

Mastodon Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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: Dave Smith, Mike Bjork, Karen Mallon, Chad Skinner, Stacey Watters.

Department members present: Dan Kurtz.

Public in attendance:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Watters to approve agenda. Support: Smith. Call to vote: All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bjork to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. Support: Smith. Call to vote: All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL REVIEW: Bjork reported to the Board that he reviewed payables for General Fund check 32902, and payroll for checks numbers 32892-32902, and direct deposits DD1346-DD1356. Invoices presented for approval included invoices 14367-1442 in the amount of \$9,984.47. Mallon reported that checks 32903 to 32908 were used to reissue uncashed payroll checks in the amount of \$426.01. The reissued of checks has no effect on funds. Motion by Skinner to approve payables, invoices and payroll as submitted. Support: Watter. Call to vote. All ayes; no nays. Motion carried. Mallon requested approval to pay garbage reimbursement requests as they come in for this last period of the fiscal year without prior Board approval. Request granted.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Written and submitted. Watters reported that 2025 tax season is complete. Settlement work and balancing is being completed with the County Treasurer.

Clerk: Written and submitted. Mallon stated that she has learned that a board representative can be appointed to the ZBA.

Supervisor: Working on policy changes. Will implement suggestions from MTA in Budget Resolution for spending approvals for Supervisor and department heads.

Road Commission Report: Smith reported that he was unable to attend the Road Commission meeting. Smith reported that seasonal weight restrictions are in effect. Highway US 2 road work will begin from the bridge to 424.

Assessor: Written and submitted.

Fire Chief: Written and submitted. Chief Fleming requested approval to purchase a gas monitor for the Fire Department. Motion by Skinner to approve purchase of a gas monitor not to exceed \$950.00. Support: Bjork. Call to vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator: Written report submitted.

Planning Commission: Bjork reported that the Planning Commission has completed an update of the Master Plan. The members will do a final review of the Master Plan and will be prepared to present it to the Board of adoption at the May meeting. Bjork reported that the Planning Commission will prepare an annual report to be presented to the Board at the May Board meeting. The Planning Commission would like Board Approval to use GEI for contract work for the Recreation Plan in order to make application for DNR grants for 2026-2027. The Zoning Ordinance is being reviewed. It is anticipated that it will be ready for review by the public and local municipalities early summer. There has been no applications for open positions on the Planning Commission.

Recreational Committee: Sherie Courchaine presented report to Board. She advised that the committee met on January 20, 2026 and is looking at projects for 2026 to present budgetary figures to the Board. She has presented information regarding Stager Lake Beach improvements and the naming of an Alpha Park. Both of which will be discussed during New Business.

Village of Alpha: No report submitted. It was reported that DTE met with village representatives and residents regarding the natural gas expansion to the Village of Alpha.

Maintenance: Written and submitted. Kurtz was asked to get quotes for a new dock for Buck Lake Park and have it presented at the Budget Hearing on March 24, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Budget Hearing Reminder:** The 2026-2027 Budget Hearing will be on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 9:00 am.
- **Buck Lake Special Assessment District:** Mallon advised the Board that a representative of the Buck Lake Lake Association has advised her that property owners are interested in moving forward with a special assessment district. Mallon is reviewing materials received and will present a roll to the assessor and supervisor for certification.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Road Commission Quote – Upper Dam Road:** A quote has been received by the Road Commission for gravel work on one mile of road on Dam Road. The quote came in at \$216,568.00. After discussion, the Board has opted to table this work.
- **Township Cleanup Day:** Township Cleanup day will be scheduled for June 13, 2026 from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. One dumpster will be provided for general junk and one for tires.
- **Happy Lands, LLC – Retail Marijuana Renewal:** Motion by Skinner to approve the renewal for Happy Lands, LLC for 2026, contingent upon if ZA is required to inspect. Support: Mallon. Call to vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion carried. Mallon will contact ZA for clarification of need to inspect license renewals.
- **Open Position on ZBA:** Mallon advised Board she is interested in being the Board Liaison to the ZBA. Motion by Skinner to approve Mallon as ZBA Board Liaison. Support: Watters. Call to vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion carried.


Public Comment: None

Board Comments: None

Details of Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Adjournment: Motion by Bjork to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 pm. Support: Smith. Call to vote: All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

I hereby certify that the minutes contained herein are the approved minutes of the March 10, 2026, Regular Board meeting. Signed herein by the Mastodon Township Clerk, Karen Mallon on this the 14th day of April 2026.


_____, Karen Mallon, Clerk