

CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 15, 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
- Kaitlynn Bazinau, City Treasurer
- Erin Evashevski, attorney, via zoom in St. Ignace

ABSENT

- Jason St. Onge

IV. Additions to / Adoption of Agenda

Motion made by White, seconded by Myers, to adopt the agenda with the following additions:

- Temporary Trailer Permit - Chippewa Hotel / Pink Pony Store
- Letter from Shepler's Ferry - 2026 season

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

V. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, held on April 1, 2026

- Mayor Doud stated that the minutes would be placed on file as presented.

VI. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

The April 15, 2026 Treasurer's Report was presented.

- Mayor Doud stated that the report would be placed on file as presented.

VII. Approval of Payments for:

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the payroll and payables as presented.

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

X. Old Business

2026 Marine Rescue Slip Rental Agreement

- DNR will not reduce or cut slip price.
 - o Suggested that the DNR should then be charged for EMS and Fire Protection service within their marina

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by White, to have the clerk look into the check that was mailed and to have Mayor Doud sign the agreement.

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

Service & Repair Orders from Otis Elevator

- Building Inspector Dave Lipovsky had contacted with Otis on April 6th, but was told he had to submit the issue via email, which he did on April 8th, but has not heard back as of today.
 - o Otis has not serviced City elevators since November 2024.

Motion made by Chambers, seconded by Moskwa, to table for two weeks.

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

XI. New Business

Letter from Shepler's Attorney to Larry Saylor

- Received by Clerk Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 1:40 pm.
- Summer scheduled and season to start April 21st, but stating they cannot start by this date due to ice conditions
- Day by day runs / monitoring of conditions
- Looking at extending the winter schedule out of St. Ignace if conditions do not improve by April 21st with trips added as needed
 - o Hoping to get the West Shore (previously the Anna May) in the water and in service soon
- Attorney Evashevski noted that the franchise agreement does not have anything regarding requests to alter the beginning of the summer season
 - o Currently in litigation over this legal document that states each line shall run by April 21st
 - o If there will be a deviation from the agreement, it needs to be in writing with specific conditions

Motion made by Chambers, seconded Moskwa, to set a special meeting for 2:30 pm on Monday, April 20, 2026 to further discuss franchise agreement deviations for both boat lines.

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

Motion made by Chambers, seconded by Moskwa, to place the letter from Shepler's attorney on file.

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

Tourism Bureau will push a message to the public that there will be boats available.

Public Works Department purchase of a Plate Compactor for road repair and landscaping (FY26/27 budgeted item)

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Corrigan, to approve the purchase.

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

Letter of support for State Park funding – Councilman Moskwa

- To replace funds removed last year from the State Park's budget. Letter will go to legislators showing city support

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Corrigan, to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter and to have the Mayor's Assistant distribute the letter to the necessary recipients.

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

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Chambers, to adopt the proposed amendments to the License and Permit Fees and Rates Ordinance for the 2026 Licensing Year.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by White, to adopt the proposed amendment to Ordinance 496 – Mackinac Island Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau Ordinance

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Chambers, to add a variance request, submitted by Mike Benjamin, to the June 10, 2026 Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing and Meeting agendas.

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

Discussion regarding the request for a late spring set at the Bonzheim Project

- Requesting vehicle permits through May 21st
- Planning Commission issued their zoning permit only authorizing the set before April 30th or after November 1st
- Property is located within vehicle zone 1, which has a May 1st cut off
- Frost law dependent at this time as well
 - o Building Inspector Dave Lipovsky commented that he does not see frost laws being lifted any time soon, and that there have not been any projections on when they may come off
- Park Manager Myron Johnson
 - o Permission was given by the State Park to stage the modular sections at the State Dock until May 1st, but this would need to be revisited if requested to store past that date
- Looking at a multiple day closure of M-185, which will disrupt multiple businesses in the area and those who use the shoreline as a route
- Zoning ordinance now does not allow for spring sets
- Stonebrook residents have voiced concern and do not want to see a set in during evening or early morning hours
- Mayor Doud commented that the State Park needs to determine permission for staging at the State Dock and the use / shut down of M-185
 - o Mr. Johnson noted that the Bonzheims would need to submit a request to the State Park for this

Motion made by Chambers, seconded by Corrigan, to table the request for two (2) weeks and to discuss further with the State Park

Yeas: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa

Nays: Myers, White

- Attorney Evashevski also noted that the Zoning Permit expiration date may need to be reviewed.

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Corrigan, to approve (2) trailer permits, submitted by Enterprise Vending, to deliver arcade games to Mission Point Resort.

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

Motion made by Chambers, seconded by Corrigan, to table (1) vehicle and (1) trailer permit, submitted by Plutchak Crane Rental, for the set of the Bonzheim sections – 4311 Pine Cove Ln.

