

## **MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2025**

The Skandia Township Board meeting was held on Wednesday, August 20, 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, James Gallant

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by J. McGuire, seconded by B. Bray to approve the agenda with additions. Motion **CARRIED**.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by A. Erickson, seconded by J. McGuire to approve the meeting minutes for July 16, 2025 with one correction Motion **CARRIED**.

**CARRIED.**

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

Motion by A. Erickson, seconded by M. Keto to approve Treasurers Report as presented. Motion **CARRIED**.

**General Fund** Checking \$48,922.58    **Recreation Fund** - \$ 12,270.52    **Road Fund Savings** - \$19,414.98

### **CD- Totals:**

Road Millage Account – \$150,000

General Fund - \$100,000.00

### **Money Market:**

General Fund - \$7682.71

Fire Department - \$ 116,391.47

First Responders - \$ 97,171.56

### **Public Comment:**

Jim Gallant questioned the public comment procedure. He commented on ordinances, amendments, especially the blight ordinance enforcement and issues concerning legal review.

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

Mark Maki reports he sent response letter to the State Tax Commission regarding audit. He is reviewing 2025 field checks and entering changes in the working roll. Working on winter 2025 tax levy for the September meeting and getting list of violations and sending out certified letters.

### **Planning Commission:**

Mark Maki reports that the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. There have been some corrections to the letters that were sent to property owners and some did not respond. He will send follow up letters. Zoning Permits issued to Billy Jenkins Jr, - US 41 South for 40 x 60 pole building, and Fred Beauchamp replacing mobile home with new house on Kreiger Drive. Tiny houses and recreational vehicles will be topics for discussion at the September Planning Commission meeting.

### **Meeting Reports:**

M. Keto and A. Erickson reported on the Joint Committee meeting.

### **Blight Complaint:**

Jim Gallant spoke on the Blight Ordinance. He had a conversation with our attorney explaining that he had made some progress cleaning up. Attorney suggested that the township extend the date in which property has to be cleaned up. Mr. Gallant asked if we would rescind all enforcement actions on the current Blight Ordinance and stated it should go away and we should start over again because he feels that it was not done legally. Motion was made by J. McGuire, seconded by L. Linna to table this until next month with intention that we will continue to monitor the progression of the property for the next 90 days Motion **CARRIED**. B. Bray exited the meeting.

### **Park/Mowing:**

A new quote was received from Every Season Property Maintenance for the baseball fields, park and township for price of \$300 per service. Motion was made by M. Keto, seconded by L. Linna to accept the bid Motion **CARRIED**.

### **Townline Road:**

The one half mile of Townline Road has been completed. Resident came in to thank township.

**JOB/Secretary:**

Motion was made by M. Keto, seconded by J. McGuire to approve Alexandra Reynolds as the new JOB Secretary starting September 1, 2025 Motion **CARRIED**.

**Brush Truck/Fire Department:**

A discussion ensued about the old brush truck, including its previous price of one dollar and subsequent repairs. A motion was made by L. Linna, seconded by A. Erickson to table the issue for one month to gather more accurate information and value of truck Motion **CARRIED**.

**Par Plan/Cameras:**

Discussion focused on implementing a camera system with notifications and activation fees. Skandia Township will look at potential alternatives like installing trail cameras and possibility paying for the notification monthly fee. West Branch Township is not interested in purchasing cameras. Motion was made by A. Erickson, seconded by L. Linna to proceed with the Par Plan grant and purchase cameras and the activation fees per month providing that we don't hear anything different regarding the MCSWMA meeting held tomorrow at 10 AM regarding the satellite Transfer Facilities Motion **CARRIED**.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Budget Report:**

Motion by L. Linna, seconded by M. Keto to approve the budget report as presented. Motion **CARRIED**. Audit has been completed and waiting for draft copy.

**Skandia/Property:**

A survey of the property was conducted and there are about 100 tires, along with car parts and debris. Discussion on the ease of removal of items pending additional onsite reviews.

**Garbage Service Proposal:**

Request from private business for garbage, yard waste, and large pickup items offering service to Skandia residents at \$24.50 per month. He would like to start service on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Discussion on permit and clarifying billing responsibilities. We will contact person and the Marquette County landfill to get more information.

**Correspondence:**

Letter from Department of Treasury-regarding assessment roll audit. Letter from Egle-regarding DeVooght violation.

**Payment of Bills:**

Motion by J. McGuire seconded by L. Linna to pay the bills for August 2025 totaling \$ 20,657.48 Motion **CARRIED**.

**Payment/JOB Bills:**

Motion by A. Erickson, seconded by M. Keto to pay the JOB bills for August 2025 totaling \$ 16,498.29 Motion **CARRIED**.

**Public Comment:**

James Gallant commented on discussion on procedural irregularities related to giving proper notice, following parliamentary rules, and ensuring proper documentation of decisions.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Marilyn Keto  
Skandia Township Clerk