

MINUTES FOR JUNE 2026

The Skandia Township Board meeting was held on Wednesday, June 17, 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, Laura Brosius-Trustee

Guests: Beth Linna, Jack Frost, James Gallant, Bill Maki & Mark Maki.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by A. Erickson seconded by J. McGuire to approve the agenda with additions **CARRIED.**

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by L. Linna, seconded by J. McGuire to approve the meeting minutes for May 18, 2026 as presented Motion **CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by A. Erickson seconded by M. Keto to approve the treasurer's report as presented Motion **CARRIED.**

General Fund Checking \$ 46,171.91 Recreation Fund - \$ 16,463.90 Road Millage Fund Savings -\$125,655.28

Money Market

General Fund - \$111,450.89

Fire Department - \$ 158,115.77

First Responders - \$ 110,952.81

Jack Frost from Nicolet Bank presented a new banking proposal highlighting significant financial benefits The township would benefit approximately \$312 per month.

Public Comment:

James Gallant, 538 Yalmer Road addressed the board regarding a letter from EGLE about unauthorized dumping on his property. He stated that EGLE is investigating the matter as a criminally false report. He requested the board to rescind enforcement and update the outdated blight ordinance to include the Right to Farm Act. He also strongly criticized the board for not following the Roberts Rules of Order.

Jack Frost advised the board to research zoning for data centers, warning they are likely coming to the Upper Peninsula due to the abundance of water, though the lack of power could be a deterrent.

Assessor's Report:

Mark Maki reports that he is preparing the summer field schedule. The July 21st Board of Review meeting will address corrections, including a double assessment on some CFR properties that were incorrectly billed to 500 acres instead of 400.

Planning Commission:

Mark updated us on the property owners that are still in violations of the zoning ordinance. Stated the property owner on McMaster Road made some progress. A dumpster has been delivered to cleanup as directed by EGLE and has deadline of July 14th to provide commitment to move an unused mobile home.

Meeting Reports:

M. Keto and A. Erickson reported on the JOB Committee Meeting. Fire Department received check from KBIC for \$3500. Discussed purchasing larger more visible uniform house numbers

for both townships to make more visible for Emergency Services. Rumors of a data center being built on the old air base were discussed at the West Branch meeting.

Policies

Working on reviewing policies.

Park Sign:

Ideas were discussed for a new, larger park sign that will be ordered.

Post Office/Bathroom Floors:

The board reviewed bids for replacing floors in bathrooms and post office. A motion was made M. Keto seconded by A. Erickson to go with bid from McCabe's Flooring and Pemble Concrete Coating for a polished concrete floor for the Post Office back room and lobby Motion **CARRIED**.

Letters/EGLE:

We received copies of two certified letters that were sent to residents on McMaster Road and Yalmer Rd.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Report:

The budget report was accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

House Numbers/Procedure:

Board agreed a formal procedure is needed for issuing new house/fire numbers. All requests for issuing new numbers will be routed through the assessor to ensure he is aware of new construction and property changes. We will research the cost of new uniform house numbers and consider budgeting to replace them.

Winter Plowing:

A snowplowing bid was received for the 2026-27 season. Will continue to get more bids.

Northern Pest Control:

Northern Pest Control were contacted to remove animal in soffit of the concession stand.

Correspondence:

None.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by A. Erickson, seconded by L. Linna to pay the June 2026 totaling \$17,275.24 Motion

CARRIED.

Payment of JOB Bills:

Motion by A. Erickson, seconded by M. Keto to pay JOB bills for June totaling \$13,052.94

Motion **CARRIED.**

Public Comment:

James Gallant reiterated the claims about the false EGLE report stating he received letter from EGLE confirming he was not in violation. Repeated the critique regarding Roberts Rule of Order. Bill Maki asked about the procedure for replacing a worn-out fire/house number sign and asked about the timeframe for resurfacing the final mile and half of Co. Rd. 456.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 P.M.

Marilyn Keto
Skandia Township Clerk