

MACKINAW TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY, MI
JANUARY 17, 2024

Supervisor Smydra called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
All board members present: Brew, Darrow, Closs, Falor, Smydra.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the November 21, 2023 minutes as presented.

New Business

1. Motion & amended by Smydra, supported by Brew to finance all the Board of Review Members (Roxana Strieby, Donald Jones, and Diann Jones, Heather Wallace) to take training on February 21, 2024 in St. Ignace. Smydra will sign the board up for their desired training. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brew, Closs, Falor, Smydra, Darrow. Nays: None Motion carried.
2. 2024 Road Projects were discussed in depth. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to accept the preliminary construction estimate from Cheboygan County Road Commission for N. Old Mackinaw Road with an estimated cost of \$52,925.95 and a project deposit of \$1,058.52. Roll call vote: Ayes: Closs, Darrow, Brew, Falor, Smydra. Nays: None Motion carried.
The proposal from Darrow Brothers Excavating regarding the new township entrance was discussed. The Township must acquire a driveway permit from M-Dot to determine an exact project cost. Motion by Brew, supported by Smydra to approach State Representative Neil Friske with the assistance of this project and then go to M-Dot to seek a driveway permit. Roll call vote: Ayes: Falor, Brew, Closs, Smydra. Nays: None. Darrow abstained from voting. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Falor, supported by Brew to adopt the 2024 Recreation Center Agreement and pay the Village of Mackinaw City \$1,500. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brew, Darrow, Falor, Closs, Smydra. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
4. Motion by Falor, supported by Brew to approve and send PIE&G a support letter for their Fiber to the Home Project. Motion Carried.
5. The township is in search of a new accountant to conduct township audits due to Rick Mahlmeister's retirement. Darrow will contact 3 accountants to see if they are accepting new clients. Once the township has a selection of potential accountants, they would then like to conduct an interview process.
6. Motion by Darrow, supported by Falor to increase election inspector and deputy clerk wages to \$20 per hour. Roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Brew, Falor, Darrow, Closs. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
7. The 2024/2025 Preliminary Budget Report was distributed and discussed in depth.
8. Motion by Falor, supported by Brew to adopt the 2024 Poverty Exemption Guideline Resolution as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Darrow, Falor, Brew, Closs, Smydra. Nays: None Motion carried.

Treasurers Report/ Bills/ Financial Report

1. The Treasurers report was accepted as presented. BOR approved 2 veteran exemptions. When Shepler's turned in their personal property statement to the assessor they significantly overstated their property value which resulted in having to send money back. Mackinaw City School owed the township \$10,000 and has since paid. These issues have appropriately been resolved.
2. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the bills for December. Roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Closs, Brew, Falor, Darrow. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the bills for January. Roll call vote: Ayes: Falor, Closs, Darrow, Brew, Smydra. Nays: None. Motion carried.
4. The Standard Budget Financial Report was accepted as presented.

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Darrow, Clerk