

Mastodon Township

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Hearing Minutes

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

A Budget Hearing meeting of the Mastodon Township Board was called to order at 9:00am 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, Andy Fleming

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: None

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

The budget has been recorded. The recording will remain in the Clerk's office for a period of 45 days. The recording is available to any member of the public who so wishes to listen and review the meeting.

BUSINESS:

The Board was presented with the proposed 2026-2027 budget by Skinner. Bjork discussed township fund reserves and stressed the importance that the Board maintains a 50% fund reserve. Smith reminded Board members of the fiduciary responsibility the Board has to the taxpayers of Mastodon Township.

Salary Discussion: A proposed wage increase by department was presented to the Board for review and consideration. The changes in wages that were approved will be adopted with the FY2026-2027 Budget. The following changes were made after Board consideration:

Office	Current Rate	New Rate
Trustee – Per Meeting	\$75.00	\$125.00
Enforcement Officer – Annual	N/A	\$1200.00
Deputy Clerk - Hourly	\$15.00	\$17.50
Deputy Treasurer – Hourly	\$15.00	\$17.50
Buildings/Grounds/Maintenance Hourly	\$20/\$24/\$27	\$30.00
Board of Review (Meetings & Training)	\$15.00/hour	\$75 ½ Day; \$125 Full Day
Election Chair - Hourly	\$15.00	\$20.00
Election Inspectors – Hourly	\$15.00	\$17.50
Planning Commission – Chair Per Meeting	\$75.00	\$125.00
Planning Commission – Secretary Per Meeting	\$75.00	\$100.00
Zoning Board of Appeals – Chair Per Meeting	\$75.00	\$125.00
Zoning Board of Appeals – Secretary Per Meeting	\$75.00	\$100.00
Recreation Committee Members Per/ Meeting	\$0.00	\$25.00
Fire Department Cadets – Hourly	\$12.50	\$15.00

Township Reserves: The balances in Township savings accounts will be considered in the approval of the FY2026-2027 budget where project requests have been made. The Township Board will consider cost of project and available and estimated funding.

The following represents account balances as of March 24, 2026:

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

General Fund	\$	136,717.38
Dunn Water	\$	20,848.41
Fire Department	\$	206,729.14
Recreation Plan	\$	34,149.02
Future Capital	\$	20,376.11
Marijuana	\$	241,462.76
Alpha Mastodon FD Relief	\$	2,440.76
Road	\$	278,866.84
Dunn Mine	\$	4,345.31
Total Cash on Hand:	\$	1,266,703.22

Total estimated general fund revenues for FY2026-2027 which include allocated millage funding, voter-authorized funding, licensing and permit funding, and intergovernmental funding is \$699,604.00. This estimated general fund revenue and savings accounts "cash on hand" will be the determining factor for the FY2026-2027 budget adoption.

Budget Review: The following proposed budget, by cost center, was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Cost Center	Budget
General Gov't – Supervisor	\$27,775.00
Legislative – Trustee	\$14,956.00
General Gov't – Elections	\$21,800.00
General Gov't – Township Office	\$113,300.00
General Gov't – Assessor	\$27,275.00
General Gov't – Clerk	\$32,639.00
General Gov't – Deputy Clerk	\$5,600.00
General Gov't – Board of Review	\$3,100.00
General Gov't – Treasurer	\$29,875.00
General Gov't – Deputy Treasurer	\$1,090.00
General Gov't – Township Hall	\$97,020.00
General Gov't – Garage	\$23,500.00
General Gov't – Cemetery	\$3,884.00
General Gov't – Twp Garbage Prg	\$48,200.00
General Gov't – Twp Library Prog	\$1,000.00
General Gov't – Fire Department	\$150,100.00
General Gov't – Planning & Zoning	\$39,895.00
General Gov't – Street Lighting	\$2,000.00
Park & Rec – Buck Lake Park	\$5,600.00
Park & Rec – Stager Lake Park	\$10,710.00
Recreation – 4 th of July	\$7,600.00
Park & Rec – Anderson Ball Park	\$3,930.00
Park & Rec – Triangle Park	\$2,100.00
Park & Rec – Partala Park	\$110.00
Gov't Facilities – Camp 5	\$2,937.00
Recreation & Culture	\$42,545.00
Worker's Compensation	\$8,000.00
TOTAL GF EXPENDITURES	\$726,541.00
Road - Expenditures	\$14,500.00
Dunn Mine Water Expenditures	\$1,700.00

