

**MACKINAW TOWNSHIP
MACKINAW CITY, MICHIGAN, 49701
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

The Regular meeting of the Mackinaw Township Board was called to order at 6:00 P.M. on February 16, 2010 at 10595 Wallick Road, Mackinaw City, Michigan. Supervisor Dean led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Dean, Keck, Davis, Bertchinger

Absent: Rogala

Also Present: Joseph Cunic, Dennis Lennox, Attorney MacArthur, Eric Jacobson

Approval of Agenda with one addition: Dennis Lennox

Minutes of January 19, 2010 approved on motion by Keck, second by Davis. All aye, minutes accepted as presented.

Joseph Cunic spoke to the Board concerning the upcoming census. He explained the process for workers interested in jobs and reviewed the wage and duties. He urged the Board Members to encourage anyone they might know who would be interested in a position to contact him. He also left information that members could use to distribute to the general public.

Dennis Lennox then spoke to the members concerning his candidacy for the 105rd district of the Michigan House of Representatives. He stressed his belief that term limits do not favor good government. He feels that the ballot box is a better way to express satisfaction or dissatisfaction with elected officials.

Attorney MacArthur reported to the members on the laws governing the necessity of connecting to an existing sewer if outside the village limits. He reviewed the state statute but said he would need to continue his review of court cases that might have been decided in the past.

The Courtyards of Mackinaw tax issued has come to the forefront and review of the differences involved at this time were covered by Attorney MacArthur. The Prehearing on this case will be in Lansing on February 18, 2010. MacArthur will attend this hearing. It was strongly agreed by all members present that a settlement might be in order if all parties could agree.

Under Unfinished Business: Assessor contract or employment agreement will be created before April 1 start of the new fiscal year. Eric Jacobson will determine number of miles he drives each year.

Keck reported that there were no further developments on the FEMA Floodplain plan at this time.

Fourteen Point Review follow-up will be done in the near future. Eric Jacobson will meet with person involved in reviewing assessor records.

Under new business: Mackinaw Township Resolution in support of the Merit Network

Round 2 ARRA Application

WHEAREAS, the Northern Broadband Cooperative is looking after the interests of the Northern Lower Third of Michigan, a 12-county area, and will speak as a voice to protect the interests of all municipal entities therein when they need to be protected; and WHEREAS, Merit has received a Round 1 ARRA award for expansion of its middle mile network; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, as a constituent member of the Northern Michigan Broadband Cooperative, acknowledge and support the Merit Phase 2 Application for continued expansion of their middle mile network throughout the Northern Lower Third of Michigan.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board member Keck, supported by Board member Davis.

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted: Aye: Keck, Davis, Dean, Nay: Bertchinger.

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Information requested by the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department was reviewed and it will be forwarded.

Agreement from Evergreen Lawn Care for Fertilizer application was accepted on motion by Bertchinger, second by Keck. A 10% discount will be received if paid by March 19th. All aye, motion accepted.

Keck drew attention to the Budget Worksheets in each member's packet. The new Budget must be ready for the Budget Hearing on March 9th. All members were asked to submit any suggestion for budget changes in the next 10 days.

Treasurer's Report accepted on motion by Keck, second by Davis. All aye, report accepted.

Warrant List for February approved on motion by Davis, second by Bertchinger. All ayes warrant list accepted.

Board of Review will be March 8 and March 10. Keck will prepare postings.

Meeting adjourned to the call of the chair at 7:30 P.M.