

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2025

The Skandia Township Board meeting was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, Anna Erickson, Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Anna Erickson-Supervisor, Marilyn Keto- Clerk, Judy McGuire Treasurer, Larry Linna- Trustee, Brandon Bray- Trustee.

Guests: Beth Linna

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by A. Erickson, seconded by B. Bray to approve the agenda with additions. Motion **CARRIED.**

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by J. McGuire, seconded by L. Linna to approve the meeting minutes for January 15, 2025 as presented Motion **CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by B. Bray seconded by M. Keto to approve the treasurer's report as presented Motion **CARRIED.**

General Fund Checking \$ 74,508.93 **Recreation Fund** - \$ 10,872.51 **Road Fund Savings**
- \$240,107.67

CD- Totals:

Road Millage Account – Money put into Savings which will be transferred to Flagstar Bank.
General Fund - \$105,048.46

Money Market:

Fire Department - \$ 104,910.14
First Responders - \$ 93,608.97
General Fund Money Market- \$1776.38

Public Comment:

None.

Assessor's Report:

Mark Maki reports that the assessing studies for 2025 Board of Review meetings will be put on the website. Board of Review dates: March 10, 2025 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, March 11, 2025 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The inflation rate for the 2025 taxable is 3.1%. Mark will have a 3 year contract for the March meeting.

Planning Commission:

The Planning Commission meeting was held on February 3, 2025. The Master Plan is still being worked on and getting it updated. Motion was made by A. Erickson, seconded by B. Bray to renew the Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals terms as follows:

Planning Commission Members

Patricia Bergdahl-Chairperson (3) Year Term 2023-2026
Marilyn Keto (1) Year Term 2025-2025
Beth Linna (2) Year Term 2025-2026
Laurie Goodwin (2) Year Term 2024-2026
Dan Kasten (3) Year Terms 2024-2027

Zoning Board of Appeal Members:

Vacant (2) Year Term 2024-2026
Patricia Bergdahl (3) Year Term 2025-2026
Raymond Beauchamp (1) Year Terms 2024-2025
Motion **CARRIED.**

M. Keto stated that we are still looking for new member to replace Terry Ploof on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Meeting Reports:

A. Erickson and M. Keto reported on the Joint Operations Meeting. Fire Department Pasty Sale March 15th, Pigs-n-Heat-March 19th, 2025. Things are going good at Transfer Facility.

Blight Complaint:

Letter from attorney has been sent out to Jim Gallant.

JOB Agreement:

Discussed the JOB agreement with attorney. We are still reviewing changes before it is presented to West Branch Township.

Property/Loan:

Discussed if we are going to pay back the Fire Department and First Responders from the money that we budgeted for the roads. This will be tabled for the March meeting.

Stove/Refrigerator/Kitchen:

A Motion was made by B. Bray, seconded by L. Linna to purchase a stove and refrigerator for the kitchen Motion **CARRIED**. Money is in the budget to purchase this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Report:

Budget report was accepted as presented.

Par Plan Resolution:

Motion by L. Linna, seconded by A. Erickson to apply for a Par Plan Risk Reduction Grant to purchase additional cameras and lights for our buildings:

WHEREAS the Skandia Township board wishes to apply for a Risk Reduction Grant through the Michigan Township Participating Plan (Par Plan) to assist is purchasing (2) additional analog cameras to our existing system at our township hall. The other is to replace the system with a newer IP system that would be night and day difference in quality in recorded video and the software would be much more friendly than the existing one we have now and

WHEREAS the Skandia Township Board is seeking a grant contribution of \$5000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Skandia Township supports submittal of an application to the Michigan Township Participating Plan for a \$5000 grant to assist in funding the additional cameras and updating existing system.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Larry Linna, seconded by Board Member Anna Erickson.

Upon Roll Call Vote, the following voted:

Aye: (5)

Nay: (0)

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted: Date: February 19, 2025

Correspondence:

County of Marquette –Public Notice regarding Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the Marquette County ORV Ordinance scheduled for March 18, 2025 6:00 P.M.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by M. Keto, seconded by J. McGuire to pay February bills totaling \$38,426.65 Motion **CARRIED.**

Payment of Joint Bills:

Motion by J. McGuire, seconded by B. Bray to pay the Joint Operations bills for February totaling \$24,753.85 Motion **CARRIED.**

Public Comment:

J. McGuire stated that she did not think that we should be going back for a 7 year period to see if the invoices for DeVooghts were paid.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.


Marilyn Keto
Skandia Township Clerk