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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2022, 6:15 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on October 12, 2022, at 6:40 PM at the Tamarack City Fire Hall. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Dominique DiVito, and Aaron Janke. Absent was Don Wareham.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Janke, supported by DiVito to approve the agenda, moving item B. under New Business to Public Comment. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Gardner to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2022. AVIF

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

Motion by DiVito, 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 6:46 PM. Andrew Keranen from UPEA presented the board with a water funding opportunity. The State of Michigan Drinking Water Fund has \$500 million of ARPA and Infrastructure money available. It is competitive and requires an Intent to Apply form by November 1. The township could qualify for up to 75% grant. Motion by Gardner, supported by DiVito to authorize UPEA to submit an ITA to EGLE for funding of \$8 million. 3 yay; 0 nay; 1 abstain; 1 absent. Motion passed.
Public Comment closed at 7:31 PM.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: Written report submitted.
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted.
- c. OT Water Board Action items: Motion by Janke, supported by DiVito to accept the recommendation of the Water Board to store the mowers at the Julio Boar Yard for the winter at \$4 per square foot. 4 yay; 0 nay; 1 absent. Motion passed.
Motion by DiVito, supported by Gardner to accept the recommendation of the Water Board to pursue a new water truck with UPEA. 3 yay; 0 nay; 1 abstain; 1 absent. Motion passed.
- d. DBVFD: Written report submitted.
- e. First Responders: No report submitted.
- f. TCVFD: Written report submitted.
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted.
- h. TLSA: Written report submitted.
- i. Supervisor report: Working on blight issues within the township; snowmobile trail will be surveyed the week of October 17th by LeClaire Geoservices; dredge ad hoc committee meeting upcoming; line painting completed; road commission projects for summer 2023 need to be submitted ASAP [Special Meeting, October 26 at 5:30 PM]; Houghton County Rec Authority meeting next week; Baseball field update – Aaron updated about last

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week's meeting. Cost will be around \$25,000 to do field repairs. Looking into people donating time/materials in exchange for putting business signage on the outfield fence. LL-H Coach looking into a grant.

Motion by Janke, supported by DiVito to approve up to \$8,000 of current baseball field funds, and fund balance funds for field repair, and committing to partner with interested parties (Moyle, LL-H Coach, etc.). 4 yay, 0 nay, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Torch Lake PAC meeting next week – meeting with EGLE about remediating areas in Torch Lake (Hubbell specifically); meeting with Pat about several items on Wednesday; 5-Year Rec Plan survey

Unfinished Business:

- a. Approve TCFD requests – Motion by Gardner, supported by DiVito to pay the fire departments a \$100 fee for set-up and cleaning for elections; \$25/meeting of the utility board; \$50/hydrant per year to shovel out, effective April 1, 2022. 4 yay; 0 nay; 1 absent. Motion passed.
- b. Retroactive hourly pay – Motion was made by Gardner, supported by DiVito, and then withdrew. Motion by Janke, supported by DiVito for a one-time retroactive pay for hourly employees, back to the beginning of the 22-23 fiscal year. 3 yay; 0 nay; 1 abstain; 1 absent.

Tabled Business:

- a. Elm Street restoration plan – nothing to discuss

New Business:

- a. FY 21-22 Audit – everyone received a copy.
- b. UPEA – Andrew Keranen – Water system funding opportunity – Previously addressed under public comment.

12. Public Comment: Public comment opened at 8:00 PM. Judy Odgers updated that \$4,000 has been raised so far for the Veteran's Honor Roll. She is seeking a donation from the Township Board. This will be discussed at our October 26 meeting. Steve Klein mentioned that Torch Lake was able to donate to Hubbell's Veteran's Honor Roll efforts and wondered if we had contacted them.

Public comment closed at 8:12 PM.

13. Adjourn: Motion by Janke, supported by DiVito to adjourn at 8:12 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 6:15 PM at the Osceola Township Board Room.