

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

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

The agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the October 21, 2025 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Reports

1. MacArthur informed the board that the State of Michigan has allocated \$75-\$100 million for police and fire services. 75% of the funds will be distributed for police and 25% will be distributed to fire departments. MacArthur will send the township the article on this topic and will keep the board updated as how to try to obtain some of these funds for our local fire department.
2. There was no official assessor report but an update was given from board members. The Board of Review is scheduled to meet the beginning of December. It has been recently discovered that there is a total of 41 parcels recently uncapped affecting tax statuses. The affected parcels include all of Shepler's and Starline properties when these two businesses were sold to the Hoffman Family. This issue is currently being addressed by the township assessor.
3. Commissioner Ostman informed the board that the commissioners have been working on the new budget, finalizing the sheriff contracts and have recently started working on the Master Plan.

New Business

1. Motion by Brew, supported by Smydra that Mackinaw Township request a representative from both Wolverine Power Cooperative and PIE&G to explain in detail the electric service franchise ordinance they have proposed. Darrow will contact these two companies.

Old Business

1. Road projects were discussed in depth. Motion by Brew, supported by Falor that Mackinaw Township pay Cheboygan County Road Commission \$2,848 as our downpayment for our 2026 road projects which will include Edgewater Beach Trail, Carlin Subdivison, and Old Mackinaw Road. Roll call vote: Ayes: Falor, Smydra, Darrow, Brew, Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried.
2. Short term rentals were discussed in great depth. Smydra and MacArthur continue to work on finalizing a proposed ordinance.

Treasurers Report/ Bills/ Financial Report

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

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Darrow, Clerk