

Mastodon Township Regular Board Meeting

Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 10:00am

A regular meeting of the Mastodon Township Board was called to order at 10:00 am 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: Tammy Hendrickson, Assessor, Dan Kurtz, Maintenance.

Public Present: Daryl Greene, Lynn Johnson Greene, Jackie Beaudoin, Vicki Browne, Paul Dalpra, Gregg Schiavo, Mark Leonhardt, Angie Luft, Adam Luft, Courtney and Millie Franz, Bill Jennings and Mike Web

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Request by Mallon make corrections on the agenda including correction to the minutes meeting date to August 12, 2025 and the details of the next meeting to list October 14, 2025 at 5:30pm. Smith requested that a Moment of Silence for James "Jim" Cichanofsky be added to the agenda. Motion by Mallon to approve the agenda with corrections and addition. Support: Smith. Call to Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

A moment of silence was offered by all to honor James Cichanofsky who served on the Mastodon Township Fire Department and passed away on September 3, 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bjork to approve the August 12, 2025, Regular Board meeting minutes with correction made to the listed Planning Commission date to list August 13, 2025. Support: Watters. Call to vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL REVIEW: Bjork reported to the Board that he reviewed the payables, including August 2025 payroll, for checks numbered: General Fund: 32584 to 32630, Road Account: 1405-1406, and Water Account: 1871. Motion by Watters to approve accounts payables and payroll for August 2025. Support: Skinner. Call to Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Written and submitted. Watters reported that Monday, September 15, 2025 is the last day to pay taxes without penalties.

Clerk: Written and submitted. Mallon reported to the Board that she provided a written copy of the FY2024-2025 Financial Statement and Supplementary Information provided by CLA audit. Mallon inquired if the Board would like Scott Sternhagen from CLA to provide a statement of the audit to the Board. Board would like Sternhagen to come to the October Regular Board meeting to provide a financial statement.

Supervisor: None

Road Commission Report: Smith reported that he was not able to attend the September Road Commission meeting. He stated he will be riding the roads, including Camp 5 Road and will give an update at the next meeting.

Assessor: Written and submitted.

Fire Chief: Written and submitted.

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

Zoning Administrator: Written report submitted.

Recreational Committee: None, no meeting.

Village of Alpha: None.

Maintenance: Written and submitted. Dan Kurtz reported that he has two projects that he would like approval on. He is requesting funds to reroute the rain gutter off the gable at the Township Hall. Two gutters are needed for this. The cost is \$1,000.00. Kurtz advised he would like place stone at the site at the Township Hall. The cost for stone is \$800.00.

Motion by Bjork to provide \$2,000.00 for gutters and stone to divert water from the Township Hall. Support: Smith. Call to vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEMS: Paul Mallon representing the Recreation Committee updated the Board that a Survey has been completed to be used when updating the Recreation Plan. The Rec Committee is requesting \$100 per month for 3 months to post the survey through Survey Monkey. Mallon advised that the Rec Committee expects that the survey will be completed by the end of November, an updated Recreation Plan will be submitted to the Planning Commission for review in December. Skinner approved funds to be used for the survey through Survey Monkey.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery – Veterans Flag Display Project: Skinner advised the Board that the flag project costs were higher than what the Board approved in August. Motion by Skinner to adjust approved financial support for the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery Veterans Flag project from \$1,200.00 to \$1,420.00. Support: Bjork. Call to Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Jacobs Lawsuit Settlement Update: No update provided. Tabled to October 2025 Board Meeting.

Lake Mary Special Assessment District (SAD): Discussion held on the status of the Lake Mary Special Assessment District. Mallon advised the Board that a Three-Year Treatment Cost was provided by Cason Land & Water Management, LLC. Total cost for the three-year project is \$28,422.63. Mallon also noted that the three-year plan indicated that treatment for 2027 and 2028 was an estimate only and if costs did increase that these costs would be passed onto the property owners. Mallon also advised that the Township's attorney advised that the Township could expect legal fees to range from \$4,500.00 to \$5,500.00 for the three-year project.

Mallon further advised that she reached out to Roy Carlson who had indicated that he had experience in aquatic plant management, and Carlson stated he had no experience in the administrative side of aquatic plant management; he only had experience in product application and surveys. Mallon stated that administrative costs in the amount of \$1,500.00 per year is a set fee annually and could be potentially be lower for years 2 and 3. Notices and mailing fees in the amount of \$55.00 - \$65.00 could be an expected annual cost. The legal fees and publication of notices fees could be controlled subsequent years, as notices in the paper could be limited in years two and three, and legal fees could be set at \$1,500.00 for each subsequent year totaling \$4,500.00 for the three-year project.

Watters advised she reached out to the county for information on a Special Assessment software program that is used for Indian Lakes special assessments. The County advised Watters that that software program is supported by BS&A is exclusive to that project. Watters indicated that the software program from BS&A that she uses for tax payments doesn't support a SAD project like the Special Assessment program would. She would like to reach out to BS&A for information on the cost of the software program. Hendrickson advised that she had information that the cost for the BS&A software could be as high as \$40,000.00 because BS&A is pushing their Cloud version of their software products. Watters will contact BS&A and get cost information for the Board.

Mallon advised that the Lake Mary SAD District will need to be certified by the Supervisor and Assessor by resolution. She will have that resolution prepared once the initial certification is done by the Assessor. This resolution will include the costs per parcels.

Watters advised that she would need all costs for the Lake Mary special assessment to her by early November 2025 if this special assessment is to be included on the Winter 2025 tax bills.

Motion by Bjork to move forward with the Lake Mary Weed Eradication Special Assessment. Support: Skinner. Roll call vote: Skinner – yes; Watters – yes; Smith – no, Bjork – yes; Mallon – no. Motion passed to move forward with the Lake Mary Weed Eradication Special Assessment.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Vickie Browne of Iron County Lakes and Stream Partnership advised the board that they will be hosting a Zoom meeting on Wednesday September 17, 2025 in the early afternoon that give input on special assessment districts and how other townships are managing the special assessment districts. She will send the link to Skinner who will then send it out to the other Board members.

Mark Leonhardt who lives in the village had questions regarding property assessments. He was advised to speak to the assessor.

Courtney Franz advised the Board that the Iron Amateur Hockey Association will be doing a fundraiser and would like to use the power outlet in Alpha. There will be no gambling. Skinner advised her the club could use the power for the fundraiser.

Gregg Schaivo advised the Board that there was a special assessment in the 80's for fire services.

Bill Jennings requested that the Board lean on the Road Commission to work on roads in the Camp 5 area.

Dave Smith stated that losing Lt. Cichanofsky leaves a vacancy in the Fire Department at the Camp 5 fire hall. Smith also stated that work will be done on the Trasher Tuesday, September 16, 2025 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at his place.

Mike Bjork advised all in attendance that it is National Bald Head Day! Enjoy the day!

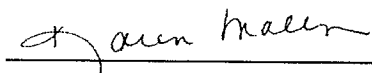
BOARD COMMENTS: None

DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING: Next Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 5:30 pm at the Township Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bjork to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting at 10:48am. Support: Watters. All ayes. Motion carried.

I hereby certify that the minutes contained herein are the draft minutes of the September 13, 2025, Regular Board meeting. Signed herein by the Mastodon Township Clerk, Karen Mallon on this the 17th day of September, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted:

 Karen Mallon, Clerk