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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2018

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Karpiak on May 9, 2018 at 6:22 pm in the Osceola Township meeting room. Board members present were Steve Karpiak, Judy Odgers, Christa Gardner, Aaron Janke, and Don Wareham.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Odgers, supported by Janke to accept the minutes of the April meeting. AVIF

Motion by Gardner, supported by Wareham to accept the financial reports for the General, Road, Mason Wastewater, and TC water funds. AVIF

Motion to pay the bills: General Fund \$5,736.91, and TC water \$29,542.17 by Wareham, supported by Janke. AVIF

Public Comment: None at 6:32.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Gardner, supported by Janke with the addition under old business c. Audit engagement letter, d. Water purchases, and under new business: d. Julio Contracting bids, e. Track meet ad. AVIF

Reports

a. Assessor: Written report. L. Earhart reported that mailings to residents will be sent out, AMAR information (Karpiak has information), attended classes on Land Value Maps, Land Tables, Sales Studies, and Developing Economic Condition Factors.

b. Maintenance: Written report for April.

c. DBVFD: Chief Kokkonen reported that the department responded to two calls. Kokkonen attended the tabletop meeting at the airport and a hot drill is planned. Spring cleanup will be May 21st-23rd.

d. First Responders: Written report. In April, there were 3 calls in Osceola Twp., 4 calls in Torch Lake Twp., and 0 calls in Franklin Twp. bringing the YTD calls to 24. . Two members attended the Copper Country EMS Conference.

e. TCVFD: Written report for April. The department held its monthly training and meeting sessions. Members attended the tabletop exercise at the airport. No calls for April.

f. TC Utility Board: The May agenda and the April meeting minutes were submitted. The secretary's report was submitted. Motion by Janke, supported by Gardner to reappoint for 3 yr. terms (2018-2021) on the TCUB: Mark Halkola, Don Wareham, and Steve Karpiak.

g. TLSA: Written reports for April 2018.

h. Supervisor reports: Karpiak attended meetings for KEDA, TLPAC, and MTA. He received information the Houghton County Treasurer on two parcels in Osceola Twp. on tax foreclosure giving the township the option to purchase. Motion to not purchase the properties by Janke, supported by Gardner. AVIF

Unfinished Business:

- a. Mason Sewage: No report. The rate and usage ordinances were passed at the April meeting. No date has been set to advertise for bids or the project start date.
- b. Osceola Township Roads: Karpiak reported that Houghton County Road Commission will be getting bids for the work on 6th Street. BACCO Construction will be doing the paving. Kevin Harju, Houghton County Road Commission, will be in contact with Mattfolk to coordinate the work to be done on the water system. The MDNR will not pave the snowmobile crossing, the Township and County will include the cost in the project.
- c. Audit letter: Motion to retain Rukkila, Negro, and Associates to perform the Osceola Township audit for Fiscal Year April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018 by Gardner, supported by Odgers. AVIF
- d. Motion to accept the bid from Core & Main in the amount of \$14,300.17 for OT Water Company supplies by Wareham, supported by Gardner. AVIF

New business:

- a. Resolution for Pension: Motion to approve to increase employer contributions in the amount of \$25.00 quarterly for each board member by Janke, supported by Wareham. AVIF
- b. Pavilion rent: Odgers suggested charging for the pavilion at Sandy Bottom and TC Park in the amount of \$50.00 with \$25.00 refund if the renter leaves the area in good condition. She said that might help with the cost of power, water (TC) and maintenance/cleaning and trash removal. There was much discussion who would collect/ refund the money and who would inspect the pavilion before/after use. A motion was made by Gardner to table until the June meeting, supported by Janke. AVIF
- c. Assessment Roll: Karpiak submitted the letter received from Kelli Sobel on May 7, 2018 regarding the Township's assessment roll stating she never received a letter sent to her on November 1, 2017 after a conference call between her and the Township's assessor, supervisor, clerk, and treasurer to discuss the township's plan to bring the roll in compliance with the state. At that time, it was understood with all attending the conference call that Sobel agreed with the plan. The letter states that the Township has 21 days to reply from the date of the letter (April 21, 2018). Sobel is recommending to the State Tax Commission to assume jurisdiction of our assessment roll and to hire an outside party to make corrections to the roll. The Township has hired Attorney Crystal Morgan to handle the matter.
- d. Julio bids: Bids were received for Sandy Bottom: removal of the outhouses at the boat landing for \$1480.00 to fill in wash outs and grade the parking lot for \$3800.00
Motion to approve the bids by Wareham, supported by Janke. AVIF
- e. Track Meet ad: After discussing whether to place an ad in the program for the track meet finals, a motion was made by Karpiak not to purchase an ad, supported by Janke. AVIF

Motion to adjourn at 7:25pm by Wareham, supported by Gardner. AVIF

June 13th meeting will be held at the TC Fire Hall.