

CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 2:00 PM

City Hall – Council Chambers, 7358 Market St., Mackinac Island, Michigan

I. Call to Order

Mayor Doud called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

II. Roll Call

PRESENT

- Richard Chambers
- Tom Corrigan
- Steven Moskwa
- Anneke Myers
- Lindsey White
- Jason St. Onge

ABSENT

- Trista France, Mayor's Assistant
- Kaitlynn Bazinau, City Treasurer

IV. Additions to / Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Myers, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

V. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, held on February 4, 2026, were presented
 - o Mayor Doud stated that the minutes stood approved as presented.

VI. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

- The February 18, 2026 Treasurer's Report was presented.
 - o Mayor Doud stated that the report would be placed on file as presented.

VII. Approval of Payments for:

Motion made by White, seconded by Chambers, to pay the bills & payroll as presented, with the following bills to be paid from the Forest Way Townhomes (FWTH) Debt Account:

- Argent Industrial Trust (FWTH Phase III)
- Capital One Public Funding (FWTH Phase II)

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

VIII. Committee Reports

Finance Committee - Feb. 17, 2026, 10:00 am

- Fund balance was at \$1.64 million as of March 31, 2025
 - o Currently at a loss of \$1.269 from current fiscal year, reducing the balance to roughly \$370,000 by end of the current fiscal year
 - o Legal & litigation, Ice Storm, & Police Department overtime wages have been the main issue
- Councilwoman Myers recommendations for the remaining of the fiscal year
 - o Short term - increase mileage levy while in litigation
 - o Long term - to begin building back the reserve balance
 - o Looking at a 2.8% wage increase across the board for 2026/2027 budget
 - March 18th budget work shop - 2:00 pm

X. Old Business

2026 Marine Rescue Slip Rental Agreement with the DNR

- Mayor Doud is in negotiation with DNR to possibly get the fee "in kind"
- Commander Arabie has sent out a draft of the letter Mayor Doud requested at the last meeting

Motion made by White, seconded by St. Onge, to table for another two (2) weeks for further information from Mayor Doud.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Competitive Event Application, submitted by Knights of Columbus

- Will have four (4) spots with observers from KOC to keep walk on sidewalk - per KOC
- KOC will get with Midge to go over place for "observers"
- Looking to see if start time can be pushed back to 10:30 am

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to table the application for an additional two (2) weeks.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

XI. New Business

Authorization for Mayor's Assistant Trista France to re-apply to the Community Foundation to obtain grant funding in the amount of \$70,000.00, with a \$10,000.00 match, for landscaping at the Forest Way Townhomes

- Roughly \$90,000.00 left in the FWTH Ph4 bond account
- Original application asking for \$80,000.00 to the Community Foundation was denied
 - Community Foundation sent the application back with the request of the contribution of some City funding

Motion made by Myers, seconded by St. Onge, for the City to contribute \$10,000.00 from the FWTH Phase 4 bond account and to authorize Mayor's Assistant Trista France to reapply for the grant requesting \$70,000.00.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Proposed 2026 quarterly meeting schedule for Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) hearings & meetings

- Schedule is subject to change
- Alternates for ZBA

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by White, to adopt the 2026 annual schedule of hearings and meetings for the Zoning Board of Appeals, as prescribed by the City Clerk, with the amended deadline date for September meeting.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Discussion and / or approval regarding the following agreements, submitted by Chief Miedzianowski:

- Police Officers Labor Council Union Letter of Agreement (LOA)
Motion made by Myers, seconded by White, to accept the Letter of Acceptance with Justin Bradford.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

- Chief of Police Employment Contract Addendum
Motion made by White, seconded by Moskwa, to accept the employment contract addendum with Dwayne Miedzianowski, Chief of Police.
Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Hanging Basket Contract with St. Ignace In Bloom for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year

- Proposed for a three (3) year contract (2026 – 2028)

Motion made by Myers, seconded by White, to approve the contract for the 2026 season, to be paid by the Tourism Bureau.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Country Cleaning contracts for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year

- Cleaning of the Public & Library Restrooms
- Tourism bureau contributing \$5,000.00 towards restroom cleaning
- Councilman St. Onge pointed out that this contract has not been put out for bid and he therefore has worries about entering in to multi-year contract
 - Attorney Evashevski noted that bids are not required for this, but Council can choose to do so if they wish

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to accept as a one (1) year contract, and to put the cleaning contracts out for bid for a four (4) year contract by the end of March 31, 2026 for 2027 – 2030.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Discussion of proposed amendments for the License and Permit fees and Rates Ordinance for the 2026 / 2027 licensing year

- Tourist snowmobile permit - raise from \$5 to \$10
 - Council asked Park Manager Myron Johnson to propose this to the State Park Commission
 - Mr. Johnson noted that he had recently discussed this increase with Director Brisson and it is sounding like the State Park would like to proceed with the rise in cost
 - Would like to implement for 2026 / 2027 budget year

- Increase in residential bike license
 - \$3.50 to \$5.00
 - Council was not in favor of this increase

- Bicycle Impound Fees
 - Option one - Increase impound fee to \$40.00
 - Option two – Increase impound fee to \$40.00, then after seven (7) days charge an additional \$10.00 per day for seven (7) days
 - Council and Chief Miedzianowski would like to proceed with option one

