

CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TO PROVIDE FACTUAL INFORMATION ABOUT ONGOING FERRY BOAT LITIGATION

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Community Hall -- 7358 Market St., Mackinac Island, Michigan 49757

I. Call to Order

Mayor Doud called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT:

- Richard Chambers
- Tom Corrigan
- Steven Moskwa
- Anneke Myers
- Lindsey White
- Jason St. Onge
- Mike Cavanaugh, City Attorney
- Christine Rollins, Deputy City Clerk
- Kaitlynn Bazinau, Treasurer

ABSENT:

- Danielle Ruddle, City Clerk
- Erin Evashevski, City Attorney

- Attorney Mike Cavanaugh of Fraser Trebilcock:

- o Gave a brief overview of the City's current pending litigation with the ferry lines, as well as a brief history of the ferry boats over the last 50+ years
- o The City of Mackinac Island 1899 Charter give the City authority to enact franchise agreements for ferry service, and to regulate those services
 - Senate Bill 304 clarifies the rates and fees under that regulation
- o Mackinac Island Ferry Company (MIFC) and Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry Company are both privately owned public utilities, and public utilities are required to be regulated

- Persons making public comment:

- o Dennis Cawthorne – 6:03 pm
- o Susan Lenfesty – 6:05 pm
- o Jim Pettit – 6:07 pm
- o Shannon Westblade – 6:09 pm
- o Mark Bears – 6:11 pm
- o Susan Lenfesty (second comment) – 6:12 pm
- o Dennis Cawthorne (second comment) – 6:15 pm
- o Jim Reitman – 6:16 pm

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion made by Myers, seconded by Moskwa to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Margaret M. Doud, Mayor

Christine Rollins, Deputy City Clerk