

The regular meeting of Macon Township was held on September 14, 2026 at 7:00p.m. with Supervisor Dean Montrief presiding. Roll call: Dean Montrief: present; Julia Marshall: present; Beth DeJonghe: present; Joe Rine: absent; Charley Downing: present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Important Dates:

Election Commission Meeting October 5, 2026 at 6:45p.m.

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

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

Public Comment:

Marilyn Bagby – 7275 Clinton-Macon Rd. – Public comment was heard questioning the status of the Gilmore burial sites in Macon Cemetery and any possible playground grants for new playground equipment at the Macon Township Hall

Julia Marshall moved, seconded by Beth DeJonghe to approve the August 3, 2026 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Ledger Account Balances:

Solar Account: Balance remains the same at \$1,764.46

Road Account: Disbursements: \$30,211.41. Receipts: \$20,017.90. Total balance in the Road Account: \$4,627.14

Fire Account: Disbursements: \$2,456.25 Receipts: \$141.37. Total balance in the Fire Account: \$104,813.86

Cemetery Account: Disbursements: \$1,435 Receipts: \$700. Total balance in the Cemetery Account: \$18,962.02

Perpetual Care Fund: No Disbursements. Receipts: \$1.77. Total balance in the Perpetual Care Fund \$16,056.64

General Fund: Disbursements: \$58,232.14. Receipts: \$294.82. Total balance in the General Fund \$199,938.22

Julia Marshall moved, seconded by Charley Downing to approve the ledger account balances. Motion carried.

Beth DeJonghe moved, seconded by Charley Downing to pay all bills. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Lake Ridge Cemetery: Post on the website request for bids for lawn mowing as well as Spring and Fall Clean-up. Table until October 2026 meeting.

New Business:

Website Contract: The current website contract is up in November 2026. Julia Marshall reached out to 2 other companies for Bids due to the price increase from Artonic. For hosting and support the cost would be \$5,088 from Artonic. Shumaker Technology Group submitted a proposal for a set up fee of \$1,495 and then \$750 per year for hosting and support. Julia Marshall moved, seconded by Beth DeJonghe to go with Shumaker Technology Group due to the large cost savings to the township. Motion carried.

Julia Marshall moved, seconded by Charley Downing to adopt Resolution 2026-02 to set Poverty Exemption, Income Guidelines and Asset Level Test policy. (Copy of the resolution will be attached to the minutes and on the website). Motion carried.

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on Monday, August 24, 2026 and approved the 3 variance requests for MAO-108-1090. Pole Barn: A building permit and final inspections will be secured by owner. Pole barn size is approximately 30 feet by 40 feet. Upon completion and final inspection, the temporary tent will be taken down and removed. Expiration date of variance is 9/1/2027. Storage Tent: Variance is approved with the following conditions: Temporary storage tent will be used for storage of equipment and supplies relevant to the property preparation and construction. Tent will be removed within 2 weeks of completion and final inspection of Pole Barn. Expiration date of variance is 9/1/2027. Camper: Variance is approved with the following conditions: Camper will not be used as a full-time residence. Short term camping (3 days or less) and weekend stays are allowed. Upon completion and final inspection of the home, camper will be removed from the property or stored appropriately as to not create a nuisance or eyesore for any neighbors or community. Expiration date of variance is 9/1/2027.

Invenergy has requested that the township rescind the moratorium on battery storage and data centers. Discussion. Julia Marshall moved, seconded by Charley Downing to deny Invenergy's request to rescind the moratorium on battery storage and data centers. Roll call: Dean Montrief: yes; Julia Marshall: yes; Beth DeJonghe: yes; Charley Downing: yes; Joe Rine: absent. Motion carried.

Julia Marshall moved, seconded by Charley Downing to schedule the Election Commission meeting for October 5, 2026 at 6:45p.m.

Julia Marshall moved, seconded by Charley Downing to adjourn the meeting at 7:36p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Marshall
Macon Township Clerk
Guests: 14