

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2025

The Skandia Township Board meeting was held on Wednesday, December 17, 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-Absent, Larry Linna-Trustee, Brandon Bray- Trustee.

Guests: Beth Linna,

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by L. Linna seconded by B. Bray to approve the agenda with additions added Motion **CARRIED.**

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by A. Erickson seconded by B. Bray to approve the meeting minutes for November 19, 2025 Motion **CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by B. Bray seconded by M. Keto to approve Treasurers Report as presented Motion **CARRIED**
M. Keto stated that we received the final invoice for Townline Road and McMaster Road for totaling \$98,388.04 which will come out of the Road Millage CD money.

General Fund Checking \$19,094.15 **Recreation Fund** - \$ 15,336.35 **Road Fund Savings** - \$ 17,985.75

CD- Totals:

Road Millage Account – \$150,000.00 (Townline Rd-McMaster Rd Invoice (-\$98,388.04)

General Fund - \$100,000.00

Money Market

General Fund - \$ 7,740.80

Fire Department - \$ 111,621.69

First Responders - \$ 95,564.00

Public Comment:

None.

Assessor's Report:

Mark Maki reports an increase on taxable values for 2026 except on new and transfers of ownership. A Board of Review meeting is not needed for December. He made comments on the 2026 studies on assessments in commercial and timber cutover class and waiting for a response.

Planning Commission:

Mark Maki reports that there has been no new permits and no variances. He is making a final zoning check along with some assessing on new construction. The next Planning Commission will be held on February 5, 2026. Master Plan will be reviewed with new information that was added. Board asked that we get a follow-up on the actions on zoning violations, particularly regarding certified letters for permit updates. The unresolved issues will need to be turned over to the township attorney.

Meeting Reports:

A. Erickson and M. Keto reported on the JOB Committee Meeting. The license plates for the new brush truck will have to be transferred over or purchased.

Blight Complaint:

There was no progress on property owner. We will revisit in the Spring.

Par Plan Grant/Cameras:

All the cameras and equipment have been received now and will be installed right after Christmas. Once installed photos will be submitted before December 31st to secure funding will be reimbursed.

Township Property:

The demolition of the house on township property remains pending. There were some concerns about potential explosives and junk within the structure to conduct a controlled burn. It was suggested that we obtain a formal estimate for demolishing the house and include in the next year budget.

Solid Waste & Recycling Ordinance:

The board reaffirmed its position on the Solid Waste Ordinance. It is mandatory for all residents to support the transfer station by paying the \$16 per month per household and recycling program, regardless of whether they hire a private hauler.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Report:

Motion by M. Keto, seconded by B. Bray to approve the budget by amending the revenues by \$98,388.04 taking it from the Road Millage to pay for balance that is owed for Townline & McMaster Road Motion **CARRIED**. The township will be reimbursed for the amount spent on McMaster Rd.

2026 Meeting Dates:

The meeting dates for 2026 was presented and will continue to be held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

Custodian:

Our custodian stated that she would like to take a leave of absence starting in the new year due to personal family matter. Discussed interim solutions suggested asking Travis Verta to handle the shoveling of exterior pathways and exit doors. A. Erickson will talk to him.

Wages:

It was stated that the mandatory minimum wage increases will take effective January 1, 2026.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by B. Bray seconded by M. Keto to pay the bills for the December 2026 totaling \$ 116,172.69 Motion **CARRIED**.

Payment of Joint Operation Bills:

Motion by B. Bray, seconded by M. Keto to pay the bills for December 2025 totaling \$ 11,2713.21 Motion **CARRIED**.

Public Comment:

L. Linna raised a safety concern on behalf of the transfer facility attendants regarding slippery conditions. He requested that the township provide sand in tubes or bags.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

Marilyn Keto
Skandia Township Clerk