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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes  
October 8, 2025, 6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on October 8, 2025, at 6:53 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 Christina Gardner, to approve the agenda adding under Unfinished Business, d. Storage Shed Extension. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham, to accept the minutes from September 10, 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 with the understanding that we will amend at the special finance meeting later this month. AVIF

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

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:59 PM. No public comment offered. Public Comment closed at 7:00 PM.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: Written report submitted.
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted.
- c. OT Utility Board Action items: No action items.
- d. DBVFD: No report submitted.
- e. Dollar Bay First Responders: Written report submitted.
- f. TCVFD: Written report submitted.
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted. Discussion about the shed over at the TC well.
- h. TLASA: Written report submitted.
- i. NHCWSA: No report submitted.
- j. Community Compost Site: No report submitted.
- k. Supervisor report: John Cima from the Houghton County Road Commission plans to attend the meeting in December. Vet ad-hoc committee met, and we may need to open an account for contributions to go to. Additional information in the packet. Meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> for the dredge committee. Information in the packet. Set a date for the finance meeting. There is a quick budget summary from MTA, outlining our revenue sharing being reduced. Additional funding opportunities will also become available in the form of grants. Earned sick time law passed, we need to have available for employees. Met with UPPCO representatives today to discuss phase 3. NHCWSA vac truck needs repairs, we are still on the schedule to get Dollar Bay done.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Water Project – updated at the Utility Board meeting.
- b. UPPCO Street Light Project, Phase 3 – update – Updated in the Supervisor’s Report.
- c. Township Budget Amendments – Meeting set for Monday, October 20, 2025, at 6 PM at the Township office.

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- d. Storage Shed Extension – Hoping to seek a proposal so that the items that are currently outside would be stored away so that they are out of the elements. Seek bids, give the contractors the plans, and discuss at the next meeting.

Tabled Business:

- a. Town Hall Meetings – leave on table

New Business:

- a. SNB Loan Signers – We do not need to change signers on the loans; a letter needs to be submitted to the bank authorizing people to be able to discuss it on behalf of the township. Moved by Janke, supported by Wareham to sign and send the letter authorizing the Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer as official representatives on our loans at Superior National Bank. AVIF
- b. Veteran’s Brick Fundraiser Account – informational – discussed under Supervisor’s Report

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:33 PM. Steve Klein asked about a light on Bunker Hill, whether the township pays for it or not, since it’s on a private road. Recommends discussing things directly with the building inspector, rather than members of the staff. Discussed previous plans for the building at the TC well, and what the obstacles were, and how to keep the cost down. Jim Siira mentioned that the trailers might need touch ups due to rust from sitting outside. Public comment closed at 7:39 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to adjourn at 7:40 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 6:30 PM at the Osceola Township Office Board Room.