MACKINAW TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY, MI
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

Supervisor Smydra called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
All Board members present: Brew, Closs, Falor, Darrow, Smydra. Also present: Judge Aaron Gauthier, Lori Ostman, Jeff Ostman, and Tim MacArthur.
Agenda approved as presented.
Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the July 19, 2022 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comments

1. Jeff Ostman introduced himself to the board as he is running for the District 1 County Commissioner. He has been a long-time resident of Mackinaw City where him and his wife have raised their three kids. Ostman taught at Cheboygan Area Schools as a high school math and economic teacher for 30 plus years and is now retired and works along side his wife at their family business, the Mackinaw Plant Center. Ostman looks forward to be an asset to the community.
2. Circuit Court Judge Aaron Gauthier of Cheboygan and Presque Isle County updated the Board on our local circuit court system. Zoom and YouTube have continued to be an instrumental tool to the court system and will continue to play an important role. The YouTube channel is used for certain cases where the public can watch cases and sometimes ask questions as well. This is a great way for the court system to communicate with the public and to better the court system as well as for the public to ask questions. The court system is hopeful by the first of the new year they will be caught up on their jury trial back log and will continue to strive towards this goal.
3. Attorney Tim MacArthur gave Darrow the FEMA Flood Insurance Study, maps and the ordinance notice that was published in the paper. Darrow will properly file these documents. As the upcoming November election gets closer some clerks have received FOIA requests regarding the election and troubling election emails. Consult MacArthur or the county clerk if you are unsure of anything like this. MacArthur also summarized the DYKEMA PIE&G Application from a legal perspective and would advise to proceed.

Reports

1. Lavender gave the board a report via email. The State of Michigan has announced the new schedule for the new Assessing Audit program. Cheboygan County is scheduled for 2026. I will be attending a class on the new audit requirements next month. I have hired a new assessor, Jason Borowicz. He will be joining my team in the next few months. He has worked with me for a few years on a part time basis conducting property inspections, but will be coming on in a full-time capacity. I would be interested in having him take on the assessor position in Mackinaw, but will have him come to next month's meeting and we can have that discussion.
   Routine data processing, property inspections are ongoing.

2. Smydra has continued to work on the Edgewater Beach turnaround project. He has met with the property owner at the end of the road and this owner is now on board with the potential turnaround project. Smydra will meet with Matt Hall from Cheboygan County Road Commission as to what the next step will be.

Smydra had discussed the issue of the newly paved Hebron Mail Route Road with Hall regarding not having aprons on either side of the road as you turn off US 23 onto Hebron. Smydra recently received a bill from a women named Ruby with the cost of installing the aprons on either side of Hebron Mail Route Road for about $13,400. He will bring this issue to Halls attention as well and get to the bottom of this.

New Business.

1. The DYKEMA PIE&G resolution and permit was discussed and reviewed in depth. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to adopt the DYKEMA PIE&G resolution and permit. Roll call: Ayes: Brew, Falor, Closs, Darrow, Smydra. Nays: None. Motion carried.
2. The list of election workers for the November 8, 2022 General Election was presented. Motion by Brew. Supported by Closs to approve the election workers for the November 8, 2022 General Election. Roll Call: Ayes: Closs, Falor, Brew, Smydra, Darrow. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the following budget amendment.

Minus $150 from 101-900-980.00 Capital Control: Contingencies
Plus $150 from 101-243-827 Library
Roll call: Ayes: Brew, Falor, Closs, Darrow, Smydra. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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 August.
   Roll call vote: Ayes: Darrow, Closs, Smydra, Falor, Brew. Nays: None. Motion carried.
   Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the bills for September.
   Roll call vote: Ayes: Brew, Closs, Smydra, Falor, Darrow. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. The standard budget financial report was reviewed.

Non-Agenda Items

1. Brew spoke of behalf of our representative from the Local Emergency Planning Committee about pipeline emergency information. The LEPC was able to tour the Enbridge facility just after Labor Day and gained a lot of very good informative knowledge about the pipeline and all the safely features that are implemented to keep the straits safe. The township board was interested in taking a tour of the Enbridge Plant as well and Brew volunteered to contact someone to schedule a tour for both Mackinaw and Wawatum Townships.

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 7:53 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Darrow, Clerk