

**MACKINAW TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY, MI
OCTOBER 22, 2025**

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

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

Also present: Timonthy McArthur

The agenda was amended and approved by the call of the chair. An additional topic IMMM 20th Anniversary event was added under “New Business” to the agenda.

Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the September 16, 2025 agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the September 16, 2025 minutes and special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Reports

Attorney Timothy MacArthur presented the board with the final copy of the earned sick time policy and discussed in depth. Motion by Brew, supported by Smydra to adopt the Mackinaw Township assessor job description & policy for scheduling hours. Roll call vote: Ayes: Darrow, Brew, Closs, Smydra, Falor. Nays: None. Motion carried. Motion by Brew, supported by Smydra to adopt Mackinaw Township’s sick time policy. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brew, Closs, Smydra, Darrow, Falor. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Smydra reported to the board that the Stimpson Road project has been completed. The township board discussed road projects for 2026 in great depth and thoroughly looked over the new road ratings report for Mackinaw Township. Smydra has a meeting scheduled with the Cheboygan County Road Commission on November 5th to further discuss roads. He will request some price estimates on repairing Edgewater Beach Trail and a stretch of Old Mackinaw from Hebron Mail Route to Freedom Road. We hope to have these price estimates by our November meeting to further discuss. Smydra gave us an update on the discussion of short-term rentals such as Airbnb’s. There has been multiple meeting to discuss this topic in great depth and parties from both sides have pleaded their case. At these meetings it has been clear that Cheboygan County has and will not have any authority in enforcing any policies for short term rentals. It is entirely up to each individual township to determine how they want to proceed with short term rental management. Smydra will be calibrating with Attorney MacArthur to create a policy for short terms rentals in Mackinaw Township. This topic will be further discussed at next months meeting.

New Business

1. Road projects for 2026 were discussed is great depth.
2. Motion by Brew, supported Closs to approve the 2026 Snow Plow Proposal. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brew, Darrow, Smydra, Falor, Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried
3. On June 20th, 2026 the Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum will be hosting a full open house in full dedication of the 20th anniversary of the ship coming from Cheboygan to Mackinaw City. This will be a large event with dignitaries from all over the state, activities, and potential fireworks at night. Brew will create a proclamation for Mackinaw Township and present it to the board before the event.

Treasurers Report/ Bills/ Financial Report

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

Non-agenda Items

1. The Lions Club Soup Dinner is Wednesday October 22, 2025.

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Darrow, Clerk

