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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2024, 6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on October 9, 2024, at 6:58 PM at the Osceola Township Board Room. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christina Gardner, Don Wareham, and Aaron Janke. Absent was Christa Gardner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke, to approve the agenda as presented. AVIF

Motion by Wareham, supported by Christina Gardner to accept the minutes from the September 11, 2024, Board Meeting, and September 30, 2024, Special Meeting. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to table acceptance the financial reports for the General, Road, Mason Wastewater, TC utility, and OT utility funds, until the November meeting. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to table acceptance of payment of the bills until the November meeting: General, Road, Mason Wastewater, TC utility, and OT utility funds. AVIF

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:05 PM. No public comment was offered. Public Comment closed at 7:06 PM.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: Written report submitted.
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted.
- c. OT Utility Board Action items: Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to explore if there is an appropriate methodology for covering costs associated with training of employees, if so, cover Andrew Goldsworthy's costs for the training he received. Roll call vote: 4 yea, 0 nay, 1 absent. 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.
- h. TLASA: Written report submitted.
- i. NHCWSA: Written report submitted.
- j. Community Compost Site: No update this month.
- i. Supervisor report: Park rangers used the TC Park for a project as a backdrop. There is interest from Quincy Hoist on the dredge, meeting on October 10. Met with John Cima about the spring road project on Elm Avenue, speed limit signs. The forum that was set to meet for the 110<sup>th</sup> district has been cancelled. Looking at the junk car ordinance, as it is the most common blight complaint. Torch Lake PAC meets next Tuesday. Met with Pat Greeley on the inter-township agreement and some fire department questions.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Water Project Plan – Action Items – update done at Utility Meeting.

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- b. UPPCO Street Light Project Plan – update – Supervisor Halkola has finished the pole survey and identifying dark spots. 39 lights are scheduled in Dollar Bay to be upgraded, with 18 lights to be added to existing poles by winter. Motion to increase the addition of lights from 18 to 22. Roll call vote: 4 yea, 0 nay, 1 absent. Motion carried.
- c. Elm Avenue Gooseneck Project – Done under supervisor’s report.
- d. Franklin Township Joint Venture – Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to execute and sign the agreement immediately. Roll call vote: 4 yea, 0 nay, 1 absent. Motion carried.
- e. FY24-25 Draft Budget Amendments – Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to table until the November meeting. AVIF Additional discussion about CD’s. Deposit amounts, bank names, percentages and time frames need to be figured out and finalized in township minutes.

**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 7:52 PM. No public comment was offered. Public comment closed at 7:53 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Wareham, supported by Christina Gardner to adjourn at 7:53 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 6:30 PM at the Osceola Township office Board Room.