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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2025, 6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on June 11, 2025, at 6:49 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 Christina Gardner, supported by Wareham, to approve the agendas presented. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham, to accept the minutes from May 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes. AVIF

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

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

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:56 PM. No public comment was offered. Public Comment closed at 6:56 PM.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: No report submitted.
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted. Discussion about person camping at Sandy Bottom, cameras and police presence is needed. Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to sell the old riding mower, and accept Franklin Township's offer of \$600. AVIF
- c. OT Utility Board Action items: Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Wareham to approve the change order increase by \$61,400.40 and Pay application #2 in the amount of \$119,035.40. 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: No report submitted.
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted. There was a recommendation from the TC Utility Board to implement the collections procedure that exists toward the property owners who will be claiming bankruptcy. Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to accept the recommendation. AVIF
Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Wareham to accept the amended offer from TES for \$3,800. After a discussion took place about the TES amended offer, motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Wareham to withdraw the motion. Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Janke to table this issue to the next board meeting. AVIF

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Approval is requested to allow MJO to clean the standpipes in Tamarack City at an hourly rate of \$208 per hour, and the high estimate to complete would be 4 hours. Motion by Wareham, supported by Christina Gardner to authorize up to \$1,000 to MJO to clean the standpipes. Roll call vote: 5 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.

- h. TLASA: Written report submitted.
- i. NHCWSA: Written report submitted. The vac truck will be coming to Dollar Bay to clean the drains.
- j. Community Compost Site: Evan Lanese, WUPPDR gave an update on the status of the project. The Electric Park property is ideal, as it is centrally located to all communities that may use it. Grants continued being sought, but not hopeful for the 20 million startup funds. Started looking at different models (non-profit or for-profit) it seems as if starting an LLC would be the best option for our area. Discussion took place about leasing public land to a for-profit company. It needs to be discussed with the township attorney to find out what is allowable with public land.
- k. Supervisor report: Blight enforcement will begin when Scott is back from vacation, beginning with junk cars and garbage. There will be a letter of notice and working with Tim Palosaari to help haul junk cars away. Emergency phones and security cameras are being investigated. The bad tree in TC Park is down. The concrete wall in the park has been painted gray. Grub control is being done by Halonen. UPPCO lighting project: bulbs have all been swapped out. Many new lights have gone up. Phase 3 will include new lights and poles in Tamarack City. Dust control begins next week. Maple Street in Tamarack City was bored out. The roadbed is in good shape. There is currently 1 ½" of blacktop. It doesn't need immediate attention. We are requesting to be on the Road Commission's 5-year plan. The sink holes at TC Park were taken care of by Zimmnick. All vet banners are up.

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 – Finally done. Total of 2 CD's were opened at SNB. Needs signatures from all signers.
- e. Township Road Projects – status – Discussion about maintenance strips on Elm and Fir and drains on Fir in Dollar Bay.

Tabled Business:

- a. Town Hall Meetings – leave on table

New Business:

- a. Special meeting – Franklin Township sewer idea/Ben Larson, Moyle – Ben discussed a potential project with Franklin Township to run the sewer line from Ripley down to the edge of Dollar Bay, at the Coast Guard station. There seems to be interest in seeking a sewer line among community members. Discussion to schedule a public meeting to hear about the potential of this project/partnership. Ben distributed materials to the board members.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 8:25 PM. Jim Siira asked about whether there were power outlets in the light poles. Also had a question about the potential sewer project. Public comment closed at 8:27 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Christina Gardner to adjourn at 8:27 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 6:30 PM at the Osceola Township office Board Room.