

# Mastodon Township Board Meeting Draft Minutes

**Meeting Date: September 12, 2026**

**Time: 10:00 am**

**Location: xxx Camp 5 Road, Crystal Falls, MI 49920**

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Skinner at 10:00 am.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

## **Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** Chad Skinner, Stacey Watters, and Karen Mallon.

**Board Members Absent:** Dave Smith and Mike Bjork

**Township Employees Present:** Dan Kurtz, Tammy Hendrickson

**Public Attendees:** Maureen Elson

## **Approval of Agenda**

Motion Mallon supported by Watters to approve the agenda as presented. Call to vote. All ayes, motion carried.

## **Approval of August 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Skinner and support by Watters to approve the August 11, 2026 Workshop with the Planning Commission Minutes as presented, the August 11, 2026 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented and the August 11, 2026 Closed Session minutes. Call to vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

## **Accounts Payable and Payroll Review**

Skinner reviewed accounts payable and payroll. Motion by Mallon to approve accounts payable checks 33161-33210 in the amount of \$41,444.51 from General fund, invoices 14700-14731 from General Fund in the amount of \$38,581.48 invoice 14732 in the amount of \$34.02 from the Water Account, and to approve payroll checks 33200-33027 and direct deposits 1428-1442 in the amount of \$18,218.15 Support by Mallon. Call to vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **Reports**

**Treasurer Report:** Written and submitted

**Clerk Report:** Written and submitted.

**Supervisor Report:** Supervisor reported he had a conversation with Pete Ryan regarding invoicing for legal services. Ryan sent an email reporting that the invoice would be reduced by 50%. Skinner to forward email to board members.

Skinner reported that he and the ZA, Stu Creel, had a conversation with attorney from FSBP regarding the approval of a rental of property in MUF. Attorney advised that the approval was not valid according to our zoning ordinance. Attorney advised ZA that a letter of retraction must be sent to the property owner in the MUF district. Furthermore, the attorney advised that the property owner's only recourse would be to apply for redistricting. ZA to initiate letter of retraction immediately and present to legal for approval prior to being sent to the property owner.

Skinner advised he met with the DNR regarding the Stager Lake Operating Agreement. DNR would like debris removed that is near the trailhead. Kurtz to clean up area identified by DNR. Skinner will update the Board at the next meeting.

**Road Commission Report:** Mallon attended the Road Commission meeting on August 13, 2026. Report written and submitted.

**Assessor's Report:** Written and submitted

**Fire Chief's Report:** Written and submitted

**Planning Commission Report:** No report; Meeting held on August 5, 2026. No PC member present for report.

**Zoning Administrator's Report:** Written and submitted

**Recreation Committee Report:** No report; no meeting. Letter of Interest received by Township. Skinner to review.

**Village of Alpha Report:** Leonhardt reported on behalf of the Village. Stated that he would like the Township to take over leadership of the Village due to continuing problems.

**Maintenance Report:** Written and submitted. Kurtz reported that the fascia at the Camp 5 Fire Hall is rotted and there is no airflow. He would like to make needed repairs this winter as he'd like to make repairs before the trusses begin to rot. Installation is moist to the touch. Eaves need replacing as well. He estimates that the repairs will cost approximately \$2800.00 replacement and installation. He'll look at the budget. Kurtz will follow up with Skinner for the Stager Lake debris cleanup as requested by the DNR.

**Public Comment – Agenda Items - None**

#### **Unfinished Business**

**Thrasher Building Update:** Kurtz advised materials have been ordered. Trusses should be delivered in the next couple of weeks. He is still waiting on the Zoning Permit from ZA Creel. Permit has not been signed. Mallon provided a copy of a zoning permit for Skinner to present to Creel for his signature. Mallon will reach out to volunteers from the Antique Tractor Club to help with the project.

#### **Park Usage Ordinance and Application**

Skinner requested that this matter be tabled as he would like to continue working on an ordinance fitting for the township.

**New Business - None**

**Other Business - None**

#### **Public Comment**

Maureen Elson discussed the need for the township to initiate a recycling program. She would like the township to consider a temporary recycling program until such a time as either the County or GFL offers a program to Iron County residents. She estimates that perhaps a program that would allow for recycling every other month would be a step in the right direction. She estimates that the cost might run about \$1500.00 every other month for the program totaling perhaps about \$9,000.00 annually. She stated that the County isn't moving forward on this. Mark Leonhardt of Alpha Village supports this.

### **Board Member Comments**

Mallon advised that she has been gathering materials on a countywide recycling program and has spoken both to the County Clerk and the Township's County Commissioner Representative, Ean Bruette. She will continue to work on this and will discuss this with Mrs. Elson.

### **Details of the Next Meeting**

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 10:00 am at the Camp 5 location.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Watters and supported by Skinner to adjourn the meeting at 10:24am. Call to vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

*I hereby certify that the minutes contained herein are the draft minutes of the September 12, 2026, Regular Board meeting. Signed herein by the Mastodon Township Clerk, Karen Mallon on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2026.*

*Karen Mallon, Clerk*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Mallon, Mastodon Township Clerk