

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 2024

The Skandia Township Board meeting was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 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: Mark & Melissa Krans, Beth Linna

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by B. Bray, seconded by L. Linna to approve the agenda with the additions Motion **CARRIED.**

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by A. Erickson, seconded by A. Erickson to approve the meeting minutes for November 20, 2024 as presented Motion **CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by B. Bray, seconded by M. Keto to approve the treasurer's report as presented Motion **CARRIED.**

General Fund Checking \$26,341.03 **Recreation Fund** - \$9,360.87 **Road Fund Savings** - \$81,168.02

CD- Totals:

Road Millage Account - \$157,589.96

General Fund - \$102,493.15

Money Market:

Fire Department - \$112,033.72

First Responders - \$120,594.78

General Fund Money Market- \$51,473.46

Public Comment:

None.

Assessor's Report:

Mark Maki, Assessor reports that he is conducting field checks on new construction and recent sales. Updating names and address per deeds and changes on winter tax bills and data based on the summer field checks.

Planning Commission:

Mark Maki reports that there are still unresolved zoning issues. He will provide a complete status update for January. A. Erickson said she would like to see more information in the reports which J. McGuire stated she is willing to work with Mark on getting reports with information the board would like see. Motion was made by A. Erickson, seconded by B. Bray to approve J. McGuire to be the Planning Commission Secretary Motion **CARRIED.** A Zoning Board of Appeals member is still needed to replace Terry Ploof. There was a meeting held regarding a setback at 162 M-94 W -addition no closer than the existing house which was granted.

Meeting Reports:

A Erickson and M. Keto meet at the Transition Agency Title Company on Monday, December 16th to sign papers for the Wessman Property. A. Erickson reported on the JOB Committee Meeting.

Blight Complaint:

We will have our attorney write a letter to Mr. Gallant to let him know that he is still in violation of our Blight Ordinance.

JOB Agreement:

We met before our regular meeting to review the JOB agreement. Changes were made and will be sent to attorney for his review.

Wessman Property:

The paperwork was signed on December 16, 2024 so the property is now ours.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Report:

Budget report was accepted as presented. Motion was made by M. Keto, seconded by J. McGuire to amend the Assessor Budget by \$6500.00 by taking it from Contingency Fund to cover the Assessment Notices that we received Motion **CARRIED**.

JOB 2025 Meeting Dates:

Motion was made by B. Bray, seconded by A. Erickson to have our quarterly Joint Operations meetings in January, April, July, and October Motion **CARRIED**. All quarterly meeting will be held at the West Branch Township Hall at 7:00 P.M. JOB Committee Meetings will be held at Skandia Township at 7:00 P. M.

Skandia Township 2025 Meeting Dates:

Skandia Township will continue to hold monthly meetings at 7:00 P.M. on the third Wednesday of the month.

New Fire Department Member:

Motion by A. Erickson, seconded by L. Linna to accept Elliott Samppala as a new member to the Fire Department Motion **CARRIED**. He will be attending the school in January 2025

Property Purchase/Loan:

Discussed on how we want to pay back the money that was borrowed from the Fire Department and First Responders for the purchase the Wessman property. Anderson Tackman suggested that we discuss on how much we want to charge interest and the number of years that we want the loan for. M.Keto will contact Mike Grentz to get more information regarding the interest and number of years to pay back the loan.

Correspondence:

MTA- Newsletter.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by J. McGuire seconded by B. Bray to pay December bills totaling \$165,141.05 Motion **CARRIED**.

Payment of JOB Bills:

Motion by A. Erickson, seconded by M. Keto to pay the JOB Operation December bills totaling \$13,756.06. Motion **CARRIED**.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Marilyn Keto
Skandia Township Clerk