

MACKINAW TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY, MI
FEBRUARY 15, 2022

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

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

Also present: Assessor Joe Lavender

The agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by Falor, supported by Brew to approve the January 18, 2022 minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Lavender unfortunately announced his intent to leave the post as township assessor. Lavender will reach out to one of his employees to see if she would potentially be interested in the job. He will also send an email to Mackinac County, Cheboygan County and Emmet County Equalization Departments and inform them of the assessor vacancy for Mackinaw Township if anyone is interested to contact Smydra. Lavender will continue his job as assessor until the vacancy is filled. The assessment notices for personal property should be going out in the mail soon. Lavender gave Darrow the Board of Review Newspaper notice for the meeting in March and it will be posted accordingly.
2. Smydra informed the board that the money the township received through the American Rescue Plan Act can be eligible to potentially use for road projects. The governor's budget is proposing to give more money in revenue sharing to the townships, cities and villages. They are also proposing hold harmless payments for revenue sharing adjustments for townships that were affected by population loss in 2020 which would include Mackinaw Township. Smydra and two of the Board of Review members are meeting at the township hall February 18 and carpooling up to St. Ignace for a Board of Review training class. Mackinaw Township is still in search of at least two more Board of Review members.

Unfinished Business

1. The 2022/2023 Preliminary Budget was reviewed and discussed in depth. The Township board was in hope of conducting a second road project for 2022 but unfortunately it is not in the budget to follow through with a second road project. The other half of the American Rescue Plan Act should arrive sometime in October.

New Business

1. Motioned by Brew, supported by Closs to increase the Supervisor's salary to \$9,600 per year. As well as reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses for Township business as approved by the Township Board.
Roll call: Ayes: Smydra, Closs, Darrow, Brew, Falor. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motioned by Brew, supported by Closs to increase the Treasurer's salary to \$16,500 per year. As well as reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses for Township business as approved by the Township Board.
Roll call: Ayes: Brew, Darrow, Smydra, Closs, Falor. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motioned by Brew, supported by Smydra to increase the Clerk's salary to \$16,500 per year. As well as reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses for Township business as approved by the Township Board.
Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Falor, Smydra, Brew, Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motioned by Brew, supported by Falor to increase the Trustee's salary to \$1,800 per year. As well as reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses for Township business, plus Fifty Dollars (\$50) per diem for each meeting, event, or function that said Trustee attends, as approved by the Township Board, above and beyond regular or special meetings of the Township Board.
Roll call: Ayes: Falor, Brew, Smydra, Darrow, Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. Mackinaw Township has received many letters from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. FEMA is assessing the townships risk of flooding. The level of risk affects the cost of insurance in the area. This letter advises Mackinaw Township that the risk of flood is low. Smydra called FEMA to verify this information and if the township disagrees with what FEMA is informing the township, then the township has the opportunity to file an objection. The township agrees with FEMA and no action is required.

Treasurers Report/ Bills/ Financial Report

1. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.
2. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the bills for February.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Closs, Falor, Brew, Smydra, Darrow. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. The standard budget financial report was reviewed.

Non-Agenda Items

1. Brew reviewed Mackinaw Township's government boundaries and confirmed the township contact information using the interactive BAS annual response form.
2. Brew recently attended a Homeland Security meeting and briefly informed the board about the current concerns.

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ashley Darrow, Clerk