MACKINAW TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY, MI
July 21, 2026

Supervisor Symdra called the meeting to order at 7 PM.
Board members present: Smydra, Brew, Darrow, Langhorn, Closs.
Also present: Jeff Ostman, Timothy MacArthur, Surf Internet Representative.
Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
Motion by Brew, supported by Darrow to approve the June 16, 2026 regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Reports

1. Attorney MacArthur informed the board that all new township offices official start day will now be December 1st. The Land Division Act was changed. One can now split a piece of property 10 times. MacArthur will update the townships Land Division Resolution to meet the March 2027 deadline. All township websites must be ADA compliant by April 26, 2028. Darrow will contact Ginop to make sure the township meets this requirement.
2. Smydra and Wawatam Township Supervisor Roger Moore conducted the 2026 annual spring cleanup.
   Smydra and the Board of Review met on July 20nd per state law and conducted business.
   The township received an audit from the state of Michigan and received an excellent score.
   Smydra needs assistance from Closs and Darrow to gather information to close out the account where the township received the COVID money from.
   A real estate investor contacted Symdra to inquire about Mackinaw Townships short term rental policies.
   Symdra also received a new complaint regarding short term rentals.
3. Commissioner Ostman gave the board a brief update on the Cheboygan County Commissioners. They are looking to hire a part-time year-round enforcement officer for zoning. Many individuals are looking forward to filling this position.

Unfinished Business

1. A representative from Surf Internet attended the meeting and discussed the Metro Act in great depth as well as answered all the township boards questions. The township attorney will look over the Metro Act to make sure everything is acceptable before the board approves.
   Motion by Smydra, supported by Brew to approve the Metro Act Permit as long as Tim MacArthur our township attorney states it meets all the correct criteria.
   Roll call: Ayes: Closs, Darrow, Smydra, Langhorn, Brew. Nays: None. Motion carried.

New Business

1. An election official inspected the township parking lot and stated the township does not meet ADA requirements due to no/fading of parking space striping.
   Motion by Smydra, supported by Langhorn to give Brew permission to contact Paul Stemkoski to see if he would be willing to paint the lines in the parking lot and allow Brew to spend no more than $500 for this job. Roll call: Ayes: Brew, Smydra, Closs, Langhorn, Darrow. Nays: None. Motion carried.
2. A local resident contacted Darrow to express their concerns about Stimpson and Potter Road. Mike will follow up with this resident and contact the road commission to see how we can help improve these roads.

Treasurers Report/Bills/Financial Reports

1. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.
2. Motion by Brew, supported by Langhorn to approve the July expenditures.
   Roll call: Ayes: Langhorn, Darrow, Closs, Brew, Smydra. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. The Standard Budget Report was accepted as presented.

Non-Agenda Items

1. The township board received a thank you note for Donna Falor for her retirement gift. She was very appreciative.

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 7:08 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Darrow, Clerk

Approved 9-15-2026