

**MACKINAW TOWNSHIP
10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY
2023/2024 PUBLIC BUDGET AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 21, 2023**

Supervisor Smydra called the Public Budget Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All Board Members present: Brew, Closs, Falor, Darrow, Smydra. Also, present: Timothy MacArthur and Jeff Ostman. No public comments. Smydra declared the Public Budget Meeting closed at 7:02 PM.

The Regular Board Meeting was opened at 7:03PM.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The February 21, 2023 minutes was approved as presented.

Reports

1. Supervisor Smydra and the Board of Review Members met in March. Unfortunately no public residents showed up during any of the meetings. The Board of Review was very impressed with the township's new assessor Mr. Borowicz and looks forward to working with him for many years to come. Smydra attended a Fire Board Meeting this morning. The Fire Department had 31 runs since their last meeting in October. They have a new truck that will arrive sometime in 2024 and it will cost \$700,000. This new truck will carry 750 gallons of water and transport 6 people. Enbridge is conducting a tour of the command center March 28 at 4:00 PM. All the township members have been invited and requested to attend. Smydra will contact supervisor Andy Beethem from Hebron Township regarding dust control. We would like for the townships to team up together again for brining services and then have Hebron Township issue Mackinaw Township a bill for our portion of brining.
2. Attorney MacArthur presented the 2023/2024 Municipal Retainer Agreement of \$500.00. Motion by Falor, supported by Closs to approve and pay the 2023/2024 \$500 Municipal Retainer Agreement with MacArthur Law Firm. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brew, Smydra, Darrow, Falor, Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried. MacArthur Law Firms email was hacked so be on the look out for any suspicious emails from their business. MacArthur will be attending the MTA convention legal seminar and will pass along any valuable information he obtains.

Unfinished Business

1. The DNR contacted the township with interest in purchasing 2 parcels and the township has agreed to sell. The DNR has approved \$1,000 per parcel but there will be an inhouse appraisal on the property to determine a final purchase price. The two parcels that are being sold to the state are 011-034-400-069-00 and 011-034-400-031-00. Unfortunately, the township has found out parcel #011-034-400-031-00 has a clouded title and this must be resolved before the sale can go through or the other option is Mackinaw Township could gift this parcel. The Cheboygan County Title Company is currently handling all the details of this sale. The DNR was supposed to have the in house appraisal completed before this meeting so the township would have a confirmed price to present and vote on. But Mackinaw Township has yet to receive this information so this topic has been tabled until further notice.
2. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the agreement that would entail the Village to allow full access and usage of their residential compost facility ("Stump Dump") located off of Trails End Road to Mackinaw Township residents for a fee that would be split by both between Mackinaw and Wawatam Townships. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brew, Darrow, Closs, Falor, Smydra. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to buy stamps and send notifications to Mackinaw Township residents about the new agreement of full usage of the Mackinaw City compost facility ("Stump Dump") and annual spring clean-up. This notice will be sent out via mail by Falor and Closs. Roll call vote: Ayes: Darrow, Brew, Smydra, Falor, Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the 2023/2024 Meeting Schedule as presented. Motion carried.
2. Motioned by Falor, supported by Closs to approve the Supervisor's salary of \$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: Falor, Closs, Smydra, Brew. Abstained: Smydra. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motioned by Closs, supported by Brew to approve the Treasurer's salary of \$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, Closs, Smydra, Darrow. Abstained: Falor. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motioned by Closs, supported by Falor to approve the Clerk's salary of \$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: Smydra, Closs, Falor, Brew. Abstained: Darrow. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motioned by Falor, supported by Darrow to approve the Trustee's salary of \$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: Darrow, Falor, Symdra. Abstained: Closs, Brew. Nays: None. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the 2023/2024 General Budget & Fire Fund Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes: Closs, Brew, Falor, Smydra, Darrow. Nays: None. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to adopt the 2023/2024 General Appropriations Act. Roll call vote: Ayes: Falor, Smydra, Darrow, Closs, Brew. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report/ Bills/ Financial Report

1. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Darrow will issue a check of \$42,917.11 to the Village of Mackinaw City for 2022-2023 fiscal year fire services.
2. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the bills for March. Roll call vote: Ayes: Darrow, Smydra, Brew, Closs, Falor. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. The Standard Budget Financial Report was reviewed as presented.

Non-agenda Items

1. Brew traveled down to Muskegon to attend a week-long inoperability training class about how we use our communication systems all throughout the state of Michigan. Brew will also be attending another home land security class in the near future.

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Darrow, Clerk

