

## MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2026

The Skandia Township Board meeting was held on Wednesday, January 21, 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, Mark & Melissa Krans, Dawn Williams, Wayne & Judy Johnson.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by B. Bray, seconded by L. Linna 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 December 17, 2025 Motion **CARRIED.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

M. Keto stated road bill for Townline & McMaster Rd has been paid, but have not yet been reimbursed for McMaster Rd expense, which should be around \$89,000.

**General Fund Checking \$16,997.12 Recreation Fund - \$ 16,057.96 Road Fund Savings -\$75,938.76**

**Money Market**

General Fund - \$110,632.51

Fire Department - \$ 114,473.52

First Responders - \$ 96,486.26

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Assessor's Report:**

Mark Maki reports on a few changes to timber cutover class and commercial class appraisal studies by the Marquette County Equalization Department. 2026 roll has been completed and is equalized as assessed. Board of Review will be held on March 9, 2026 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 P.M., March 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Board of Review members will attend free Board of Review training at Marquette Township Hall – January 28, 2026.

**Planning Commission:**

Mark Maki reports Zoning Board of Appeals met and a variance was granted for property on 186 Abrahams Rd. Was contacted by police regarding the standoff issue on 463 Carlshend Rd, -Owner Kyle Beauchemin regarding zoning no permit and structure too small to live in. He advised them to contact Paul Knox -Marquette County Building Code.

**Meeting Reports:**

The Joint Operations meeting was discussed all members attended. Board agreed it would be beneficial to have a representative from the transfer facility attend meetings. Dennis McGuire volunteered to handle the battery pallet disposal.

**Par Plan Grant/Cameras:**

Cameras are installed at the transfer facility and operational. They have captured footage of a white truck repeatedly trespassing and taking items from the bins. Discussed posting photos to identify the individuals.

**Township Property:**

The board discussed presenting the township property as a potential site for a new fire hall to gauge interest. If there is none, we will proceed with plans for trails as part of the five-year recreation plan.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Budget Report:**

Budget report was accepted as presented. The electric bill was discussed being high due to the community Christmas dinner event held at the hall. The board will not seek reimbursement for the electricity, considering it a positive community event that served between 70 and 100 meals.

**Budget Work Session/FY 2026-27:**

A budget workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

**Maintenance/Person:**

There was discussion on the need for a maintenance person for building maintenance and snow removal. A potential candidate who lives nearby is interested in the position and has maintenance experience. Our custodian stated that she would like to take a leave of absence starting in the new year due to personal family matters.

**Correspondence:**

An email was received from township resident regarding transfer fee added to property taxes and would like it removed for years 2023-2025. Assessor confirmed that they have a Principal Residence Exemption on property, which has been in place since 2003. Board will deny the request since he has a PRE, making him ineligible for the fee exemption.

**Payment of Bills:**

Motion by J. McGuire, seconded by B. Bray to pay the bills for the January 2026 totaling \$ 19,415.50

Motion **CARRIED.**

**Public Comment:**

Wayne Johnson raised concern about loud, late-night fireworks on Christmas Eve, which have occurred three times. He presented copies of proposed noise ordinances and asked the board to take action. The issue will be discussed at the next zoning meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Public comment praised the township for having the hall available as a warming center during a recent power outage but noted a lack of clear procedure for who should be present and responsible.

The board agreed to look into establishing a formal procedure.

J. McGuire reported on the success of a recent community Bunko game and would like to continue to use the building for it.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Marilyn Keto  
Skandia Township Clerk