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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2025, 6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on April 9, 2025, at 6:32 PM at the Osceola Township Board Room. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Christina Gardner, and Don Wareham. Absent was Aaron Janke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Christina Gardner, supported by Wareham, to approve the agenda, with the addition under New Business – b. FOIA Request. AVIF

Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Wareham, to accept the minutes from the March 12, 2025, Board Meeting, and defer approving minutes from 3/20/25, 3/25/25, 3/27/25, 3/31/25 to the next meeting. AVIF

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

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

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:44 PM. No public comment was offered. Public Comment closed at 6:44 PM.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: No report submitted.
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted. Discussion about the old lawnmower – Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Wareham to advertise the mower for sale as-is, and accepting offers. AVIF
- c. OT Utility Board Action items: No action items. A Sensus rep will be coming soon. We will need a new touch reader soon as well.
- d. DBVFD: No report submitted.
- e. First Responders: Written report submitted.
- f. TCVFD: Written report submitted.
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted. Dick Supina from Traverse Engineering attended the meeting and discussed the Hubbell leak and how it affected the TC water system. A discussion of his recommendations took place. Motion by Wareham, supported by Christa Gardner to purchase a manhole hook, not to exceed \$500. Roll call vote: 4 yea; 0 nay; 1 absent. Motion carried.
- h. TLASA: Written report submitted.
- i. NHCWSA: No report submitted.
- j. Community Compost Site: No report submitted.
- k. Supervisor report: Had a meeting with the township attorney on April 11. He reviewed the utility board ordinance, blight/junk car ordinance. Discussed the residents claiming bankruptcy and their status with water. Talked to Tim Palosaari about removing junk cars. TL Pac meeting in May, newsletter is included. Dredge meeting will be at the end of April, there is increased interest in forming a non-profit to preserve the dredge, and a possible road side park. UPPCO has swapped out all of the bulbs, waiting for Dave P. to update. Phase 3 will be adding lighting in Tamarack City. Vet ad hoc committee will meet on April 28 to discuss the honor roll and upcoming Memorial

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Day activities. There will be a meeting with Marc Pieti at Upper Peninsula Water Co. next week. Spoke with Scott Hannula following the gas meter accident on the building

Unfinished Business:

- a. Water Project Plan – Updated at the utility meeting.
- b. UPPCO Street Light Project Plan – Update in supervisor’s report.
- c. Elm Avenue Gooseneck Project – Discussed at the utility meeting.
- d. CD’s – update – discussion on what the issues are with opening new CD’s at other banks.
- e. 2025 Township Road Projects – status – Road Commission quoted \$155,000 for Elm Ave from 5th to Main, and 1st Street around the corner by the dairy in Dollar Bay.

Tabled Business:

- a. Town Hall Meetings – leave on table

New Business:

- a. Work session/Special Meeting FY 25-26 (Project Resource Distribution) – date of 04/29/2025 at 5 PM at the township office.
- b. FOIA Request – Motion by Wareham, supported by Christina Gardner to waive the fees on a FOIA request due to a delay in producing the requested documents. AVIF

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:32 PM. Steve Klein asked why the township is filing an insurance claim, when the accident wasn’t our fault. He also questioned why are we not using the dangerous building ordinance with the junk car ordinance. Also wondered about the bankruptcy resident – are they currently paying the monthly set amount, or that amount and their current bill. Rick Greub had a question about the bankruptcy mentioned, and it is not the township, but a resident in the township on the water system. Also wondered about paying the fire chiefs. Since they are a township employee, they should be paid out of general fund revenue, especially since they hold the brunt of the responsibility. Public comment closed at 7:48 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Christina Gardner, supported by Wareham to adjourn at 7:48 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 6:30 PM at the Osceola Township office Board Room.