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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2022, 6:15 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on August 10, 2022, at 6:32 PM at the Osceola Township Office Board Room. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Dominique DiVito, Aaron Janke, and Don Wareham.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to approve the agenda, with an addition under New Business: D. Camera. AVIF

Motion by Wareham, supported by Gardner to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2022, meeting, and the July 27, 2022, Special Meeting. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to approve the financial reports for the General, Road, Mason Wastewater, TC water, and OT water funds. AVIF

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

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:37 PM. Kellie Louma asked about where to obtain meeting documents prior to the meeting. Kristin Lortie mentioned that water bills usually include sewer; the Road Millage passed; reiterated she was against the road millage being done at an August election; said that the resolutions for the pay increases weren't done and wants the board to provide additional information. Horst Schmidt mentioned the Tamarack City and Osceola water boards, and the work being done on the water and sewage rates and employee/elected official wages, and said he appreciates the work being done. Public Comment closed at 6:44 PM.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: Written report submitted. Laura was present and answered board questions and discussed the tabled TC Land split.
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted. Has been visiting all alleys in Dollar Bay with Mark.
- c. OT Water Board Action items: Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to approve up to \$2,000 for a box of radios. AVIF Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to approve the revised water rate structure for both Osceola and Tamarack City water systems, to take effect October 1st, and resolutions to be passed at the September Board meeting. AVIF
- d. DBVFD: None provided
- e. First Responders: None provided.
- f. TCVFD: Written report submitted.
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted.
- h. TLSA: Written report submitted.
- i. Supervisor report: July BOR minutes were sent to equalization department and will be approved at the December BOR meeting; Houghton Co. Rec Authority met August 8 and discussed snowmobile trail through private

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property. Looking into an offer of \$10,000 and getting the site surveyed; 5-year rec plan has one applicant; meeting about baseball field; meeting about the dredge on August 23; Houghton County Road Commission sealing the TC roads; dust control is done and invoiced to the residents who requested additional; boxes are up monitoring traffic patterns; brushing was done at a stop sign; ARPA money is all in; overflow parking has been addressed by Mr. Janke with Traverse Engineering; CJS from Baraga County will be doing street line painting in September; Julio Contracting is closing, will need to bid out ditching in the spring; ARPA funds project ideas needed; Township needs a new truck.

Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to authorize Mr. Halkola to do a change order for up to \$6,000 additional to MJO for work at the Sandy Bottom overflow parking by the sand pit. AVIF

Unfinished Business:

- a. Little Free Library – Waiting on additional guidance from our attorney’s office.

Tabled Business:

- a. Elm Street restoration plan – information is being gathered
- b. Tamarack City land split request – Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to inform Mr. Drebert that additional information is being sought. He will have 30 days to provide additional information. AVIF
- c. Erhart Assessing Contract, status – Employee vs. contact – meeting with attorney

New Business:

- a. New Treasurer – Dominique DiVito
- b. FY 22-23 General Fund Budget – The salary table was explained, and additional discussion on the Road Fund partnership with the Road Commission and Houghton County Board of Commissioners was discussed.
- c. Township Bank Accounts – Signers: Motion by Gardner, supported by Janke to remove Tina Carlson-Vettori and Mary Ringler as signers, and add Dominique DiVito, Township Treasurer, Christina Gardner, Deputy Treasurer, and keep Christa Gardner, Township Clerk, Traci Houle, Deputy Clerk on all Township bank accounts, which include: all 4 accounts at Superior National Bank; 1 account at Range Bank; 2 accounts at Miner’s State Bank; and 1 account at Incredible Bank. AVIF
- d. Cameras – Range Telecommunications presented information to Ms. Gardner about the state election law requiring outdoor collection areas to have video surveillance on the receptacle. After discussion, a motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to approve the quote from Range Telecommunications to install a camera and recording device, not to exceed \$1,250. AVIF

12. Public Comment: Public comment opened at 8:02 PM. Horst Schmidt suggested a plan for maintenance and replacement of a little free library be put in place. Kim Snyder requested painting be done around the hydrant at Fir and Main Street. Also asked for a storm drain near her property on Fir. Kristin Lortie requested that virtual meetings be available. Not clear on what the clerk and treasurer does for the water systems. Wonders if the \$191,000 ARPA funds are different from \$191,000 Road Funds. Wishes to participate in the 5-year rec plan.
Public comment closed at 8:07 PM.

13. Adjourn: Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to adjourn at 8:08 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 6:15 PM at the Osceola Township office Board Room.