

# CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND

## BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 1:45 PM

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

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### I. Call to Order

Mayor Doud called the hearing to order at 1:45 pm

### II. Roll Call

PRESENT

Richard Chambers  
Tom Corrigan  
Steven Moskwa

Anneke Myers  
Alan Sehoyan  
Jason St. Onge  
Richard Linn, Treasurer

### VII. New Business

- Resolution and amended budget for the 2024 - 2025 fiscal year
- Resolution and operating budget for the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year
- Operating budget for the Department of Public Works for fiscal year 2025 – 2026
  - Councilman St. Onge noted that the Council should consider adopting a policy stating that, at a certain threshold, a hearing needs to take place to discuss proposed rate increases
  - Allen Burt, Department of Public Works (DPW) Director, noted that the DPW has had budget meetings where these rate increases have been discussed, but no one from the business or residential communities have attended.
    - Councilman St. Onge countered that people not showing up is not an excuse not to notice community members about rate increases.
  - Councilman Moskwa noted that the DPW has undertaken a large project with the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The DPW has worked hard to get as much outside revenue as possible, but rate increases were always discussed as possibilities to help cover the project costs.
  - Councilwoman Myers inquired if the DPW could provide an impact timeline for possibly the next five (5) years for proposed rate structure?
    - Mr. Burt responded that the rate structure changes as the year goes on and projects continue. Need to see where Biddle Point and WWTP projects finish to see what further upcoming rate increases may be.
  - Councilman St. Onge reiterated that the members of the business and residential communities are deserving of a notice ahead of time of these sorts of things.
    - Something along the lines of any increase over 3 - 5% should require a notice to be sent.
  - Mr. Burt noted that if the Council would like to give some guidance on the how to improve this process, the DPW is open to discussing that at their upcoming April meeting.
- 2025 – 2026 Salaries Ordinance
  - Non-Elected City Assessor position added - \$86,000.00 annual salary
    - Joe Stakoe will now become a fulltime City employee – no longer a contracted service
    - Mr. Stakoe is a level 3 Assessor, which is the requirement for Mackinac Island due to Mackinac's tax base
- License and Permit Fees and Rates for the 2025 Licensing Year
  - Multiple rate increases and language edits made by Dennis Dombrokis
  - Will be looking at reassessing the Building Department fees every few years
  - Vehicle Permit Fee section was restructured and some fees were increased

### IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to adjourn the hearing at 2:04 pm.

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