

**MACKINAW TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY, MI**  
**JANUARY 17, 2023**

Supervisor Smydra called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
All board members present: Brew, Darrow, Falor, Smydra, Closs.  
Also present: Joe Lavender, Jason Borowicz, Jeff Ostman

The agenda was approved as amended. An addition to the agenda was made under “New Business” by adding “MTA Conference”.  
The November 15, 2022 minutes were approved as presented.

**Public Comments**

1. Jeff Ostman our new District 1 Cheboygan County Commissioner looks forward to working with the community and if he can be of any help to the township to please contact him.

**Reports**

1. Lavender introduced our new assessor Mr. Jason Borowicz. Borowicz officially started as the new township assessor December 1 and looks forward to working with the township. The 2023 assessments are currently being finalized. For 2023 there will be a decent increase in residential homes but not so much of an increase in vacant land values. Residential home value in the Village of Mackinaw will increase the most as there is a higher demand for homes within the village and commercial land value remains flat.
2. Smydra has been forwarding emails from Matt Hall to the board regarding updates and information with the township’s 2023 road projects. The road project on Edgewater Beach Trail is being held up due to Mr. David Bauk requesting to see site plans before the road project proceeds but the Cheboygan Road Commission has not yet come up with these site plans.

**New Business**

1. Motion by Brew, supported by Falor to adopt the 2023 Poverty Exemption Guideline Resolution as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Closs, Darrow, Falor, Brew, Smydra. Nays: None Motion carried.
2. Motion by Smydra, supported by Brew to appoint Roxana Strieby, Donald Jones, and Diann Jones to serve on the Board of Review. Board of Review members need to take a training class this year. Strieby, D. Jones, and D. Jones would like to take their training on February 14, 2023 in Gaylord. Smydra will sign the board up for their desired training. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to finance the Board of Review’s training session. Roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Brew, Darrow, Falor, Closs. Nays: None Motion carried.
3. Motion by Falor, supported by Closs to approve the snow removal contract with Return to Zero, Inc. and pay \$54.00 per plow. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brew, Darrow, Closs, Falor, Smydra. Nays: None Motion carried.
4. The proposal from Darrow Brothers Excavating regarding the new township entrance was discussed. Motion by Brew, supported by Falor to approve the proposal from Darrow Brothers Excavating for the new driveway off US 23 HWY. Roll call vote: Ayes: Falor, Brew, Closs, Smydra. Nays: None. Darrow abstained from voting. Motion carried.

5. Motion by Falor, supported by Brew to approve the following budget amendments:

**MOVE:**

<b>Minus</b>	\$475	101-900-980.00 Capital Control: Contingencies
<b>Plus</b>	\$475	101-191-726.00 Election Office Supply

**MOVE:**

<b>Minus</b>	\$1,650	101-900-980.00 Capital Control: Contingencies
<b>Plus</b>	\$1,650	101-191-956 Election Miscellaneous

Roll call vote: Ayes: Darrow, Smydra, Falor, Closs, Brew. None Motion carried.

6. The 2022/2023 Preliminary Budget Report was distributed and discussed in depth.
7. Motion by Falor, supported by Closs to finance and send Brew and Smydra to attend the 2023 MTA Conference in Traverses City April 17-20 for continued education. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brew, Falor, Closs, Darrow, Smydra. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report/ Bills/ Financial Report**

1. The Treasurers report was accepted as presented.
2. Motion by Closs, supported by Brew to approve the bills for December and January.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Falor, Brew, Smydra, Darrow, Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried.

3. The Standard Budget Financial Report was accepted as presented.

**Non-Agenda Items**

1. Brew passed out “Elected Officials Guide to Emergency Management” magazines from Homeland Security and updated the board on local emergency management.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Darrow, Clerk

