

## **MINUTES FOR JULY 2025**

The Skandia Township Board meeting was held on Wednesday, July 16, 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 L. Linna to approve the agenda with additions. Motion **CARRIED.**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by B. Bray, seconded by J. McGuire to approve the meeting minutes for June 18, 2025 with a few corrections Motion **CARRIED.**

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### **Treasurer's Report:**

There was no report from the Treasurer. She stated that she would email them to all board members.

**General Fund Checking** \$30,687.56    **Recreation Fund** - \$ 12,270.52    **Road Fund Savings** - \$19,414.98

### **CD- Totals:**

Road Millage Account – \$150,000

General Fund - \$7682.71

### **Money Market:**

Fire Department - \$ 120,187.68

First Responders - \$ 99,251.42

### **Public Comment:**

Beth Linna gave her report on the Peter White Library Board joint board meeting.

### **Assessor's Report:**

Mark Maki reports that Tim Luoma has completed his 2025 field checks. There was no Board of Review meeting in July. He sent his appeal to the State Tax Commission regarding the audit. Discussion about the public awareness of assessor visits and the need for a visibility vest.

### **Planning Commission:**

Mark Maki reports that the deadline for zoning violations/corrective actions is coming soon and will send a certified letter to anyone who had not responded or corrected. The procedures for non-compliance were discussed, including turning the cases over to the attorney and issuing fines. Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2025. The Master Plan will be reviewed with the updates on the road construction and pictures of churches.

### **Meeting Reports:**

Discussed JOB Quarterly Meeting-talked about the value and disposition of the old brush truck. B. Goodwin will be asked what the truck is appraised at. The sale of the truck will be put back into the fire hall fund. A. Erickson will be attending meeting with the Marquette County Land Brokers Associates-to discuss housing and potential grants.

### **Blight Complaint:**

James Gallant has contacted the attorney with a proposal to the township. He stated that he has been cleaning up the property. The board discussed the alternatives and the challenges due to limited funds and legal costs for the township. The board will check the progress that he has done before the next meeting. His 90-day deadline will expire on August 26, 2025.

**Mowing Park:**

We are still waiting to get a quote from Every Season Property Maintenance for just mowing the grass. Samatha DuVall will continue mowing until we get a quote and make decision. The landfill area will be mowed sometime in August.

**Townline Rd.**

A. Erickson had written up a letter for our review for West Branch Township to sign regarding paying for the other half mile of Townline Road. The County Road Commission is getting the sign for Valli Road and will install it.

**Par Plan/Cameras:**

B. Bray will contact and get information on surveillance camera systems to find out about different opinions.

**JOB Agreement:**

A. Erickson will send out copies of the changes we made to the JOB Agreement for review and will get together to go over it within the next couple months.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Budget Report:**

The budget report was reviewed motion was made by L. Linna, seconded by J. McGuire to approve the Budget Report as presented Motion **CARRIED**. There was question on the high price we are paying for the phone and internet bill. M. Keto will contact them to see if we can get a better price.

**Tires:**

The tire contract with Liberty Tire Recycling Company for picking up tires at the Transfer Facility has been revised and send out for all board members to review. We would like them to pick up tires on Skandia's property once we walk the property to access the tire situation and then schedule a collection with community involvement and equipment.

**Copier:**

Discussion about the need to replace or upgrade the current copier/printer due to the high costs of toner and increased usage. We will call and get some quotes.

**Correspondence:**

MTA -Thank you for renewing association membership.

**Payment/of Bills:**

Motion by J. McGuire, seconded by L. Linna to pay the July 2025 bills totaling \$24,473.26

Motion **CARRIED**.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Marilyn Keto  
Skandia Township Clerk