

**MACKINAW TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY, MI
FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

Supervisor Smydra called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Board members present: Closs, Darrow, Falor, Smydra. Absent: Brew. Also, present Jeff Ostman and Don Jones

The agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by Falor, supported by Closs to approve the January 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

Reports

1. No attorney report. Motion by Falor, supported by Closs to approve and pay the 2025/2026 \$500 Municipal Retainer Agreement with MacArthur Law Firm. Roll call vote: Ayes: Smydra, Darrow, Falor, Closs. Absent: Brew. Nays: None. Motion carried.
2. Ostman the Cheboygan County Commissioner gave a report. Cheboygan County has subcontracted the Cheboygan Humane Society for many years and there has been some lack of management. The previous director retired and they are in dire need of a new one. Jeff Lawson recently toured the humane society and they will be attending the next commissioner meeting to give an update on how the humane society operations are going. The Cheboygan County Building is getting a new generator that can operate the entire building during power outages. Mill Creek Campground submitted a permit to install a new office. This should help with traffic on US 23 Hwy.
3. Smydra and the Board of Review attended a required training class in Gaylord on February 13th. The state law now requires Board of Review Members to attend basic training every two years. Smydra attended an MTA meeting on January 30TH. The new sheriff was present and assured the townships he will continue enforcing the blight ordinance. Cheboygan County Road Commissioner Bradley Ormsbee has advocated for a millage increase specifically dedicated for road improvement. Mackinaw Township currently has a half millage rate contributing \$45,000 annually and receives \$25,000 back.

Unfinished Business

1. The 2025/2026 Preliminary Budget was reviewed and discussed in depth.
2. Motion by Falor, supported by Smydra to approve the road improvement project on Stimpson Road from US-23 continuing approximately 1300 feet with HMA Base Crushing & Shaping, 2" HMA Paving, HMA Approach Paving, Gravel, Restoration and Pavement Markings. Roll call vote: Ayes: Darrow, Falor, Smydra, Closs. Absent: Brew. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Motion by Falor, supported by Closs to approve the 2025/2026 Meeting Schedule as presented. Motion carried.
2. Motioned by Smydra, supported by Falor to approve and renew the Assessing Appraisal Service Agreement with Up North Assessing. Roll call: Ayes: Falor, Darrow, Closs, Smydra. Absent Brew. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Darrow, supported by Falor to approve the following 2024/2025 budget amendments:

Minus \$3350 101-265-970 Capital Outlay
Plus \$350 101-101-910 Insurance & Bonds
Plus \$350 101-101-958 Association Dues
Plus \$900 101-191-956 Election Miscellaneous
Plus \$500 101-215-865 Clerk Computer Upgrade
Plus \$1000 101-215-865 Treasurer Computer Upgrade
Plus \$250 101-253-726 Treasurer Office Supply

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

Treasurers Report/ Bills/ Financial Report

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

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ashley Darrow, Clerk

