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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2025, 6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on May 14, 2025, at 7:21 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 agendas presented. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham, to accept the minutes from the March 20, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes; March 25, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes; March 27, 2025, Public Hearing and Special Meeting Minutes; March 31, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes; April 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes; April 28, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to approve the financial reports for: 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 7:25 PM. No public comment was offered. Public Comment closed at 7:26 PM.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: Written report submitted. Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham for a Guideline for Poverty Exemption Resolution. Roll call vote: 5 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried. There was also a discussion about an idea to restructure two properties between Osceola and Franklin Townships.
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted.
- c. OT Utility Board Action items: Motion by Janke, supported by Christa Gardner to pay the 1st Pay Application of \$11,081.75. Roll call vote: 5 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.
Motion by Wareham, supported by Christa Gardner for a resolution adopting a final project planning document for water system improvements. Roll call vote: 5 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.
Motion by Janke, supported by Christina Gardner for a resolution to amend the water rates. Roll call vote: 5 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.
- d. DBVFD: No report submitted.
- e. First Responders: Written report submitted.
- f. TCVFD: Written report submitted.
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted. Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham, to accept the recommendation of the Tamarack City Utility Board to appoint Steven W. as a member, and Katie J. as an alternate. Roll call vote: 4 yea, 1 nay. Motion carried.
- h. TLASA: Written report submitted.
- i. NHCWSA: No report submitted.
- j. Community Compost Site: Written report submitted.
- k. Supervisor report: Ben Larson from Moyle wants to meet with Mary Sears from Franklin Township and Mark about a sewer project at the Coast Guard Station. Ben was invited to our June meeting. Lots of ballfield use

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through May and June. The street lighting is all done. Planning a meeting with Pat. Scott is looking into security cameras, due to the uptick in vandalism across the township.

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 – Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to move \$100,000 out of the general fund at Superior National Bank, to a CD at a bank with the best available rate and timeframe. Authorized signers will be: Christina Gardner, Treasurer; Dan Wenberg, Deputy Treasurer; Christa Gardner, Clerk; Traci Houle, Deputy Clerk. Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to move \$176,000 out of the general fund at Superior National Bank, to a CD at a bank with the best available rate and timeframe. Authorized signers will be: Christina Gardner, Treasurer; Dan Wenberg, Deputy Treasurer; Christa Gardner, Clerk; Traci Houle, Deputy Clerk. Roll call vote: 5 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.
- e. 2025 Township Road Projects – status – Motion by Janke, supported by Christina Gardner to approve the dust control agreement from the Houghton County Road Commission for \$8,200, and the road paving for Elm Avenue and 1st Street for \$170,000. Roll call vote: 5 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried. Motion by Janke, supported by Christa Gardner to authorize Supervisor Mark Halkola to change the existing agreement with the road commission or create a new one to add maintenance strips on Elm and Fir Avenues by Main Street and a potential structure adjustment on Fir Avenue storm drains, using funds from the road fund. AVIF

Tabled Business:

- a. Town Hall Meetings – leave on table

New Business:

- a. Poverty Exemption Resolution – done under assessor’s report.
- b. Audit Agreement – Motion by Janke, supported by Christa Gardner to authorize Supervisor Halkola to sign the audit agreement with Rukkila, Negro. Roll call vote: 5 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.
- c. Playtime in the Park – Motion by Wareham, supported by Christa Gardner to honor the request of the Tree House Family Resources to make the TC Park available in the Playtime in the Park rotation. AVIF

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 8:41 PM. No public comment was offered. Public comment closed at 8:41 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Wareham, supported by Christa Gardner to adjourn at 8:42 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:30 PM at the Tamarack City Fire Hall.