some of the board members are concerned about the well being of the building and would like to have a contractor take a look at the structure of the building to make sure it is sound. Brew will look into finding a contractor to take a look at the township hall building.

Treasurers Report/ Bills/ Financial Report

1. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Falor was able to cancel two of the small claims because they both paid. The age of the clerk and treasurer's computer was briefly discussed and will be considered when creating the 2022/2023 budget.
2. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the bills for October.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Falor, Darrow, Brew, Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. The Standard Budget Financial Report was reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Darrow, Clerk