

MINUTES FOR MAY 2026

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

Guests: Beth Linna, Jack Frost

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by L. Linna seconded by J. McGuire to approve the agenda with additions **CARRIED.**

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by J. McGuire, seconded by L. Linna to approve the meeting minutes for April 15, 2026 as presented Motion **CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by M. Keto, seconded by L. Linna to approve the treasurer's report as presented and to transfer a total of \$10,000 from General Fund (\$5000 to First Responders Millage and \$5000 to Fire Department Millage money to pay back internal land loan allocations Motion **CARRIED.**

General Fund Checking \$ 45,6432.54 **Recreation Fund** - \$ 16,463.90 **Road Millage Fund Savings** -\$125,655.28

Money Market

General Fund - \$111,450.89

Fire Department - \$ 151,521.35

First Responders - \$ 108,047.91

Public Comment:

None.

Assessor's Report:

There was no report from the assessor. Suggested that he be asked to attend the June meeting.

Planning Commission:

Motion was made by A. Erickson, seconded by L. Brosius to approve the terms of office for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Motion **CARRIED.**

Planning Commission Members

Patricia Bergdahl- Chairperson (3) Year Term 2024- 2027

Marilyn Keto (1) year term – 2026-2027

Beth Linna for (2) year term 2025-2027

Laurie Goodwin (2) Year Term 2025-2027

Dan Kasten – (3) Year Term 2023-2027

Zoning Board of Appeals Members

Larry Linna (2) year term 2025-2027

Patricia Bergdahl – (3) Year Term 2024-2027

Raymond Beauchamp- (1) Year Term 2026-2027

Zoning fees were reevaluated to better align with actual costs. Current fees that were being charged were insufficient with increasing costs to cover expenses. Motion was made by J. McGuire, seconded by L. Linna to increase the Zoning Fees as follows effective 5-20-26 Motion **CARRIED.**

Zoning Compliance Permit - \$50.00

Condition Use - \$300

Class Non-Conforming Use - \$300

Rezoning Applications - \$300

Variance - \$300

Home Occupation - \$300

Planning Commission Recording Secretary:

J. McGuire our current recording secretary stated that with her schedule its not working out for her to attend meetings. B. Linna stated that she would be the recording secretary starting in August 2026.

Meeting Reports:

A. Erickson reported on the JOB Committee Meeting. Discussion on persistent abuse concerns involve employees not checking/punching user cards. The board stressed that employees must enforce card rules. J. McGuire went to the West Branch Township Meeting to present property that we are offering for a new firehall site. M. Keto reported on the Planning Commission Meeting,

Custodian:

Jeff Hreckho stated that he would like to purchase a gas trimmer. He completed a playground safety checklist and highlighted needs that should be done. Fix the storage shed soffits, mulch replenishment, address asphalt raising up on path, remove bird nesting material in pavilion electrical box, place tennis balls on post for T-ball safety- Building fix thresholds, entryways and bathroom door. Discussed purchasing a park rules sign. Motion was made by L. Linna, seconded by M. Keto to get a sign made and list of rules we want on it Motion **CARRIED**.

Policies:

The Job Description for Recording Secretary for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals was reviewed. Motion was made by L. Linna, seconded by J. McGuire to approve the job description with corrections Motion **CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Report:

The budget report was accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

Landfill Meeting:

J. Mc Guire and K. Shaw met to talk about landfill issues.

Fire Equipment Grant Program/State of Michigan:

Motion was made by M. Keto, seconded by A. Erickson for Skandia Township to apply for a Fire Equipment Grant/State of Michigan to purchase (2) Scott Air Packs @ \$8913.00 each for the Skandia/West Branch Townships Fire Department.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: (5) Nay: (0)

Motion **CARRIED**.

Pasty Sale/Electric:

Discussion on the electrical charge to Fire Department for the amount of electrical usage that we were billed for their pasty sale.

Bathroom Floor/Quote:

We received a price quote from McCabe's for the price of bathroom floors. We are still waiting for another vendor quote to come in. Will discuss at June meeting.

Mowing Park:

Motion was made by J. McGuire, seconded by A. Erickson to accept the bid from Spodek Contracting for the 2026 for mowing the park for \$325 for each time mowed contingent on if we receive other bidders by Friday, May 22nd Motion **CARRIED**.

Paper Shredder:

J. McGuire stated that they purchased a commercial shredder and stated if the township was interested in purchasing it, they would sell it.

Veterans Event:

Jim Yates- Outreach Project Director for veterans stopped in to see if we would be interested in him coming to some of our events for veteran enrollment programs.

Radio Association:

Mike Beltz asked if he could use our pavilion for Hiawatha Radio Association on June 27th. There would be no problem as long as it is not rented out for another event.

Blight Ordinance:

A. Erickson received letter from State of Michigan regarding resident compliant on McMaster Rr who is in violation of our Blight Ordinance.

Website/ADA:

J. McGuire stated that our website must be ADA compliant by 2027. Board discussed the complexity of compliance and the likely need for specialized support.

Credit Card Machine:

Did not have any information on credit card will continue to research.

Correspondence:

State of Michigan letter-landfill report.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by J. McGuire, seconded by L. Brosius to pay the May 2026 totaling \$17,890.80 Motion **CARRIED.**

Payment of JOB Bills:

Motion by M. Keto, seconded by J. McGuire to pay the JOB bills for May totaling \$20,759.85 Motion **CARRIED.**

Public Comment:

Jack Frost- commercial banker from Nicolet Bank stated he would be interested in doing banking with us.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Marilyn Keto
Skandia Township Clerk