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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2022, 6:15 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on November 16, 2022, at 6:47 PM at the Tamarack City Fire Hall. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Aaron Janke, and Don Wareham. Absent was Dominique DiVito.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Gardner, supported by Janke to approve the agenda, with additions under New Business – C. DBOR Resolution; D. Authorize Clerk as primary admin. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Gardner to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2022 and the minutes of the October 26, 2022 Special Meeting. AVIF

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

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

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:54 PM. Judy Odgers offered comment about the Veteran's Honor Roll. Motion by Janke, supported by Gardner to move item C. Veteran's Honor Roll to public comment for immediate discussion. AVIF

Ms. Odgers discussed how it was her hope for the Township to take ownership of the Honor Roll once the repairs and upgrades are complete. She also hopes it will be done by Memorial Day. Many entities are contributing to this project. Mr. Halkola sought guidance from our legal counsel. It is allowable for us to contribute because it is historically significant. Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to authorize up to \$6,000 to the Honor Roll project, designating its historical significance. 4 yay; 0 nay; 1 absent. Motion passed.

Public Comment closed at 7:00 PM.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: No report submitted.
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted.
- c. OT Water Board Action items: No action items
- d. DBVFD: Written report submitted.
- e. First Responders: September and October report submitted.
- f. TCVFD: Written report submitted.
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted.
- h. TLSA: Written report submitted.
- i. Supervisor report: Parking notices are out; 22-23 amended budgets will be presented in December; ITA for the drinking water was submitted with a webinar meeting on November 30; ditching issues were taken care of by maintenance; reminder we need to seek bids this winter for the major town ditching that was previously done by Julio; a new water truck might be 55% covered, waiting on UPEA; baseball field fall work was done, grant is

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being sought; Semco is doing work in and around Dollar Bay; dredge is not owned by the township; blight continues to be worked on; talks with Calumet Township about a shared enforcement officer; road commission information in packet with quotes on summer road work; new sign by Point Mills area, cost to be shared with Torch Lake Township; Houghton County Rec Authority is now official; Range Telecommunications installed the drop box camera; snowmobile trail survey was done, waiting for paperwork from LeClaire; ice rink boards were damaged in a wind storm, TKE came and repaired; Board of Review needs a resolution for December meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- a. VFW Building Purchase, status of – Resolution: Closing is on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Resolution offered by Janke, supported by Wareham. 4 yay; 0 nay; 1 absent. Resolution passed.
- b. 5-Year Rec Plan update – committee meeting November 17 to go over survey results.
- c. Veterans Honor Roll – done under Public Comment.

Tabled Business:

- a. Elm Street restoration plan – nothing to discuss

New Business:

- a. MDOT Sign – DB-TC School Request – Motion by Wareham, supported by Gardner in favor of signage to recognize athletic achievement/championship athletic teams by MDOT. AVIF
- b. TLSA request – amendment to our agreement (service charge rate increase) – Motion by Janke, supported by Gardner to request TLSA amend our agreement to increase the service charge rate from \$0.38 to \$1.25. AVIF
- c. DBOR Resolution – Resolution offered by Wareham, supported by Janke. 4 yay; 0 nay; 1 absent. Resolution passed.
- d. Authorize Clerk as primary admin – Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to authorize Clerk Christa Gardner to be authorized as the primary administrator for the Township QuickBooks account. AVIF

12. Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:54 PM. No public comment was offered.  
Public comment closed at 7:55 PM.

13. Adjourn: Motion by Gardner, supported by Wareham to adjourn at 7:55 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 6:15 PM at the Osceola Township Board Room.