

Mastodon Township Board Meeting Approved Minutes

Meeting Date: June 9, 2026

Time: 5:30

Location: 1371 US Hwy 2 South, Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Skinner at 5:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Chad Skinner, Mike Björk, Dave Smith, Stacy Watters present, Karen

Board Members Absent: Karen Mallon

Township Employees Present: Dan Kurtz, Tammy Hendrickson, Andy Flemming, Sherie Courchaine

Public Attendees: Mark Leonhardt, Cythia Rahoi, Gordon Marcenet, Mike Webb, Tammy Hendrickson, Brian Schiavo, Sherie Courchaine

Public Attendee Speakers: Cythia Rahoi

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Waters supported by Smith to approve the June 9, 2026 as presented. Call to vote. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of May 12, 2026, Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Bjork, support by Smith to approve the May 12, 2026 Regular Board meeting minutes. Call to vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of June 5, 2026 Buck Lake Special Assessment District Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Waters, support by Skinner to approve the June 5, 2026 BLSAD meeting minutes. Call to vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable and Payroll Review

Bjork reviewed accounts payable and payroll. Motion by Waters support by Skinner to approve accounts payable invoices 14536-14575 from General Fund in the amount of \$18843.50, Road account (Inv 14544 & 14568) in the amount of \$11667.60 and water account (Inv 14567) in the amount of \$33.57, and to approve payroll checks 33036-33044 and direct deposits 1385-1397 in the amount of \$14,896.55. Call to vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers report:

Waters states she has no report this month.

Clerks report:

Written and submitted. Skinner reports all questions should be directed to Mallon when she returns.

Supervisors report:

No questions

Road Commission Report

Smith reports there was no meeting on June 9. From the May 19 meeting he reports stagger like markings are done that the road commission is installing weather monitors. There was some discussion regarding bridges as well as grading/culvert clearing.

Assessors Report:

Written and submitted. Assessor Hendrickson reports she is out and about with a 20% fieldwork requirement.

Fire Chief Report

Written and submitted.

Planning Commission Report

Courchaine reports the planning commission continues to work on the zoning ordinance with a comparison of the 2018 and 2025 documents. Björk states section one has been completed.

Zoning Administrators Report:

Written and submitted.

Recreational Committee Report:

Courchaine reports there's been much progress in the parks. Stagger Lake Beach improvement has been completed, solar lights for the boat landings at Buck Lake and Stagger Lake have been ordered, permits are in with we energies as well as quotes for electrical panel at Buck Lake, benches for the nature trail at Buck Lake are here and ready to be installed, work has begun at the triangle park in Alpha deep areas in old stumps have been removed and leveled topsoil has been installed and is ready for, the Kurtz reports he is in the process of ordering materials to resurface the basketball court and is waiting on the go ahead in regards to either the purchase of a CNC machine or signs for the parks. Discussion took place regarding the advantage of a CMC machine Skinner request D Kurtz to supply three bids or quotes for CNC machine.

Village of Alpha:

Leonhardt states he has nothing to report.

Maintenance Report:

Smith, inquiries of D Kurtz and the board regarding the thrasher building. Kurtz reports there are two current designs, and that he has contacted the building inspector. He reports the building inspector does not see any problems. Skinner raises concern regarding the appropriate actions or process in order to allow volunteers to build the building. Smith raised concerns over the length of time it is taking to get the building completed. Skinner requested that Smith contact the insurance people as well as MTA regarding discovery of what needs to happen to use volunteers.

Guests:

None

Public comment on agenda items:

None

Unfinished Business:

Road Brining:

Kurtz reports he is unable to obtain a truck for road brining Smith reports there is a company in Pennsylvania who for about the cost of \$5500 for one week could get a truck to us. The rental is approximately \$2000. Transport of the truck is \$1200 each way. Discussion took place regarding the purchase of a truck for brining Skinner. Instructed Kurtz to do as much as he could with the equipment that we have.

Update on Forest Management and Logging:

One quote for forest management logging was obtained prior to the meeting. However, the other quote came in just shortly before the meeting the board discussed and decided to table the proposals until they could be reviewed by the board members.

Water Ordinance Discussion-Private Pools:

Skinner reports he has been contacted by someone that lives by Dunn mine who wants to fill a pool. The board discussed the complications of using water from Dunn mine to try to fill the pool. Skinner states the current water ordinance requires Supervisor to approve pools by use of a fire hydrant. Skinner reports we do not have any fire hydrants, and the board decided last year that the fire department is not to fill swimming pools. Skinner requests a copy of the water ordinance to be sent to residents that are using Dunn mine.

Jacobson Lawsuit Update-Dismissal of Lorraine Jacobs:

Skinner reports there's progress on the dismissal of Lorraine Jacobs from the lawsuit.

New Business:

Dan Kurtz Recreation Committee Resignation:

The board received the resignation of Dan Kurtz from the recreation committee. This leaves only two people on the committee Smith recommends using the new sign to try to spark interest.

MTA Sample Park Rules, Ordinance and Proposed Park Use Agreement and Discussion:

The board discussed the misuse of the Triangle Park on May 30, 2026. Bjork stated he was unaware of the event and Mallon had given permission (refuted by Courchaine). Smith suggested Kurtz buy and install a locking unit for the electrical box at Alpha Parks. Kurtz reports that has been done. Board reviewed sample park rules and Park use agreements for events. Björk questioned whether the application has been reviewed by the attorney and recommends if it has not that it should be. Skinner stated these were samples and the board will need to develop rules and an application specific to Mastodon Township use.

Policy and Procedures for Bids & Quotes:

Skinner stated the board discussed changes previously. Skinner outlined proposed changes. The Board discussed proposed changes. Motion made by Skinner, supported by Waters to change section 4.83 to increase purchase amounts of \$1000 to \$2,500 and change from 3 written quotes to 2 written, verbal, or digital quotes or estimates. Roll Call vote- Skinner aye, Waters- Aye, Smith- Aye, Bjork- Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Skinner supported by Waters to change Section 4.84 to increase the amount for sealed bids from \$2500 to \$100,000.00. Roll Call vote- Skinner aye, Waters- Aye, Smith- Aye, Bjork- Aye. Motion carried.

Adoption of the 2026 Updated Master Plan:

Björk reports the Master Plan has been updated. Courchaine explained the updates are only to the demographics from the last census. The rest of the master plan remains the same. Motion made by Bjork, supported by Waters to adapt the Master Plan Update. Call to vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Other business:**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Hall Usage Tuesday July 14, 2026:**

The board discussed the use of the hall no objections were noted, except as the date was looked at, the board realized July 14, 2026 is the date of the next board meeting. Members discussed moving the date of the Board meeting to accommodate the FERC, however members were not supportive of that. Skinner requests the deputy clerk to contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and inform them the Township Hall will not be available on July 14th, 2026. The board agrees to accommodate FERC any other day that week.

Public Comments:

Township resident Cynthia Raho reports excessive zebra mussel in Stager Lake and requests signage to warn people of the zebra mussels. She reports children have cut their feet on them and it has gotten very bad.

Board Comments:

Reminder spring cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, June 20 8 AM to noon.

Details of the Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday of July, which is July 14, 2026 at 5:30pm.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:35pm made by Björk supported by Smith. Call to vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

I hereby certify that the minutes contained herein are the approved minutes of the June 9, 2026, Regular Board meeting. Signed herein by the Mastodon Township Clerk, Karen Mallon on this the 15th day of June 2026.

Karen Mallon, Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Mallon, Mastodon Township Clerk