Total Proposed Expenditures: **\$742,741.00**

Projects, Programs, and Improvements approved:

The following projects, programs and improvements were approved by the Mastodon Township Board and included in the budget:

Office/Department	Description	Estimated Cost
All Boards and Commissions	MTA Online Subscription - Training	\$1,900.00
Financial, HR, Tax and Assessing – Capital Outlay	BS&A Cloud Upgrade	\$30,000.00
Township Website	ADA Compliance Upgrade	\$3,500.00
Township Office/Hall	Starlink Internet Services	\$5,000.00
Garage – Capital Outlay	New Mower and Other Tools, Signs	\$5,500.00
Township – Capital Outlay	Thrasher Building and Hall Building Improvements	\$50,000.00
Township	Garbage Voucher Program & Spring Clean Up Day	\$47,500.00
Fire Department – Capital Outlay	Supplies and Upgrades as needed	\$15,000.00
Township – 4 th of July	Support for Fireworks	\$7,500.00
Township/Fire Department	Camp 5 Building Repairs & Generator	\$5,000.00
Recreation – Alpha Parks	B-Ball Court Repair, Signs, Tree Removal & Landscaping	\$28,000.00
Recreation – Buck Lake Park	Building Power, Solar Lighting and Trail Signs	\$6,000.00
Recreation – Stager Lake Park	Picnic Tables, Solar Lighting and Sand	\$8,000.00
Township	LED Message Board	\$5,000.00
Township	Library Card Reimbursement	\$1,000.00

Budget Approval:

Motion by Mallon to approve and adopt the FY 2026-2027 Mastodon Township Budget. Support: Smith. Roll call vote: Bjork – yes; Mallon – yes; Skinner – yes; Watters – yes; Smith – yes. Motion carried, FY2026-2027 Budget approved and adopted.

Motion by Mallon to transfer \$14,000.00 from Recreation Savings account to General Fund to support budget funding; and to transfer \$45,000.00 from Marijuana Savings to General Fund to support budget funding; and to transfer \$5,000.00 from Marijuana Savings to Future Capital Savings to support funding for investment in a future purchase of a pickup truck; and to transfer \$20,000.00 from Marijuana Savings to Fire Department Savings to invest in the future purchase of a fire vehicle; and to transfer \$40,000.00 from General Fund Savings to Fire Department Savings to invest in a future purchase of a fire apparatus. Support: Skinner. Roll call vote: Mallon – yes; Skinner – yes; Watters – yes; Smith – yes, Bjork – yes. Motion carried. Treasurer will conduct bank transfers immediately.

Annual Resolutions:

Resolution, number 2026-0324.001, The General Appropriations Act was presented to the Board for adoption. Motion by Skinner to adopt the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act Resolution number 2026-0324.001. Support: Watters. Roll call vote: Skinner – yes; Mallon – yes; Bjork – yes; Smith – yes; Watters – yes. Motion carried, and the resolution was duly adopted.

Resolution 2026-0324.002, Trustee Annual Salary was presented to the Board for adoption. Motion by Mallon to adopt Resolution number 2026-0324.002. Support: Skinner. Roll call vote: Skinner – yes; Mallon – yes; Smith – yes; Watters – yes. Bjork abstained from voting. Motion carried, and the resolution was duly adopted.

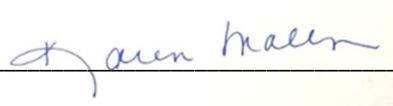
Resolution 2026-0324.003, Annual Meeting Dates was presented to the Board for adoption. Motion by Watters to adopt Resolution number 2026-0324.003. Support: Bjork. Roll call vote: Smith – yes; Bjork – yes; Mallon – yes; Skinner – yes; Watters – yes. Motion carried, and the resolution was duly adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kurtz appreciated the time that was invested to review and adopt the 2026-2027 budget.

BOARD COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Bjork to adjourn the meeting at 1:49 pm. Support: Watters. Call to vote: All ayes; no nays. Motion carried.

I hereby certify that the minutes contained herein are the approved minutes of the March 24, 2026, Budget Hearing meeting. Signed herein by the Mastodon Township Clerk, Karen Mallon on this the 14th day of April 2026.

_____, Karen Mallon, Clerk