

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

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

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

Also present: Jeff Ostman

The agenda as presented.

Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the September 19, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

Commissioner Jeff Ostman updated the board about the fire debris clean up at the Tissue Plant in Cheboygan. They have started to tear down the cat walk above main street. The goal is to have main street open ASAP because local business are suffering from lack of traffic. The commissioners passed a resolution to keep solar energy control at a local level instead of at a state level. Many other counties have passed a similar resolution as well.

**Reports**

1. Smydra has been in contact with our assessor and the Board of Review will be meeting on December 12 to approve some items.

Smydra attended the Fire Board Meeting that was held today, October 17, 2023. The Mackinaw City Fire Department will be receiving a new 2024 fire truck. He presented a statistical report stating the number of calls the fire department has received in Mackinaw Township, and in the Village of Mackinaw City. The department is looking for a generous individual to donate approximately 5 acres for a new police/fire department station. They have successfully put together a dry hydrant for Wawatam Township by tapping into Carp Lake by Cecil Bay and Trails End. They are in the works of putting together a dry hydrant for Mackinaw Township as well.

Smydra emailed Matt Hall regarding concerns of an excessive number of pot holes on Old Mackinaw Road. Smydra asked if these pot holes could be filled and fixed before our October meeting and the job has been completed as requested.

**New Business**

1. Motion by Falor, supported by Closs to contact PIE&G to install a new light pole at the intersection of Mary Ann Boulevard and US 23 Highway. Roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Falor, Closs, Darrow, Brew. Nays: None. Motion carried.
2. Road projects for 2024 was discussed in depth. The board will prioritize the Carlin Subdivision turnaround project as their #1 priority but will let the property owners of this subdivision know that they have 30 days to determine and agree on a turnaround solution. If they can not do so in 30 days the township will move on to the next project. The townships 2<sup>nd</sup> project they want to prioritize will be fixing Old Mackinaw Road. Smydra will contact the Road Commission regarding these two projects.
3. Falor contacted Blue Chip Window Cleaning and Power Washing to provide a quote on cleaning the township building. They will complete the task for \$350 and this will include cleaning the outside of the building and cleaning the inside/outside of the windows. Falor will contact them to set up time to complete this task. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brew, Darrow, Closs, Falor, Smydra. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**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 October.  
Roll call vote: Ayes: Falor, Smydra, Darrow, Brew, Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. The Standard Budget Financial Report was reviewed.

**Non-agenda Items**

1. The Wawatam Area Senior Center is open for dinner from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. On Wednesday's lunch is provided from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ashley Darrow, Clerk