Yeas: Chambers, Corrigan, Moskwa

Nays: Myers, White

Motion made by Myers, seconded by White, to approve a vehicle permit, submitted by Iroquois Hotel, to use a lift for exterior painting of the hotel – 7485 Main St.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Chambers, to approve a vehicle permit, submitted by Cloverland Electric, for dielectric testing of utility trucks – 2248 Edison Rd.

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

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by White, to approve a vehicle permit, submitted by Plutchak Crane Rental, to set roof units at the Might Mac & Chippewa Hotel

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by White, to approve an annual vehicle permit, submitted by Arnold Freight.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve the extended use of (2) vehicle permits for a stand behind ditch witch and trencher, submitted by Hoffman & Son's, to complete the landscaping and sprinkler system piping projects at Harbour View Inn – 6876 Main St. Extended use, on property only, extended to May 21st with work hours being restricted to 9:00 am – 6:00 pm Monday – Friday, and 12:30 pm to 6:00 pm on Sundays.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve (1) vehicle & (1) trailer permit, submitted by Hoffman & Son's, to haul fill for continued landscaping work at Harbour View Inn – 6876 Main St.

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

Discussion of the time restrictions previously set for the movement of the Chicago Yacht Club trailer by Belonga Excavating.

- Representatives from the Iroquois Hotel and Arnold Freight both agreed that the later evening times work better for all of those involved

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Chambers, to authorize movement of the trailer for after 8:00 pm.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by White, to approve (2) vehicle permits, submitted by Belonga Excavating, for work at the Charter Spectrum Head End to remove satellite dishes – 2248 Edison Rd.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by White, to approve (3) vehicle and (1) trailer permit, submitted by Belonga Excavating, for sewer and water service installation for Bob Benser – Mission Street.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve (3) vehicle and (1) trailer permit, submitted by Belonga excavating, for sewer and water service installation for Andrew Doud – 1247 Mission Street.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by White, to approve a vehicle permit, submitted by Johnny Peavey, to dig a foundation for an outer building at his residence – 3718 Cedar Point Ln. – as long as the digging is completed and the vehicle is removed by May 21st.

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

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Corrigan, to approve the extended use of (2) vehicle permits, submitted by North Point Building & Development, for continued construction work at the May Cottage.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve a pre-approved vehicle permit, submitted by Belonga Excavating, to alleviate flooding issues at Hoban Hill.

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve (2) vehicle & (2) trailer permits, submitted by Belonga excavating, to excavate and hydro-vac for installation of conduit at the Lilac Tree Hotel – 7372 Main St.

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

Motion made by White, seconded by Moskwa, to approve (6) annual vehicle permits, submitted by Musser Mackinac for use at 3000 Hedgecliff

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

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to approve (2) vehicle permits, submitted by Bacco Construction Co., to move equipment to the Wastewater Treatment Plant for continued project work, and to waive the fees.

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

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by White, to approve a trailer permit, submitted by Chippewa Hotel, for the delivery of cabinetry and store goods for the Pink Pony Store.

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

Councilman Moskwa inquired about the removal of snow from southside of Main Street

- Both the City and the State Park are short on staff and are busy with annual opening tasks at this time Myron - staffing issue so now concentrating on scraping roads for residents
 - o David Jurcak of the Grand Hotel noted that they have a large pile of snow at Bicycle Street Inn that needs to be taken care of – if the City will allow them to bring down annually permitted equipment to remove their snow, they would be happy to help with the removal of snow from the south side of Main Street

Motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to authorize the Grand Hotel to bring annually permitted equipment down for the removal of snow.

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

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Myers, to contract Belonga Excavating and the use of their mini excavator to assist with the snow removal if needed.

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

Councilwoman Myers inquired if something could be done regarding the school's street cut on Cadotte Ave.

- o Have had complaints about it, needs more fill and needs to be marked for safety
- o City Foreman Mike Ruddle noted that the applicant and property owner are responsible to maintain the cut until it is paved
 - Dave Lipovsky commented that he has been in touch with Belonga and it will be taken care of

Mark Ware addressed the Council regarding the upcoming delivery of propane to Mission Point

- o Looking to bring a larger fuel truck in at the end of the month
- o Working on applying to the State for a frost law waiver for the use of a larger truck
- o Would also like permission to bring the truck in to the Coal Dock if they are unable to get in to the State Dock

Council ok with this – Mission Point needs to keep in touch with the Street Administrator and Police Department.

Motion made by Myers, seconded by White, to enter in to closed session at 3:36 pm, to discuss ongoing litigation.

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

Motion made by Moskwa, econded by Corrigan, to leave closed session at 5:11 pm

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

Motion made by Moskwa, seconded by Chambers, to enter in to open session at 5:12 pm

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

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa, to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 pm.