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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2024, 6:15 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on January 10, 2024, at 6:55 PM at the Osceola Township Board Room. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Christina Gardner, Aaron Janke, and Don Wareham.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham, to approve the agenda with an addition under “Unfinished Business”, e. Compost Project Update, and then move that agenda item under the first Public Comment period. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Christina Gardner to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2023, Board Meeting. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Christa Gardner to accept the financial reports for the General, Road, Mason Wastewater, TC utility, and OT utility funds, with the understanding that it will include budget amendments. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Christina Gardner for payment of the bills: General, Road, Mason Wastewater, TC utility, and OT utility funds. AVIF

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:00 PM. No public comment was offered. Public Comment closed at 7:01 PM.

Evan Lanese from WUPPDR presented on the composting site project. Lots of progress has been made. There is a need locally for soil/compost that this project will help fill. Janke commented that he doesn't want this to become a business on public land and was assured that it would remain non-profit.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: Written report submitted.
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted. Discussion about hydrants freezing in Tamarack City, and a couple of broken hydrants as well.
- c. OT Utility Board Action items: Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to seek additional quotes to repair the water truck, and go with a different entity if they can offer a suitable timeframe, and/or if the cost is advantageous.
- d. DBVFD: No report submitted.
- e. First Responders: Written report submitted.
- f. TCVFD: Written report submitted.
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted.
- h. TLASA: Written report submitted.
- i. NHCWSA: Written report submitted.
- i. Supervisor report: Houghton County Rec Authority met; info is included in packet. December Board of Review met; minutes are included in the packet. Snowmobile update, there appears to be a solution between Burcar and the snowmobile club for use of the land; DNR will reimburse us for the cost of the survey of the property. Houghton County Road commission meeting with John Cima included seeking an estimate to repair Elm Avenue from 5<sup>th</sup> to Main following the gooseneck repairs. Requests have been made for various speed limit signs. An issue with a resident's fence needs to go to the Road Commission. Golf Course Road has an issue with a tree, hoping to get it brushed out in the spring. TL Pac will meet next week. There will be historic tours at TC park this summer.

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**Unfinished Business:**

- a. Water Project Plan –update: Discussed at the utility meeting.
- b. Dollar General Project – On hold until next summer.
- c. Snowmobile Trail update – Discussed in Supervisor’s Report.
- d. 5-year Rec Plan – status – WUPPDR is working on correcting the errors to resubmit.

**Tabled Business:**

- a. Town Hall Meetings – leave on table.

**New Business:**

- a. FY 24-25 Budget – Discuss thoughts – Workgroup meeting scheduled for January 25, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the Osceola Township Board Room.

**Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 8:07 PM. No public comment was offered. Public comment closed at 8:07 PM.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Wareham, supported by Christa Gardner to adjourn at 8:07 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 6:15 PM at the Osceola Township Board Room.