

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2025

The Skandia Township Board meeting was held on Wednesday, January 15, 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 J. McGuire seconded by B. Bray to approve the agenda as presented Motion **CARRIED.**

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by J. McGuire, seconded by L. Linna to approve the meeting minutes for December 5, with correction of removing the word **all** under Blight Ordinance/Violation, Special Meeting of December 18th 2024 under Review/JOB Agreement change the word sent to send Motion **CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report:

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

General Fund Checking \$ 34,083.12 **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 - \$ 60,248.13
First Responders - \$ 68,963.26
General Fund Money Market- \$ 1,776.38

Public Comment:

Beth Linna reported on the Peter White Library meeting that she attended

Assessor's Report:

Mark Maki attended meeting and reported that projected values are in for 2025 - with 10% in residential 3.1% inflation rate multiplier for 2025 which will be helpful for township.

Planning Commission:

Mark Maki attended meeting and reported there are still unresolved zoning issues – Lajoie on Dukes Road – still no permit. Bo Mortin on McMaster Road still has not removed existing trailer after new home occupied. DeVooght Sugar Bush – still have not complied with Zoning Board of Appeals to remove 4 feet of greenhouse by August 1. 2024. DeVooghts -no permit for use of property north of store which had a house that was burned. Forest Rd-Shane Walters – put RV on neighbor's property. Resident on M-94 pulled in RV and living in it and cannot live in recreational structure year round. Russell Swenor – Dalton Road no permit for new construction. It was asked if we have a procedure to follow for our zoning for residents who are noncompliant. Mark will send out certified letters requesting that these residents have to be in compliance by date of June 15th. He would like to have a meeting with our attorney to go over the issues. He updated us on the Sherbinow property.

Meeting Reports:

Board members updated A. Erickson on the Joint Operations Meeting we attended in her absence. A. Erickson gave us information on a garbage pickup service that she had information on. Discussion on who should get the money for our can returnables that are at the transfer station. Suggested that we have a separate containers for whoever wants to donate cans to West Branch Township Park or the baseball fields. We will discuss this at our next JOB Meeting.

Blight Complaint:

Information has been sent to our attorney we are waiting for response.

JOB Agreement:

The corrections have been sent to the attorney with the changes we would like to see changed on the Joint Operations Agreement. We are waiting response back from attorney.

Property/Loan:

Motion by B. Bray, seconded by L. Larry to pay back the Fire Department and First Responders money that was borrowed to purchase the Wessman property at zero percent interest Motion **CARRIED**. We will try and pay back the loan as soon as we can.

Motion by J. McGuire, seconded A. Erickson to take \$20,000 from our General Fund money to pay \$10,000 back each to the Fire Department and First Responders Millage money that we borrowed for the Wessman property. Motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS**Budget Report:**

Budget report was accepted as presented. The Budget Work Session Meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Correspondence:

CUPPAD-Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee-January 16, 2025 at 3:00 P.M., 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 J. McGuire seconded by M. Keto to pay January bills totaling \$21,636.99 Motion **CARRIED**.

Public Comment:

J. McGuire stated that the hall is being rented in February for Predator Hunt Event and last year our electric bill was up because they used both ovens. They were told this year that after event the electric will be assessed and they will have to pay for whatever they use above the normal price. The minutes will be posted on the website starting in January 2025.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.


Marilyn Keto
Skandia Township Clerk