- Civil Infractions
 - Council and Chief Miedzianowski would like to proceed with increasing
- Building Department
 - Building Inspector Dave Lipovsky had a few suggestions for increases, which the Council was in favor of
 - Dave will continue to review for other increase options
- Vehicles
 - More movement = more money
 - Looking at adding a fee for any trips / escorts needed within a permitted time

City of Mackinac Island Resolution No. 26-002 – authorizing the Lot Split & Reconfiguration for Jeffrey & Christine Steiner

- Approved by City Assessor Joe Stakoe
- County Equalization requires a resolution approved by the City Council

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Corrigan, to adopt the resolution authorizing the lot split and reconfiguration for Jeffrey & Christine Steiner's property located in Hubbard's Annex.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Hoban Hill Relocation of Public Utility Easement

- Relocated water line as shown in exhibit b
- Approved and signed by Hoban Hill representative
 - Attorney Evashevski & DPW Director Allen Burt are in agreement
- Easement needs to be recorded with County Equalization prior to the Master Deed being recorded

Motion made by Myers, seconded by White, to adopt the easement as presented.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Recreation Department request to proceed with Turtle Park Playground updates

- \$65,000.00 overall cost
 - 1 new piece, moving rocking horses, re-doing ADA ramp, replacement climber, gaga ball pit would be moved over by the pavilion (where wing set is, which has to be removed), some boarder repairs as well
 - Received an award letter from GameTime announcing the receipt of \$11,000.00 in grant funding towards the project
 - Recreation Department has spoken to the Community Foundation regarding grant funding
 - Councilwoman Myers noted that the MIRD board has committed \$15,000.00 to the project
 - Project would begin after October 10, 2026

Motion made by Corrigan, seconded by Chambers, to approve the Recreation Department to re-apply to the community foundation for further assistance

Cheboygan Life Support 4th Quarter Profit & Loss Report

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Myers, to place on file.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Police Department's 2025 Year-End report

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Myers, to place on file.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Police Department's request to renew the agreement with K9 Handler Sue Stejskal for the Department's Canine / K9 Program

- Midge has secured a donation to cover the \$1,200.00 annual fee
- Sue has training coming up in March - Midge would like to apply to the MICF for money to cover this training (Sue will pick up additional costs) but need an approved agreement for renewal of services to submit to the MICF
- Hourly fee (if needed) can be covered internally by already budgeted funds

Motion made by St. Onge to table for two (2) weeks

- Motion died due to lack of support

Motion made by Corrigan, seconded by Chambers, to renew the agreement for K9 program

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Nays: St. Onge

Police Department's request to apply for a grant through the Mackinac Island Community Foundation for the Department's Canine / K9 Program

Motion made by Corrigan, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the submission to MICF by Midge

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White

Voting Nay: St. Onge

Dykema Law Firm, on behalf of GHMI Resort Holdings, LLC / KSL Capital Partners, LLC, submission of an appeal of a Planning Commission decision – Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing & meeting scheduling

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Corrigan, to place the appeal on the April 15th Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing & Meeting agendas.

Voting Yea: Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Abstain: Chambers

Temporary vehicle permit application, submitted by Craig Beeck, to replace siding on the My Front Porch building, located at 7541 Market Street. Arrival date is to be determined based on the weather, but planning on the end of March or early April.

- Should only need the lift for four (4) or five (5) days to get the higher spots
- Overnight parking will be at Windermere Point / front of Windermere

Motion made by St. Onge, second by White, to approve the vehicle permit.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Vehicle & trailer permit, submitted by Chicago Yacht Club, for Belonga Excavating to haul and set the finish line trailer at Windermere Point for the 2026 Chicago Yacht Race. Delivery will take place on July 6th – vehicle will be stored until removal on July 15th.

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the vehicle & trailer permits.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

(1) vehicle & (2) trailer permits, submitted by Belonga Excavating, for trenching work at the Visitor Center – 7165 Main St. Vehicle and trailers will arrive the week of February 23rd and will be in use for one (1) week.

- Work to be done is between the Visitor Center and Chippewa

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the vehicle and trailer permits and to waive the fees.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

(4) vehicle permits, submitted by Belonga Excavating, to haul away overburden from the Jaquiss build – 6948 Main St. Vehicles will arrive the week of February 23rd and will be in use for one (1) week.

Motion made by St. Onge, seconded by Corrigan, to approve the vehicle permits.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Motion made by White, seconded by Moskwa, to enter in to closed session at 3:41 to discuss ongoing \ litigation.

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Corrigan, to leave closed session at 4:05 pm

Voting Yea: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa, Myers, White, St. Onge

Motion made by St. Onge, Seconded by Myers, to enter in to open session at 4:05 pm

XII. Miscellaneous / General Council Discussion / Additional Agenda Items

Councilman St. Onge inquired where things were at with the approval of change in language to the Noise ordinance

- City Attorney & Clerk both thought a draft had been referred to the Ordinance Committee, but will look in to things further

Chief Miedzianowski discussed S.W.O.T. (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) training for the department heads & Council

- City does have an appointed SWOT Committee
- Councilman St. Onge noted that he would like Wendy Dawson of Mackinac Island EMS added to the Department Head meetings going forward

David Jurcak of the Grand Hotel inquired where things were at with adding alternates to the Ordinance for Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

- Mr. Jurcak noted that, if needed, the Grand would be willing to postpone their ZBA until June 10th so they are guaranteed a full board for
- Attorney Evashevski responded that she will look in to where this was left

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Myers, to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 pm.