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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2023, 6:15 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on April 12, 2023, at 6:33 PM at the Osceola Township office Board Room. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Aaron Janke, and Don Wareham. Absent was Dominique DiVito.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Wareham, supported by Gardner to approve the agenda, with additions under New Business: g. Pioneer Park Request, h. Garbage Pick-up. AVIF

Motion by Wareham, supported by Gardner to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2023, Board Meeting; March 27, 2023, Budget Work Session; and the March 29, 2023, Budget Public Hearing and Special Meeting Minutes. AVIF

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

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

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:39 PM. No public comment was offered. Public Comment closed at 6:40 PM.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: Written report submitted.
- b. Maintenance: No report – he has been out of town.
- c. OT Utility Board Action items: Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to accept the recommendations of the Utility Board that no action be taken on the water relief request; and to pay for registration and mileage to the conference on May 17, and the Harris conference. We will contact Franklin Township about splitting the cost of the Harris conference but will send Jim to the conference either way. Roll call vote: 4 yea, 0 nay, 1 absent. Motion passed.
- d. DBVFD: No report.
- e. First Responders: Written report submitted.
- f. TCVFD: Written report submitted.
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted.
- h. TLSA: Written report submitted.
- i. Supervisor report: Board of Review minutes are done and sent to equalization; M26 and 6th Street in Tamarack City, spoke with the property owner and got an update on his intentions for the property; Baseball field was turned down for a PHF grant, still looking for a solution with the insurance to get the Youth Baseball grant; 23-24 plans with the Road Commission are in process; Houghton County Rec Authority meets quarterly, got an update on the snowmobile trail repairs; Torch Lake PAC met in March, info in packet; meeting scheduled with Township Attorney on April 20; nothing new with the Burcar property/snowmobile trail offer; Wuebben Construction has begun ditching in Dollar Bay, submitted a proposal for \$5,000 to do the ditching.

Motion by Gardner, supported by Janke to approve the proposal from Wuebben Construction for up to \$5,000 on ditching in Dollar Bay. Roll call vote: 4 yea, 0 nay, 1 absent. Motion passed.

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Vet banners will go up mid-May before Memorial Day weekend; the dredge grant application was submitted; Jim Tourtillott is keeping an eye on the Hungarian creek and any beaver activity; ditches in Dollar Bay are open and flowing and being monitored daily.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Water Project Plan – update – Andrew Keranen from UPEA had a written update, as well as verbal. They are currently working on the plan and are looking at several alternatives to include in the project plan. Public Hearings need to be held by mid-May, with a 15-day prior notice on the website or in the newspaper. Two public hearings are being suggested, one in Dollar Bay and one in Tamarack City. A resolution needs to be adopted after the public hearings.
- b. GIS Mapping Request – Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to approve the request to hire Waisanen Assessing and GIS Mapping to complete Osceola Township's GIS mapping in the amount of \$4,800. Roll call vote: 4 yea, 0 nay, 1 absent. Motion passed.
- c. Vet Honor Roll – update – Judy Odgers gave a verbal update on what has taken place with the honor roll. July 3 will be a rededication of the Honor Roll. So far there are 304 names confirmed for the board.

Tabled Business:

- a. Elm Street restoration plan – leave on table.

New Business:

- a. Town Hall meetings – general discussion – will be discussed in more detail at the May meeting.
- b. Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines – Motion by Janke, supported by Gardner to approve the Federal Income Guidelines for our Poverty Exemption application for 2023 and 2024. AVIF
- c. Dollar General Project – request – After discussion, it was concluded that more information is needed before any decisions can be made.
- d. Proposed Finance Meeting – April – Date and time of Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 5:15 PM was selected.
- e. A-1 Toilets – Informational
- f. P2 Fire Department Computer – Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to approve the purchase of a new computer in the amount of \$1,048. Roll call vote: 4 yea, 0 nay, 1 absent. Motion passed.
- g. Pioneer Park Request – Motion by Janke, supported by Gardner to allow the use of Pioneer Park for a Farmer's Market for the summer of 2023. AVIF
- h. Garbage Pick-up – Informational about community members doing a pickup again this summer.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:47 PM. Judy Odgers has information about memorial bricks that can be purchased and placed at the honor roll site. Will investigate for next summer. Cindy Barth got help in the office while the treasurer was out. She is questioning why the treasurer is not present, and wondered if there could be an update at the next meeting.

Public comment closed at 7:50 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to adjourn at 7:50 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 6:15 PM in the Osceola Township Board Room.