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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2024, 6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on September 11, 2024, at 6:31 PM at the Osceola Township Board Room. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Christina Gardner, Don Wareham, and Aaron Janke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Christina Gardner, supported by Christa Gardner, to approve the agenda as presented. AVIF

Motion by Wareham, supported by Christina Gardner to accept the minutes from the August 14, 2024, Board Meeting. AVIF

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

Motion by Janke, 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 6:45 PM. No public comment was offered. Public Comment closed at 6:46 PM.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: No report submitted.
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted.
- c. OT Utility Board Action items: None
- d. DBVFD: No report submitted.
- e. First Responders: Written report submitted.
- f. TCVFD: Written report submitted.
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted. Discussion on galvanized pipe issue in TC.
- h. TLASA: Written report submitted.
- i. NHCWSA: Two reports submitted.
- j. Community Compost Site: Written report submitted.
- i. Supervisor report: First working draft of ARPA spending plan is done. Updated and reviewed the generator agreement with Franklin Township. All light poles have been examined in Dollar Bay. On the east side of town all the poles run in the alley. One recommendation will be to increase the wattage from 100 to 150. Torch Lake PAC met; materials are included. Houghton County MTA met, discussion about a legislative forum prior to the election. Upcoming meeting with Pat. Ad hoc Vet committee meeting coming up.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Water Project Plan – Action Items – update done at Utility Meeting.
- b. UPPCO Street Light Project Plan – update – Done under supervisor’s report.
- c. Elm Avenue Gooseneck Project – Done under supervisor’s report.
- d. Franklin Township Joint Venture – to approve at the special meeting.

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Tabled Business:

- a. Town Hall Meetings – leave on table (suggested topic – 2024 Election).

New Business:

- a. FY 24-25 Budget Amendments – Special Meeting – Set for September 23, 2023, at 6:00 PM
- b. MTA Regional Meeting – 10-03-2024 Marquette – no current interest in going
- c. Houghton County Materials Management Plan – informational included in packet
- d. Voter Information - informational included in packet

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:24 PM. Ron Kokkonen mentioned that the water truck needs new tires. He also appreciated the AC in the Board Room tonight. Public comment closed at 7:27 PM.

Motion by Janke, supported by Christa Gardner to approve up to \$1,500 for new winter tires from the Tire Shop on the Water Department truck. Roll call vote: 5 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to adjourn at 7:28 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 6:30 PM at the Tamarack City Fire Hall.