

The regular meeting of Macon Township was held on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 7:00p.m. with Supervisor Dean Montrief presiding. Roll call: Dean Montrief: present; Julia Marshall: present; Beth DeJonghe: absent; Joe Rine: present; Charley Downing: present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Important Dates:

Board of Review Annual Meeting December 9, 2025 at 9a.m.

Township Board Meeting January 5, 2026 at 7p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting January 21, 2026 at 7p.m.

Julia Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting to closed session at 7:03p.m. pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h) to consider a written confidential legal opinion from the township's attorney, which is exempt by State or Federal law, seconded by Joe Rine. Roll call: Dean Montrief: yes; Julia Marshall: yes; Beth DeJonghe: absent; Joe Rine: yes; Charley Downing: yes. Motion carried. Closed session was adjourned at 7:46p.m.

Julia Marshall moved to go back into open session at 7:47p.m. seconded by Joe Rine. Roll call: Dean Montrief: yes; Julia Marshall: yes; Beth DeJonghe: absent; Joe Rine: yes; Charley Downing: yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Sam McDermott & Jason Hanselman from Invenergy – land surveyors are in the area surveying and talking to land owners. There are multiple ways to get permits for projects. Rhonda Cheever 966 Macon Hwy. – public comment was heard regarding Lake Ridge Cemetery. Lake Ridge Cemetery information was given to the board in August. Any update? Dean said in January there would be an update.

Kathy Kuhlman 7600 Clinton-Macon Rd. – public comment was heard regarding Lake Ridge. “Transparency of the issue, can records or documents be produced to finalize the issue?” “When is the township’s budget?” The township’s budget year is from April 1st to March 31st. “How much in legal fees is this costing?”

Joe Rine moved seconded by Charley Downing to approve the November 3, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report:

Ledger Account Balances:

Solar Account balance remains the same at \$1,764.46

Road Account: Receipts: \$17.84. No disbursements. Total balance in the Road Account: \$18,770.16

Fire Account: Receipts: \$90.37. No disbursements. Total balance in the Fire Account: \$75,122.84

Cemetery Account: No Receipts. Disbursements: \$2,035. Total balance in the Cemetery Account: \$33,332.02

Perpetual Care Fund: Receipts: \$1.60. No Disbursements. Total balance in the Perpetual Care Fund \$16,040.87

General Fund: Receipts: \$26,463.02. Disbursements: \$20,235.60. Total balance in the General Fund: \$248,821.63

Joe Rine moved, seconded by Charley Downing to approve the ledger account balances. Motion carried.

There are no bills to pay at this current time.

Old Business:

1. Lee Wagner past Macon Township Supervisor and Trustee passed away and a moment of silence was held in his honor.
2. Brief update on the Ordinance violation with the Macon Grocery: In the Fall of 2024 Dean received a few complaints regarding the port a potty at the Macon Grocery. The Macon Grocery is existing nonconforming meaning you can't make any additions or changes because it is in a residential area. Dean met with the owners in October 2024 and they agreed to move the location of the port a potty to the other side of the building. They did not move the port a potty. The Port a potty ordinance was passed. They were issued a ticket and had a court date last week. They agreed to move the port a potty to the other side of the building and keep it locked when the store is closed.

New Business:

1. Michigan Fair Elections Institute awarded the Sunlight Award to Clerk Julia Marshall. It was given to a select group of township and municipal clerks. In March of 2025 an independent investigation of Michigan's official Qualified Voter File (QVF) found only 17% of 1138 jurisdiction of 1000 or more voter registrations had no potential duplicates identified in the QVF. Macon Township was one of among the 197 jurisdictions to show no duplicate voter registrations.

Julia Marshall moved, seconded by Charley Downing to adjourn the meeting at 8:03p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Marshall

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Clerk

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Guests: 7