

MINUTES FOR JULY 2026

The Skandia Township Board meeting was held on Wednesday, July 15, 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, Peter Stevens Brown and Marianne Saarivirta-Kolpack.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by A. Erickson, seconded by L. Linna to approve the meeting minutes for June 17, 2026 with minor correction **CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report:

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

The reimbursement money was received from the Marquette County Road Commission for the State Disaster Payment.

General Fund Checking \$ 52,833.38 **Recreation Fund** - \$ 16,221.70 **Road Millage Fund Savings** -\$130,231.68

Money Market

General Fund - \$112,284.48

Fire Department - \$ 161,836.78

First Responders - \$ 113,663.84

J. McGuire reports that we are in the process of switching over to Nicolet Bank for all our banking. Checks and deposits tickets have been ordered.

Public Comment:

Marianne Saarivirta-Kolpack – US 41 S. and Peter Stevens-Brown – Yalmer Rd. both voiced their support for a moratorium ordinance on data centers and had copy of ordinance to share the language. The township will review examples copies and discuss at our next meeting.

Assessor's Report:

Mark Maki reports that Tim Luoma has started doing field checks and they are working on a list to use for 2027. The July 21st Board of Review meeting will address corrections. We should be hearing from State Tax Commission on their review of corrections regarding the CFR which is a follow up to the 2025 audit.

Planning Commission:

Mark reports that the Planning Commission will meet on August 6th at 7:00 P.M.- The Master Plan formatting is nearly complete and will be reviewed. We have had 8 zoning permits so far this year. No new variance and or conditional use applications. DeVooghts-right of way issue still remains. McMaster Road property -started to cleanup.

Meeting Reports:

Beth Linna gave her report on the Peter White Library. M. Keto reported she attended an Election Security meeting. The board discussed the JOB meeting and the hiring of a maintenance person and sharing the expenses. Concern remains on structure, costs and fairness of shared services. Discussion followed on Landfill issues. A special meeting will be held to address significant operational, staffing, and maintenance issues on July 29th at 7:00 P.M.

Policies

No policies to review; a dedicated policy meeting will be scheduled.

Park Sign:

The verbiage on the Park Sign was reviewed. We will order two 4 x 4 ft signs (blue with white lettering).

Post Office/Bathroom Floors:

The bathroom flooring has been ordered. Post Office flooring will likely be installed in the fall by Pemble Concrete.

Letters/EGLE:

We received letter from Egle-new violation notice involving Keith Frey-Anderson Rd.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Report:

The budget report was reviewed. Motion made by J. McGuire, seconded by L. Linna to approve the budget as presented Motion **CARRIED**.

CARRIED.

House Numbers:

Discussion on replacing house number signs with more durable, visible ones. Average cost would be (\$45/sign). Suggested replacing some each year and research to see if there is any grant funding available.

Security Cameras:

We received a price quote from Range Telecommunications for installing two new cameras at \$1537.48. Cameras are needed to address illegal dumping and improve security on our building. A motion was made by J. McGuire, seconded by L. Linna to purchase two new security cameras Motion **CARRIED**.

Moratorium/Data Centers:

We will review the copies of the Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers and discuss further at the August meeting.

Change of Office Hours:

Motion was made by J. McGuire, seconded by L. Brosius to change our office hours due to staff leave, office hours will change effective August 12, 2026. Friday hours (9-2) will be eliminated and Wednesday hours will be extended to 11 AM – 7 PM Motion **CARRIED**. The change will be posted online and on the door. The assessor also agreed to switch his hours to Wednesdays.

Property:

Received proposal from Dale Carrier/UP Abatement Company for removal and disposal of asbestos containing materials in house at 272 Kreiger Drive that was purchased by township. Total cost is \$4500.

Pest Control:

We had a pest control company come to remove pigeons from the concession stand soffit, but the job is incomplete. Payment is being held until they are removed.

Correspondence:

Marquette County Road Commission-regarding Neighbor Road Fund.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by J. McGuire, seconded by M. Keto to pay the July 2026 bills totaling \$24,839.58 Motion **CARRIED**.

Public Comment:

Peter Stevens-Brown stated there are two different spellings on Road Signs for Yalmer Rd.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Marilyn Keto
Skandia Township Clerk