

# Mastodon Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes

## Tuesday, July 8, 2025

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*A regular meeting of the Mastodon Township Board was called to order at 5:30pm by Supervisor Chad Skinner.*

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**PRESENT BY ROLL CALL:** Mike Bjork, Karen Mallon, Chad Skinner, Dave Smith. Absent: Stacey Watters.

**Department members present:** Dan Kurtz, Andy Fleming and Stu Creel. Absent: Tammy Hendrickson.

**Public in attendance:** Cheryl McCabe, Joanne Burns, Peter LaPin, Mike Webb, Mark Taylor, Gordon Marcinak, Paula Jacobs, Summer Olson, S. Stiles, Steven Ellingsen, Lydia Novitsky, Paul Dalpra, Catherine Shearin.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Skinner to approve agenda as presented. Support: Bjork. Call to vote: All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Bjork to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025 minutes with the addition of adding a section listing all members of the public in attendance. Support: Smith. All ayes; no nays. Motion Carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL REVIEW:** Bjork reported to the Board that he reviewed payables and payroll for checks numbers 32377-32503. Motion by Bjork to approve payables and payroll as submitted. Support: Smith. Call to vote. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

### **REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** Not Submitted. Watters is absent and excused.

**Clerk:** Written and submitted. Mallon advised the Board of issues with recently upgraded computers and printers. If problem is not resolved will look into other IT sources.

**Supervisor:** Report on new software for ZA and will be meeting on July 10, 2025 at 3:45 pm and all are welcome. Skinner and Watters are looking at the Water ordinance and cost for water meters.

**Road Commission Report:** Smith reported the next Road Commission meeting is July 15, 2025. He will ask the Road Commission about the 33-foot right away on the roadways and why this hasn't been maintained on our roads.

**Assessor:** Written and submitted.

**Fire Chief:** Written and submitted. Waiting on radios delivery could take to one year; expects it be within three months.

**Zoning Administrator:** Written report submitted.

**Planning Commission:** Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

**Recreational Committee:** Kurtz reported that they would like to purchase paint to be used for a tennis court lines. Novitsky advised they would like to purchase a free-standing tennis net to be placed on the basketball court to use either as a pickle ball court or tennis court. Skinner requested quotes on prices for the net and paint to be brought to the August Board meeting.

**Village of Alpha:** Lapin reports that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration was a success. Water tower is back up there are no water restrictions regarding boiling water in place. Issues with fire hydrants have been identified. Fleming stated that five (5) hydrants are in various states of disrepair.

**Maintenance:** Written and submitted. Kurtz reported that there are tree roots in the septic tank at Stager Lake. Motion by Bjork to spend no more than \$1,000.00 to make necessary repairs. Support: Smith. Call to vote. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

Smith advised that he had received a phone call complimenting how beautiful Stager Lake Park was kept. He offered compliments to Dan Kurtz and Mary Kurtz for their work.

Motion by Skinner to accept reports as presented. Support: Bjork. Call to vote. All Ayes; No Nays. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Lake Mary SAD:** Motion by Mallon to adopt Resolution 2025-0708-001 Lake Mary SAD as presented with a three year cost of \$1,153.76 per parcel and a public hearing to be held on August 2, 2025 at 10:00 am at the township hall. Support: Skinner. Call to vote: Bjork – yes; Mallon – yes; Skinner – yes; Smith – yes. Absent: Watters. Motion carried. Resolution 2025-0708-001 adopted.

**Marijuana Ordinance:** Office Manager to contact attorneys to review Marijuana Ordinances. Tabled until further notice.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Recreation Committee Position:** Skinner advised he is appointing Sherrie Courchaine to the Recreation Committee unless there are objections from the Board. Hearing none, Skinner appointed Courchaine to the committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Cheryl McCabe of the Village of Alpha stated she is upset that Mastodon Township will not give tax dollars to the Village of Alpha for Village of Alpha road repairs. Gordon Marcinak read a letter to the Board from Mark Taylor requesting Noise, Blight and Small Container ordinances and asked the Board to direct the Planning Commission to look into drafting these ordinances.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** None

**DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING:** August 12, 2025

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm. Support: Bjork. Call to vote. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

*I hereby certify that the minutes contained herein are the approved minutes of the July 8, 2025, Regular Board meeting. Signed herein by the Mastodon Township Clerk, Karen Mallon on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.*

\_\_\_\_\_, Karen Mallon, Clerk