

Mastodon Township Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 5:30pm

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, Stacey Watters and Dave Smith. Others Present: Fire Chief, Andy Fleming; Zoning Administrator, Stu Creel; Dan Kurtz, Maintenance.

Public Present: Lisa Durr, Cheryl McCabe, Kathy Anderson-Guzowski, Ray Guzowski, Mary Kudwa, Peter LaPin, Joanne Burns, Tom Lesandini, Paul Dalpra, David Shearin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Request by Mallon to add West Iron County Robotics Boster Club Charitable Gaming Resolution to the agenda under Other Business. Motion by Bjork to approve the agenda with stated addition. Support: Watters. Call to Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Smith to approve the May 13, 2025, Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Support: Skinner. Call to vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bjork to approve the June 5, 2025 Special Board meeting minutes with addition of worded motion to hire Karen Mallon as Office Manager. Support: Watters. Call to vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL REVIEW: Bjork reported to the Board that he reviewed the payables (including May 2025 payroll) for checks numbered: General Fund: 32347 to 32376. Motion by Smith to approve accounts payables and payroll for May 2025. Support: Skinner. Call to Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Written and submitted. Watters reported that she will be combining two tax bank accounts, the Summer and Winter accounts, as the Summer Tax account is not needed, and there is a high cost to keep it open with the need for check. Both accounts will be combined into the Winter Tax Account.

Clerk: Written and submitted. Mallon reported to the Board and attendees that there has been an ongoing issue with email service since the conversion to the new computers. She is working on regenerating the email groups for those wishing to receive minutes and agendas.

Supervisor: Skinner reported that he received from the Village of Alpha a listing of parcels for public sale. The auction is scheduled for August 9th at 11:00am. He reported that there is a parcel between township property and the roadway which the Township might be interested in. Minimum bids start at \$300.00.

Smith stated he is in favor of bidding on that parcel and Bjork agreed. Skinner will look into the process to bid.

Skinner reported that he looked into House Bill 42-30 (Road Funds) and reported that the bill has not been signed. He further stated that there is no language in that bill that speaks of municipalities sharing funds.

Road Commission Report: Smith reported that the salt sheds are full and ready for winter. Funding is slated for work on 424 - Blue Lake to Rysberg, but more work on 424 could happen. Pavement markings on Tobin Alpha will be done, and the work on Kalla Wall is set for late August or beginning September. Garvel work on Armstrong Lake Rd. was discussed. The Road Commission is discussing purchasing a skid steer mower to do roadside cleanup. Fiber optics work is starting back up for our township. The tree line lawsuit is scheduled for September 30 through October 3, 2025.

Smith advised the Board that the Road Commission was opposed to him using personal equipment to address gravel and sod problems on the various road shoulders.

Assessor: Written and submitted.

Fire Chief: Written and submitted. Fire Chief Fleming reported that two firefighters have completed course work and are promoted to firefighter position.

Planning Commission: No meeting. No quorum. Next meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2025

Zoning Administrator: Written report submitted.

Recreational Committee: Report submitted. Looking to purchase trash cans, dog waste stations and 6 picnic tables.

Motion by Skinners to buy five (5) trash cans, two (2) dog waste stations and six (6) picnic tables. Support: Watters. Call to vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Village of Alpha: None.

Maintenance: Written and submitted. Dan Kurtz reported that he will start the brining work the end of this week. Kurtz reminds everyone that the Spring Clean is scheduled for this Saturday, June 14th.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS: MC Botanicals representative is present and available to answer questions if need be. Neil (?) reported that the Tractor Club met regarding the Thrasher and there are 10 members willing to help do construction work and will coordinate with Dan Kurtz.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lake Mary Special Assessment District (SAD): Mallon reported that a new estimate came in from Cason Land & Water. The new estimate is based on previous years' work, but still not on projected work which is subject to increase after a fall survey. The estimate is \$55,878 for a three year period, 2026-2028. Mallon asked the Board if they are willing to move forward with the Special Assessment District process for Lake Mary. Smith agreed. All members agreed to move forward. Mallon will work on the necessary timeline and resolution need to begin the process and present it to the Board at the July regular Board meeting.

Thrasher Building: Kurtz is working on obtaining quotes for the cost of construction and will be working with the Recreation Committee to get the community involved. The cost to construct the building will be funded by the township and any donations received. The Alpha Museum is unable to help fund the project but can accept donations to the thrasher building on behalf of the township.

Motion by Skinner to approve \$40,000.00 to the construction of the Thrasher Building. Support: Smith. Roll Call Vote: Mallon – yes; Skinner – yes; Watters – yes; Smith – yes; Bjork – yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gravel Quotes: .6 miles of Armstrong Lake Road is to be graveled. Gravel quotes presented. Motion by Bjork to accept Payne & Dolan bid of \$59,010.25 for needed work. Support: Smith. Roll Call Vote: Skinner – yes; Watters – yes; Smith – yes; Bjork – yes; Mallon – yes. Motion carried. This work will begin the end of August to the beginning of September.

MC3 Botanicals – Outdoor Growing:

MC3 Botanicals is requesting the Board to consider an amendment to the Marijuana Ordinance that would allow outdoor growing. Discussion by the Board was held regarding to the process required by the State to change the ordinance, the need for public hearings and what CRA regulations must be followed. This item is tabled until more information can be gathered. Mallon will reach out to attorneys for information.

Office Manager Pay Rate: Motion by Skinner to continue the payrate of the Office Manager position at \$20.00 per hour with a 12 hour work week. Support: Bjork. Call to vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Electric Supply in Alpha: Motion by Skinner to pay Hurley \$395.00 to add electric supply in Alpha. Support: Bjork. Call to vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

West Iron County Robotics Booter Club Charitable Gaming License Resolution: Raymond Guzowski, Treasurer of WICRBC requested consideration of the Board to adopt a resolution that would allow his group to hold a fund raiser raffle to assist the group in funding for projects and events. Motion by Skinner to recognize the West Iron County Robotics Booster Club as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses. Support: Bjork. Roll Call: Mallon – yes; Skinner – yes; Watters -yes; Smith – yes; Bjork -yes. Resolution adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Question raised regarding the status of the Dunn Mine Resolution. Skinner advised it is being working on and will be presented once completed. Cheryl from the Village of Alpha advised the Board that she is upset regarding the process of being placed on the meeting agenda. Neil spoke on the road work on Tobin Alpha Road.

BOARD COMMENTS: None

DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING: Next Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 8 , 2025 at 5:30 pm at the Township Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bjork to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting at 6:23pm. Support: Watters. All ayes. Motion carried.

I hereby certify that the minutes contained herein are the approved minutes of the June 10, 2025, Regular Board meeting. Signed herein by the Mastodon Township Clerk, Karen Mallon on this the 11th day of July, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted:



Karen Mallon, Clerk