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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2023, 6:15 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on November 8, 2023, at 6:27 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 Christina Gardner, supported by Wareham, to approve the agenda as presented. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Christina Gardner to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2023, Board Meeting; and the minutes of the October 25, 2023, Special Meeting. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Christa Gardner to accept the financial reports for the General, Road, Mason Wastewater, TC utility, and OT utility funds. AVIF

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

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:37 PM.

Jim Siira mentioned that he and Wayne were at a wastewater training in Marquette on the 18th and 19th. Public Comment closed at 6:38 PM.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: Written report submitted.
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted.
- c. OT Utility Board Action items: No action items.
- d. DBVFD: Written report submitted.
- e. First Responders: No report.
- f. TCVFD: Written report submitted.
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted.
- h. TLASA: Written report submitted.
- i. NHCWSA: No report.
- i. Supervisor report: Majority of road work has been completed; we have been invoiced. There are still signs that need replacing. There have been several calls about deteriorating conditions of roads on the North end, which is a gravel road that needs grading. Tim Palosaari has made significant progress with six loads moved. Winter parking notices are out. We've received an offer from Wuebben to put in a new cover on the vault at Fir and 5th, pump it and identify where the water is going. Storm drains were pumped by NHCWSA. TLPAC meeting material in packet, November 21 is the next meeting. Vet Honor roll group met, pizza will be had for all who contributed at Quincy's on Friday from 1:00 – 2:30PM. The UPPCO master agreement is still not done, waiting for final inspection. Working with Andy from UPEA on truck grants. The phone system failed last week, contacted Baraga Telephone for a quote on a new system. In the meantime, a new battery pack was purchased, and it is up and running again. There is an MTU class looking to do storm draining planning, with a meeting set for November 16. Working on a list for an upcoming meeting with the township attorney. Continue to work on ARPA spending plan.

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Unfinished Business:

- a. Water Project Plan – Letter of Interest – update: Discussed at the utility meeting.
- b. Dollar General Project – On hold until next summer.
- c. Snowmobile Trail update – The trail is complete. Matt Torreano from the DNR is working on a solution in Tamarack City. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in Dollar Bay on November 30.

Tabled Business:

- a. Elm Street restoration plan – leave on table.
- b. Town Hall Meetings – leave on table.

New Business:

- a. County Designated Assessor agreement: Discussed under assessor report. Motion by Wareham, supported by Christina Gardner to table to the December meeting to allow time to forward questions to the County.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:18 PM. No public comment was offered. Public comment closed at 7:18 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Janke to adjourn at 7:19 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 6:15 PM at the Osceola Township Board Room.