

MACKINAW TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY, MI
JANUARY 18, 2022

Supervisor Smydra called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Board members present: Brew, Darrow, Falor, Smydra. Absent: Closs
Also present: Curtis Chambers, Joe Lavender

The agenda was approved as presented.
The November 16, 2021 minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comments

1. Curtis Chambers is our new District 1 Cheboygan County Commissioner. He is a life long resident of Cheboygan County and retired from Cheboygan County Harbor Master. This was his first Mackinaw Township Meeting and he hopes to listen and learn. Chambers also looks forward to creating relationships and working with each and one of the Township Board Members.

Reports

1. Lavender explained that the 2022 assessments will be sent out towards later part of February. Residential property values will increase anywhere from 10% - 20% in assessing values depending on the neighborhood and commercial properties will increase in assessing values as well.
2. Smydra explained Matt Hall is the new Cheboygan County Road Commissioner Manager who recently replaced Brent Shank. He will meet Hall on January 20, 2022 at the Cheboygan County Road Commission Meeting and deliver the signed agreement for the 2022 Township Road Project located on Hebron Mail Route. The township hopes to potentially proceed with a second road project for 2022 but it will depend on the budget. In 2021 the township endured road brining issues due to the pandemic and labor shortages. Smydra hopes to approach Hebron Township about brining our roads when they brine their roads and then issue Hebron Township a check for our road brine cost.

Unfinished Business

1. Jeff Burnette a licenses and insured contractor looked at the structure of the Township building. He explained the roof trusses expand and contract due to our seasonal temperatures. He conducted 10 hours of work totaling \$350. Smydra wrote Burnette a personal check for \$350 for his services. Darrow will reimburse Smydra \$350. Burnette would like to come look at the building again in the summer and see what the trusses look like then. The township might also have him look at the two front posts by the front door and possibly sand and restain.

New Business

1. Motion by Brew, supported by Falor to adopt the 2022 Poverty Exemption Guidelines as presented.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Brew, Smydra, Darrow, Falor. Absent: Closs. Nays: None
2. Board of Review members need to take a training class this year. Roxanna Strieby and Donald Jones would like to take their training on February 18, 2022 in St. Ignace. We are waiting to hear from Steve Breyers about when he would like to take his training class. Smydra will contact Bryers and sign Strieby and Jones up for their training on the desired date. Mackinaw Township is in search of 1-2 alternate Board of Review Members.
3. The 2022/2023 Preliminary Budget Report was distributed and discussed. Board members salaries was discussed in depth and will be increased. The Township will conduct a budget workshop at their next township board meeting on February 15, 2022.

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 December.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Falor, Smydra, Brew, Darrow. Absent: Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried.
Motion by Brew, supported by Falor to approve the bills for January.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Brew, Darrow, Smydra, Falor. Absent: Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. The Standard Budget Financial Report was accepted as presented.

Correspondence

1. Smydra forwarded the township board members an email regarding Mackinaw Township's Boundaries. Brew will proceed with the email and complete what is being asked of the township.
2. Falor explained she received a 25 page document explaining how Mackinaw Township can spend the money from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Darrow, Clerk

