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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2025, 6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on December 10, 2025, at 7:15 PM at the Osceola Township Board Room. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Christina Gardner, and Aaron Janke. Absent was Don Wareham.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Janke, supported by Christina Gardner, to approve the agenda with an addition under New Business, A. Special Meeting. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Christa Gardner, to accept the minutes from November 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Christina Gardner, to approve the financial reports for: General, Mason Wastewater, TC Utility, and OT utility funds. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Christa Gardner for payment of the bills: General, Mason Wastewater, TC utility, and OT utility funds. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:20 PM. Katie Johnson asked if we had a quote for lighting in Tamarack City. Suggested International Dark Sky Association to help with lighting but not add to light pollution. Ron Kokkonen questioned who is responsible for the bill if a leak is detected, and a lead gooseneck is discovered, and therefore replaced. Public Comment closed at 7:31 PM.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: No report submitted.
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted.
- c. OT Utility Board Action items: Motion by Janke, supported by Christina Gardner to pay \$3,658.79 for Range Telecommunications equipment and installation at the Dollar Bay well and pump house. Roll call vote: 4 yea, 0 nay, 1 absent. Motion carried.
- d. DBVFD: No report submitted.
- e. Dollar Bay First Responders: Written report submitted.
- f. TCVFD: No report submitted.
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted.
- h. TLASA: Written report submitted.
- i. NHCWSA: No report submitted.
- j. Community Compost Site: Written report submitted.
- k. Supervisor report: Road Commission did not attend the December board meeting. They are waiting on final budget numbers so that they can answer questions and will likely attend the January board meeting. TCVFD principal payment to the building loan is still in question. FY 24-25 audit is done. Hard copies are still coming. Dollar Bay water storage extension was discussed with Jay Reed who provided drawings for a proposed extension. Discussion about the extension took place. BOR met on Tuesday. Torch Lake Sewage Authority bylaws were looked at regarding length of terms of service. There was a project from EGLE that wasn't completed, and the money that was received will need to be returned. Houghton County Rec Authority has bylaws that need changing.

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Vet ad hoc committee met, information in packet. The cannon was removed, and the Vocational Education students will be looking at making repairs.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Water Project – updated at the Utility Board meeting.
- b. UPPCO Street Light Project, Phase 3 – update – Mr. Halkola will be finishing the draft and will get to board members for review.
- c. Storage Shed Extension – Discussed in the Supervisor’s Report.

Tabled Business:

- a. Town Hall Meetings – leave on table

New Business:

- a. Special Meeting – Looking at a meeting the week of January 5th. Will look at personal schedules and try to find a mutual date.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:57 PM. No public comment offered. Public comment closed at 7:58 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Christina Gardner, supported by Janke to adjourn at 7:58 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 6:30 PM at the Osceola Township Office Board Room.