

**MACKINAW TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY, MI
FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

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.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by Closs, supported by Brew to approve the January 17, 2023 minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Smydra presented to the board an invoice of \$50.00 to the Cheboygan MTA Chapter. Darrow will pay this bill in March.

Pat Wyman the Village Manager presented a potential agreement to both Mackinaw and Wawatam Townships. This agreement would entail the Village allowing full access and usage of their residential compost facility (“Stump Dump”) located off of Trails End Road to our residents. The only cost the Village is requesting is to have their portion of the clean-up day paid for. This fee could be split by both between Mackinaw and Wawatam Townships. The supervisors from each township will meet with Wyman to discuss this opportunity in depth.

Smydra had an update on the proposed parking lot project and at the last board meeting we as board agreed to contract with Darrow Brothers Excavating, Inc. Smydra talked with Dylan Darrow today regarding this project. Darrow spoke with the Michigan Department of Transportation to see if they would approve this project. Darrow spoke with a gentleman named Andy from MDOT and Andy requested Smydra to give him a call to discuss this project in depth. If MDOT does approve this project MDOT will require the township to pay a \$750 permit fee and will require asphalt and curb which will roughly cost the township another \$20,000. Smydra, Brew and Falor will schedule a meeting with Andy from MDOT to persuade him to approve this project. If this project happens this year the township would like to switch from propane to natural gas during this project if at all possible.

The road project on Edgewater Beach trail is at a standstill currently. Matt Hall the Cheboygan County Road Commission Manager has not responded to our need of a site plan. The landowner, Mr. David Bauch is getting impatient because the township has not provided him with his simple request of a site plan. This issue could significantly delay this road project.

Unfinished Business

1. The 2022/2023 Preliminary Budget was reviewed and discussed in depth. Motioned by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the Preliminary Budget. Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Smydra, Brew, Falor, Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

1. The DNR contacted the township with interest in purchasing 2 parcels for \$1,000 per parcel and the township agreed to sell. The two parcels that are being sold to the state are 011-034-400-069-00 and 011-034-400-031-00. The Cheboygan County Title Company is currently handling all the details of this sale.
2. Smydra and the Board of Review Members attended a training session on February 15, 2023. During this training there was significant controversy about when the BOR are supposed to be sworn in. There was question about whether our BOR as well as other townships BOR are legal or not. To be safe Smydra will reappoint the BOR tonight for the balance of the term that expires December 31, 2024. Motioned by Smydra, supported by Brew to appoint Donald Jones, Diann Jones, and Ronana Strieby as Board of Review Members and Heather Wallace as an alternate all terms ending December 31, 2024.

Treasurers Report/ Bills/ Financial Report

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

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 7:57 PM.
Respectfully submitted, Ashley Darrow, Clerk

