

**MACKINAW TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY, MI**  
**FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

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

Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Brew, supported by Falor to approve the January 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes with a few minor corrections. Motion carried.

**Public Comments**

Doug Baum the executive director of Northeast Michigan Council of Government spoke. He informed and invited the board to participate in the free upcoming Coastal Leadership Academy Adaptation Strategies for Coastal Hazards workshop at the Cheboygan Public Library April 17, 2026. This is an assistant program specifically designed for nature-based practices that can be implemented to reduce community risks from coastal hazards like coastal flooding and erosion.

**Reports**

1. Attorney MacArthur made the board aware of the upcoming expiration of the current fire protection millage agreement. Currently the fire millage is .5 mill (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The township needs to meet with the Village of Mackinaw City Manager to determine if we need to renew or increase the fire millage agreement ASAP in order to finalize the township budget at our March meeting. Smydra and Brew will meet with the Village manager Dean Martin to further discuss this topic. MacArthur will be attending the upcoming MTA legal conference and presented the 2026-2027 legal retainer agreement. This agreement will be further discussed at our next meeting.
2. Ostman the Cheboygan County Commissioner informed the board that the county has their master plan committee finalized which includes Village of Mackinaw City Manager Dean Martin. The board of commissioners is currently acting on writing their own renewable energy ordinance and will have a moratorium on it for a year if approved at the next meeting.
3. Smydra praised the board for going above and beyond on taking care of the township hall during our furnace crisis. A new furnace and air conditioning unit have now been replaced. During this unexpected furnace crisis, the township board may have unintentionally violated the open meeting act and in order to correct this Symdra has made a motion.

Motion by Smydra, supported by Brew that the Mackinaw Township Board ratifies and approved any decision(s) that any member or members may have made since January 1, 2026, regarding the purchase and installation of a new furnace that has been or will be installed within the Mackinaw Township Hall, the total price for that new furnace and installation not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

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

**Unfinished Business**

1. Motion by Smydra, supported by Falor to approve the statement of wages document for Board of Review, deputies, election inspectors, mileage and the assessor.

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

Motioned by Brew, supported by Falor to approve the Supervisor's salary of \$10,200 per year.

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

Motioned by Closs, supported by Falor to approve the Trustee's salary of \$2,000 per year. As well as seventy-five dollars (\$75) per diem for each meeting, event, or function that said Trustee attends, as approved by the Township Board, above and beyond regular or special meetings of the Township Board.

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

Motioned by Brew, supported by Falor to approve the Treasurer's salary of \$17,000 per year.

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

Motioned by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the Clerk's salary of \$17,000 per year.  
Roll call: Ayes: Falor, Brew, Darrow, Smydra, Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. The 2026/2027 Preliminary Budget was reviewed and discussed in depth.

### **New Business**

1. Motion by Brew, supported by Falor to approve the following 2025/2026 budget amendments:

#### **MOVE:**

<b>Minus</b>	\$700	253-702 Treasurer Other Wages
<b>Plus</b>	\$250	265-921 Utilities- Heat
<b>Plus</b>	\$450	265-775 Lawncare/Snow Removal
<b>Minus</b>	\$10,500	101-446 Highways & Streets
<b>Plus</b>	\$10,500	265-774 Maintenance/Repairs

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

### **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 February.  
Roll call vote: Ayes: Brew, Darrow, Smydra, Closs, Falor. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. The Standard Budget Financial Report was reviewed.

### **Non-Agenda Items**

1. Falor announced her resignation to the board as Mackinaw Township Trustee. Her last day will be March 31<sup>st</sup>. The township has 45 days to fill this vacant position. Darrow will post a notice for this position at the post office and on the township website. If anyone is interested in this position, please email [clerk@mackinwtownship.com](mailto:clerk@mackinwtownship.com) with a letter of interest by 5:00 PM Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>.
2. Smydra will be absent during the April township regular board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ashley Darrow, Clerk