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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2026, 6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on February 11, 2026, at 6:42 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 Wareham, supported by Janke, to approve the agenda as presented. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham, to accept the minutes from January 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes; and February 4, 2026, Special Meeting/Workgroup Minutes. AVIF

Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Janke, to approve the financial reports for: General, Road Fund, Mason Wastewater, TC Utility, and OT utility funds, as presented. AVIF

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

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:49 PM. Don Lee, a volunteer with the Northern Michigan Alliance for Responsible Development, sharing information and concerns about data centers, and the potential of them moving into this area. Additional information and concerns specifically about data centers were shared by Anna Proulx, an environmental engineering major at Michigan Tech, Berkeley Steinbrecher, third year Michigan Tech student, Nolan Wright, a Michigan Tech student, and Emma Goodman, a Michigan Tech student. Additional information, along with contact info, was left for the board. Public Comment closed at 7:02 PM.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: Written report submitted.
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted.
- c. OT Utility Board Action items: No action items.
- d. DBVFD: No report submitted.
- e. Dollar Bay First Responders: Written report submitted.
- f. TCVFD: Written report submitted for December and January.
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted. Charlie Westphal has resigned from the TC Utility committee. The committee has recommended that Katie Johnson, the previous alternate to the committee, fill the regular position. Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to appoint Katie Johnson as a regular member of the TC Utility committee, and to advertise the open alternate position. AVIF
- h. TLASA: Written report submitted.
- i. NHCWSA: Written report submitted from October 2025.
- j. Community Compost Site: No report submitted. The Electric Park location will not be able to be used due to the grant being used to purchase the land. It needs to be kept for recreational purposes, and it is not allowable to use it for anything else.
- k. Supervisor report: Mr. Halkola met with the township attorney last week about various issues. We are waiting for a written response from him with his official position about the different topics discussed. UPPCO street light Phase 3 with the correction was sent to Dave Paananen of UPPCO and we are waiting for his response. Board of

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Review March schedule is included in the packet. The organizational meeting and petition hearing dates are set. Budget meetings will begin taking place for the month of March to prepare for the beginning of FY 26-27. John Cima from the Road Commission heard different issues, among them wondering when the snow-go will be coming to Dollar Bay and Tamarack City. Also, a discussion about the summer schedule took place, but they are still waiting for their budget information to determine what projects they will take on this summer. Vet ad hoc committee will meet on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the main discussion will be about the brick paver project. The cannon carriage is still being worked on by the CCISD students, and the cannon is in storage. Dredge meeting is upcoming on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Let's Build Communities email in the packet. Torch Lake PAC meeting information is also included.

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. Water Project – updated at Utility Board meeting
- b. UPPCO Street Light Project, Phase 3 – update – Updated as part of the Supervisor's Report.
- c. Storage Shed Extension – Pending discussion during the budget meetings.

**Tabled Business:**

- a. Town Hall Meetings – leave on table

**New Business:**

- a. Principles of Governance – Informational, will revisit at the next regular board meeting.
- b. FY 26-27 Meeting Schedule – Proposed schedule was included in the packet. We will look at revisions for the couple of dates that fall on a holiday and present the final schedule prior to the end of this fiscal year.
- c. Special Meeting/Work Session #2 – week of February 23? – Meeting date was set for Monday, February 23, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

**Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 7:25 PM. Steve Klein – Wondered who was paying for the DBFD garage doors. Nolan Wright wanted to make him available for discussion after the meeting. Public comment closed at 7:26 PM.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Wareham to adjourn at 7:27 PM. AVIF

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