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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2026, 6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on January 14, 2026, at 6:27 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 Christa Gardner, supported by Wareham, to approve the agenda as presented. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Christina Gardner, to accept the minutes from December 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes. AVIF

Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Wareham, to approve the financial reports for: General, Road Fund, Mason Wastewater, TC Utility, and OT utility funds, with a correction to line item 40-31 on the Road Fund. AVIF

Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Janke for payment of the bills: General, Road Fund, Mason Wastewater, TC utility, and OT utility funds, to include a reimbursement from Mason Wastewater to OT and TC utility funds for Miss Dig payments. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:36 PM. Ron Kokkonen asked about the issue of a water leak that was detected, and the gooseneck was replaced that was brought up in December. It was deferred to the upcoming Special Meeting. Public Comment closed at 6:38 PM.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: Written report submitted. Motion by Janke, supported by Christa Gardner to approve the Federal Poverty Guidelines for the 2026 Assessments. AVIF
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted.
- c. OT Utility Board Action items: Motion by Wareham, supported by Christa Gardner to authorize the cost of two attending the training for the water operator test, with overnight lodging if needed. Roll call vote: 5 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.
- d. DBVFD: No report submitted. Mr. Halkola met with Mr. Banfield and had some good discussions.
- e. Dollar Bay First Responders: Written report submitted.
- f. TCVFD: No report submitted. Mr. Klein sent one prior to the meeting, but it wasn't received in office.
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted. Discussion about the spigot connected to the water tank not working. It will need to be looked at in the spring when the tank is cleaned. There was also mention about an upcoming water rate increase.
- h. TLASA: Written report submitted. Rate is increasing 2.8% effective January 1, 2026.
- i. NHCWSA: No report submitted.
- j. Community Compost Site: No report submitted.
- k. Supervisor report: Emergency contact equipment was discussed earlier. Franklin Township is waiting for us to see what we are going to do for Mason and Tamarack City before deciding on what route to go. FY 24-25 bound copy of the audit is here. Road commission is still waiting for their budget information before coming to our board meeting. Still waiting on the state for updated revenue sharing numbers. The Vet ad-hoc committee meets later in January. The cannon is in storage. CCISD students are working on repairs. Board of Review met in December.

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Training will be needed for one member. There is interest in an alternate BOR member, they want to meet with him, and he would also need to attend training. Houghton County Rec Authority met, information is in the packet.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Water Project – Andrew Keranen from UPEA will attend our Special Meeting with an update.
- b. UPPCO Street Light Project, Phase 3 – update – Updated plans were sent to UPPCO. They responded with some questions, which we responded to.
- c. Storage Shed Extension – A diagram was received by Jay Reed on the previous plan. There appears to be room to expand. Mr. Halkola will reach out and get a high-end quote on the cost of the upgrade.
- d. CD Status – They were renewed for 6 months at 3.720% and will come due again in May 2026.

Tabled Business:

- a. Town Hall Meetings – leave on table

New Business:

- a. Special Meeting – Date was set for January 26, 2026, at 6 PM for a Work Session/Finance meeting.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:15 PM. No public comment offered. Public comment closed at 7:15 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Janke to adjourn at 7:16 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 6:30 PM at the Osceola Township Office Board Room.