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Osceola Township Utility Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2023, 6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Utility Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on January 11, 2023, at 6:00 PM. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Aaron Janke, and Don Wareham. Absent was Dominique DiVito.

A moment of silence was observed to remember our friend and colleague, Robert Mattfolk.

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

Motion by Wareham, supported by Gardner to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2022, meeting. AVIF

Motion by Wareham, supported by Gardner to accept the financial reports as presented. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham for payment of the bills. AVIF

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:05 PM. No public comment was offered. Public comment closed at 6:06 PM.

Reports:

- a. Operator's Report: Ron Kokkonen gave a verbal report. He was able to step in and keep things going.
- b. Secretary's Report: Written report provided.
- c. Mason Sewer Operator's Report: Jim Siira gave a verbal report. Things going good with one pump; waiting on the seal for the other pump. Bay Electric came. Mr. Siira will be gone to Texas from January 19-24. His son will be a backup for him at Franklin Township and wondered if he could do the same for Osceola Township. Motion by Wareham, supported by Gardner to recommend to the Township Board having Jim Siira's son be available as a back up during the time he will be out of the state. AVIF

Unfinished Business:

- a. Schedule for FY 23-24 Repairs – upcoming in February for action.
- b. Truck Purchase – update: Nothing new. Waiting on additional information from UPEA.

New Business:

- a. Water Operator Position – A meeting will take place at the Township office with Mr. Halkola, Dick Supina from Traverse Engineering, Ron Kokkonen, Andrew Goldsworthy from Lake Linden, and any other interested board members to discuss what our next steps should be.
- b. Osceola Township Drinking Water Project – updates: A written update was included. Additional discussion took place, and Mr. Halkola provided details on the timelines. A proposal to have public meetings to give the residents information about the project was suggested. Motion by Wareham, supported by Gardner to recommend to the Township Board to hold two meetings: the first at the Township Office on January 24 at 6 PM, and the second meeting at the Tamarack City Fire Hall on January 31 at 6 PM. AVIF

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- c. Hydrant parking notice draft – More information needs to be sought from the state regarding state law, as well as contacting our attorney. Mr. Klein, Tamarack City Fire Chief, gave information that he found as well.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:33 PM. No Public comment was offered. Public comment closed at 6:34 PM.

A motion was made by Janke, supported by Wareham to adjourn at 6:34 PM. AVIF

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