

**MACKINAW TOWN
SHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY, MI
JANUARY 20, 2026**

Supervisor Smydra called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Board members present: Darrow, Brew, Closs, Falor, Smydra.
Also present: 13 members of the public (see sign in sheet for details)
Due to Smydra's illness Brew took over the meeting.

Motion by Falor, supported by Closs to approve the agenda as amended by moving the topic of short-term rentals to top of the agenda.

Motion by Falor, supported by Darrow to approve the November 18, 2025 minutes as presented.

Motion by Darrow, supported by Closs to approve the January 13, 2026 minutes as presented.

Short-Term Rentals

The proposed short-term rental ordinance will not be acted on. There will be no restrictions in Mackinaw Township on short term rentals for the 2026 season. This is due to multiple lawsuits involving short term rental property owners and Michigan Townships. An official letter will be posted on the township website and the board would like to thank everyone who attended the meeting and voiced their opinion on this topic.

Reports

Township Assessor Jason Borowicz updated the board on the uncapped parcels under Hoffman Marine Inc. ownership. Notices have been sent to Hoffman Marine Inc. for the recent purchase of the two ferry companies. Hoffman Marine Inc. has paid the back taxes on all the parcels under the two ferry companies but still can appeal. Borowicz will keep the board updated.

District 1 Cheboygan County Commissioner Jeff Ostman explained to the board that the county is rewriting the zoning ordinance for the solar, wind, renewable energy to make it stricter than the state of Michigan.

Old Business

1. Ms. Linda Sherwood from Wolverine Power Cooperative explained to the board that the reason for the Wolverine Power Grant of Electric Service Franchise is because a new sub station was constructed by Mill Creek within the last year. PIE&G is a member of the Wolverine Power Cooperative and this is who PIE&G buys their electric from.
Motion by Falor, supported by Closs to approve the Wolverine Power Grant of Electric Service Franchise Ordinance 2026-02. Roll call: Ayes: Darrow, Smydra, Falor, Brew, Closs. Nays: None.
Motion carried.

New Business

1. Motion by Smydra, supported by Falor to adopt the 2026 Poverty Exemption Guideline Resolution as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Closs, Smydra, Brew, Falor, Darrow. Nays: None Motion carried.
2. Motion by Falor, supported by Closs to have Mackinaw Township decline participation in the 5-year Update Recreation Planning Process Contract as it does not pertain to the township.

4. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the following budget amendments:

MOVE:

- Minus** \$700 191-956 Election -Miscellaneous
- Plus** \$700 191-702 Election Inspector Wages
- Minus** \$500 253-855 Treasurer-Computer Software
- Plus** \$500 253-830 Treasurer-Tax Roll Services
- Minus** \$550 191-726 Election-Office Supplies
- Plus** \$150 101-860 Transportation
- Plus** \$400 101-910 Insurance & Bonds

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

Treasurers Report/ Bills/ Financial Report

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

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Darrow, Clerk

