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Osceola Township Special Meeting Minutes  
March 26, 2026, 6:00 PM

The budget work session of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on March 26, 2026, at 6:06 PM at the Osceola Township Board Room. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Aaron Janke, and Don Wareham. Absent was Christina Gardner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Wareham, supported by Christa Gardner, to approve the agenda as presented. AVIF

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:08 PM. No public comment offered. Public comment closed at 6:08 PM.

Budget Planning Session:

Review First Draft FY 26-27 Budget

Review Township Fees, Rates, Rents, etc.

Review Projects Priority List

Amended Budgets – Final presented 3/30/2026

Any other budgetary issues to discuss

Treasurer Gardner arrived at 6:56 PM.

Board discussion took place about a structure that reflects how the township board and departments operate (revenue generating versus tax generating). Discussion about wages, particularly to the water supervisor pay, and how they are currently reflected on the annual budget, and how we can show them more accurately. Board members reviewed the Osceola Water, Tamarack Water, Mason Wastewater rates and apartment rates, and discussed potential projects that could be coming, and how our current fund balances could cover them, or if there need to be increases in rates to ensure that the projects that are required (versus desired) are covered. Other things discussed were the ice rink and its operations, including a potential cover for the rink. Rustic camping sites across from Sandy Bottom. Updates to security such as cameras for different places around the township (parks, ice rink) to help monitor things for damage, etc. Equipment needs for different departments including the maintenance department (a snowblower for the tractor).

Amended budgets were discussed and will be presented in their final form at the Special Meeting on Monday, March 30, 2026. How to operate as far as doing the amendments as a board moving forward was discussed, and a new procedure will be tried out for the upcoming fiscal year.

Discussion about a reimbursement for a water line repair at a township resident's property took place. The township attorney provided feedback about what the township is responsible for, and what the resident is responsible for. Because of the distance of the line that is in our right of way, and the cost of the pieces of equipment that fall into what the responsibility of the township would be, the cost to the township would be higher than what the resident's portion would be. Ultimately it benefitted the township as the owner of the system, as it added value to the system by repairing the line.

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Motion by Janke, supported by Christina Gardner to reimburse the resident \$1,600 of a \$2,200 bill, due to the amount of the repair that was the township's share. Roll call vote: 5 yea; 0 nay. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 8:43 PM. No public comment offered. Public comment closed at 8:48 PM. Ron Kokkonen asked if a leak is detected on a resident's property, and find that they have galvanized pipe, who is responsible for the repairs? Additional discussion took place about repairs that are responsible by the township and those that are responsible by homeowners, due to a leak discovered when it is not on the annual repairs scheduled.

Adjourn: Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Wareham to adjourn at 8:49 PM. AVIF

The Public Hearing on the FY 2026-2027 annual budget will take place on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the Osceola Township Board Room; and the Special Meeting to discuss any comments and approve the final FY 2026-2027 budgets will take place on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 5:30 PM in the Osceola Township Board Room.

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