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MACKINAW TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
10595 WALLICK RD, MACKINAW CITY, MI
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Supervisor Smydra called the meeting to order at 7 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
All Board members present: Smydra, Brew, Darrow, Langhorne, Closs.
Also present: Timothy MacArthur.
Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
Motion by Brew, supported by Darrow to approve the July 21, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Reports

Attorney Timothy MacArthur spoke about these two topics:

1. **Metro Act permit:** At the meeting two months prior, the Board approved a Metro Act permit application (a representative had appeared before the Board). Upon review, the application lacked the required general liability insurance certificate (minimum $2,000,000 liability coverage required by the permit). The Clerk contacted the applicant, which submitted a new insurance binder showing the required $2,000,000 in coverage. MacArthur sent a letter to the Clerk indicating the permit application was acceptable upon his review.

2. **Land division ordinance:** The Michigan land division statute changes effective March 2027, which will make splitting property without subdividing easier and allow more parcels than currently permitted. The Michigan Townships Association (MTA) recommends all townships update their land division ordinances. The attorney will have a draft ordinance ready for the Board's November meeting (the Board does not meet in December), or January at the latest, to allow for the 30-day publication/effective-date window. MacArthur will report back at a later date.

Supervisor Smydra spoke about these two topics:

1. **Village agreements:** The Village Manager, Dean Martin sent two agreement renewals for Board consideration: (1) the annual $1,500 agreement for the Recreation Center, and (2) a second agreement for full usage of the Mackinaw City Compost Recovery Facility (“Stump Dump”). These are renewals of agreements previously adopted (one-year terms) and the rates have stayed the same with no increase.

   Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the annual $1,500 agreement for the Recreation Center and the agreement for full usage of the Mackinaw City Compost Recovery Facility (“Stump Dump”) for Mackinaw Township residents.
   Roll call vote: Ayes: Langhorne, Smydra, Darrow, Brew, Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried.

2. **Road project — Carlin Subdivision (chip seal):** The roads within Carlin Subdivision was resurfaced using a chip seal process (rather than asphalt). Residents were not notified in advance; many are unhappy with the result (rougher surface, messy/lengthy process, restricted road use during construction). One resident claims the contractor's trucks, traveling too fast, threw rocks that damaged her grandson's windshield. Smydra requested and received Board permission to have Safelite inspect the windshield and provide an authoritative assessment. Smydra will also contact the Road Commission once we have the windshield assessment and explain how poorly this construction crew preformed during this project.

New Business

1. On October 1, 2026, the township’s accountant will transition to new ownership. Previously Dan Smith & Company, PC now will become Nowicki, Borowiak & Company, PLLC.

Treasurers Report/ Bills/ Financial Report

1. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as presented. Deadline for taxes was September 14th.
2. Motion by Brew, supported by Darrow to approve the bills for August.
   Roll call vote: Ayes: Langhorne, Smydra, Darrow, Brew, Closs. Nays: None. Motion carried.
   Motion by Brew, supported by Closs to approve the bills for September.
   Roll call vote: Ayes: Darrow, Closs, Langhorne, Brew, Smydra. Nays: None. Motion carried.
3. The Standard Budget Financial Report was reviewed and accepted as presented. Two line items are over budget and will require a budget amendment at next month's meeting: Miscellaneous/Contingency Board over by $61.33; Township Maintenance and Repairs over by $273.38.

Non-Agenda Items

1. Brew reported on emergency management/flood planning: flood-response work is wrapping up; planning is underway for exercises next year, including one large exercise in April of 2027 in Mackinaw City.

Meeting was adjourned by call of the chair at 7:28 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Darrow, Clerk