

MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 2026

The Skandia Township Board meeting was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 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, Judy & Wayne Johnson, Gary Erickson, Elliott Sampala.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by J. McGuire seconded by L. Linna to approve the meeting minutes for January 21, 2026 Motion **CARRIED**.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by M. Keto, seconded by B. Bray to approve Treasurers Report as presented Motion **CARRIED**. No grants funds have been returned as of yet for roads. The transfer station fee is performing well and is reflected in the budget.

General Fund Checking \$ 83,782.96 **Recreation Fund** - \$ 16,057.96 **Road Millage Fund Savings** - \$75,938.76

Money Market

General Fund - \$110,632.51

Fire Department - \$ 144,896.61

First Responders - \$ 108,357.90

Public Comment:

Judy Johnson asked if we were working on a noise ordinance. The township is reviewing and updating ordinances; the existing nuisance ordinance that we have now covers noise under nuisance. She asked if searchable PDF versions of our ordinances be put on the website.

Assessor's Report:

Mark Maki reports that assessment notices will be going out before February 23th and the Board of Review dates are: March 9- 2026 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 P.M., March 10th from 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Planning Commission:

Mark Maki reported that the Planning Commission met on February 5, 2026. The Master Plan is under revision and the Zoning Ordinance is being revised with amendments. 2026 Zoning Permits (1) - demo-old church building on Co. Rd 456. Discussed ongoing violations and what updates are being done.

Meeting Reports:

M. Keto reported on the JOB Committee meeting. C. Shaw will inspect the compactor and assess welding/repair feasibility before the budget meeting. The employee letter was finalized for transfer station attendants. Fire Department pasty sale will be held on April 11th. Kevin Downs said they will be applying for KBIC funding for air packs. Transfer Station - grant application for recycling compactor has been submitted.

Custodian:

Motion was made by J. McGuire, seconded by B. Bray to hire Jeff Hrecko as our new custodian/maintenance person Motion **CARRIED**.

Township Property:

B. Bray stated that he contacted Dale Carrier and he will submit a demolition proposal for house on township property for our budget meeting. A. Erickson is doing research on grants that may be available.

Budget Work Session Meeting:

The budget work session will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

Noise Ordinance:

Discussed compliant from township resident regarding fireworks. The township did some research and asked different townships on how they enforce their ordinances. Some had police enforcement which handle issues directly and others that don't the supervisor enforces or can appoint someone. It was stated that the township will be reviewing and working on ordinances.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Report:

Budget report was accepted as presented. A Motion was made by J. McGuire, seconded by B. Bray to accept the Budget Report as presented Motion **CARRIED**.

Lawson Rd:

A. Erickson stated that we were notified by County Road Commission that the grant application that they filed with the Federal Highway Administration through the Federal Lands Access Program we were selected for funding in 2028 for project on Lawson Road totaling \$632,177 with a local match requirement of approximately \$100,000 to complete. The scope of work is 1.5 mile of pulverize/shape/re-pave from 94 southerly, along with replacement of failing pipes at the west branch of the Whitefish River.

Engineers will be collecting field data and preparing construction documents and will keep up updated as things progress.

Ferrellgas:

We had issues with the Fire Hall and Township Hall running out of propane. Fire Hall was due to delay in Ferrellgas delivery tank and Township Hall the regulator gauge was not working needed replacement showing we had 50% propane in tank and there was none.

MTA/Principles of Governance:

Motion was made A. Erickson, seconded by L. Larry to adopt the MTA/Principles of Governance Motion **CARRIED**.

Correspondence:

Letter- Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team-regarding operating expenses. Dust Control contract from Marquette County Road Commission.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by J. McGuire, seconded by M. Keto to pay the bills for February 2026 totaling \$ 10,176.77 Motion **CARRIED**.

Joint Operations Bills:

Motion by J. McGuire, seconded by M. Keto to pay the JOB bills for February 2026 totaling \$13,574.00 Motion **CARRIED**.

Public Comment:

Discussion of township legal counsel.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Marilyn Keto
Skandia Township Clerk