

MACKINAW TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY, MI
MAY 17, 2022

Supervisor Smydra called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All Board members present: Brew, Closs, Falor, Munns, Smydra. Also present: Mike Fornes, Timothy MacArthur, and Curtis Chambers.

There was an addition to the agenda under new business with the topic of Hebron Mail Road. The agenda was then approved.

The April 19, 2022 minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comments

1. Fornes brought to the board the continuous concern of Air B&B rental homes on Edgewater Beach Trail in Carlin Subdivision. Fornes and his wife raised their family in this neighborhood and couldn't say enough great things about the community but now the concern of short-term rental properties arises and the future of Carlin Subdivision is at risk. The homeowners of this street have some concerns regarding past renters' behavior such as too many cars parked on the narrow street, noisy commotion up to early morning hours, renters taking items from homeowner's yards such as wood, renters walking on beach/in front of homeowner's homes, and overloading trash cans. Fornes presented the board with pictures of examples of these concerns. These pictures showed evidence such as trash all over driveways and many vehicles parked along narrow Edgewater Beach Trail. Fornes has picked up scattered trash himself and contacted the home owner who rents out these properties and expressed these issues to the owner but unfortunately, he lives out of state and nothing has been done. There was much discussion on this issue as many other townships in Michigan are experiencing these problems as well. The board brainstormed some ideas of trying to solve this issue such as potentially creating an ordinance or creating a local agent. The evidence of the scattered trash all over the driveway would be a violation of the Township's Blight Ordinance and the township could proceed with disciplinary issues on this specific concern. Smydra and Fornes plan to meet sometime this month to further discuss possible solutions and present these concerns to the Cheboygan County Commissioners Board as well in hopes of trying to resolving this issue.

Reports

1. Tim MacArthur explained the reasoning of the Municipal Civil Infractions Ordinance in depth and answered any question the township had. MacArthur attended the MTA legal seminar in Lansing and the issue of short-term rentals was brought up there as well.

2. The Assessor's report was reviewed in Lavender's absence. All values have been submitted and balanced with the County for 2022 assessments. All required reports have been submitted to the county and state. We are now required to upload reports for the State of Michigan to the Michigan Equalization Gateway or (MEG) system. This is new for 2022 and we expect more changes with reporting requirements in the near future.

- Property inspections will be starting for this upcoming year.
- Property sales are still strong in residential properties, but a lack of inventory exists for sales. We are starting to see more interest in vacant land than in previous years.
- We have already rolled over and begun working on 2023 assessments.
- Weekly processing of deeds, ptas and exemptions is always ongoing.

3. Smydra attended the MTA Meeting in April and the next MTA Meeting is May 26, 2022 at Koehler Township. Marsha Rocheleau was nominated to serve as a representative on the 911 board.

PIE&G is having a liaison board meeting on May 25, 2022 in Hillman and Smydra will attend.

Smydra received a notice from Jeff Lawson regarding a planning session on May 24 in Indian River.

An employee from the DEQ contacted Smydra about updating Mackinaw Township's Flood Ordinance. Smydra will contact her again as to the details of her request.

Unfinished Business

1. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the Assessing Appraisal Service Agreement.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Brew, Falor, Smydra, Darrow, Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Motion by Falor, supported by Brew to adopt the Municipal Civil Infractions Ordinance.
Roll call vote: Ayes: Closs, Falor, Brew, Smydra, Darrow. Nays: None Motion carried.
2. Smydra received a phone call from Travis Horrocks an engineer at Cheboygan County Road Commission regarding the Hebron Mail Route project that was recently completed. All major items of road work were completed and the project came in under budget with a \$13,400 savings. Last year the county paved Freedom Road and could not perform the protective snowmobile crossing based on the project bid because the cost came in over the engineering estimate. When Horrocks called, he needed an immediate answer on whether or not the township wanted to proceed with a protective snowmobile crossing on Freedom Road Smydra made the executive decision to proceed with the protective snowmobile crossing. The estimated cost should be around \$5000, and using the Hebron Mail Route project savings of \$13,400 to cover the extra work for Freedom Road. This will still leave approximately \$8,600 of project savings on Hebron Mail Route. Falor took a drive to see the finished road project and was concerned because the county did not widen Hebron Mail Route as it connects to US 23. There is no radius on the turn. Smydra will contact Horrocks regarding this concern and the incomplete road project.

Treasurers Report/ Bills/ Financial Report

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

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Darrow, Clerk