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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2025, 6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on November 12, 2025, at 6:54 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 Wareham, to approve the agenda adding under Unfinished Business, c. Storage Shed Extension. AVIF

Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke, to accept the minutes from October 8, 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 to be scheduled for some time in December. 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 7:09 PM. Ron Kokkonen mentioned a hole that was dug, and the uncertainty of how deep it would be, it made sense to call someone with bigger equipment. Jim Siira wondered if standpipes referred to sewer or water. Steve Klein said that the curb stop that was hit should have been moved when the system was put in. Also, it is his belief that the backhoe can dig 7 feet deep. Public Comment closed at 7:12 PM.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: No 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. Additional notes were shared from the meeting last Monday. Discussion took place.
- h. TLASA: Written report submitted.
- i. NHCWSA: No report submitted. Vac truck is scheduled to come to Dollar Bay this week.
- j. Community Compost Site: No report submitted.
- k. Supervisor report: Need to reschedule a finance meeting to amend budgets. Audit is complete and an exit interview is scheduled for next week. Met with John Cima at the Road Commission. He will be attending the December board meeting. Revenue loss will be occurring from the budget passed by the state from the state revenue sharing, amount is uncertain. The Vet ad-hoc committee met. There were issues raised about the township being involved in raising money for the brick fundraiser, they are considering going through the VFW in Hubbell to assist. Dredge ad-hoc meeting will take place later this month. We are still waiting for the remaining paperwork from the bank to verify that the early payments from the fire department loans can take place. CDs have matured;

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we are seeking better rates and hopeful of hearing from the bank soon. Sick time policy is part of our personnel policy and needs to be operational for applicable employees.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Water Project – updated at the Utility Board meeting.
- b. UPPCO Street Light Project, Phase 3 – update – 56 lights that still need to be upgraded. New lighting in various areas in and around Dollar Bay, Tamarack City. Proposal is being put together to submit to UPPCO. Prior to submission it will be reviewed by the board.
- c. Storage Shed Extension – Still seeking proposals for an extension.

Tabled Business:

- a. Town Hall Meetings – leave on table

New Business:

- a. Houghton County Rec Authority – Reappoint 3-year term – Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to appoint Osceola Township Supervisor to represent Osceola Township at the Houghton County Recreation Board.
- b. BOR Alternate Member – We have one applicant that is interested in serving as an alternate. Will act on at the December board meeting.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:54 PM. Steve Klein asked about the dredge ad-hoc committee, and if there is rent paid to meet at the township office. Public comment closed at 7:56 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Janke to adjourn at 7:56 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 6:30 PM at the Osceola Township Office Board Room.