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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2022, 6:15 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on December 14, 2022, at 6:27 PM at the Osceola Township office Board Room. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Aaron Janke, and Don Wareham. Absent was Dominique DiVito. Christa Gardner was present via telephone for taking minutes only, and did not participate in the meeting, thus was also considered absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to approve the agenda, with one change, to move item B. Water Project Update, from under Unfinished Business to the first Public Comment period. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2022. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to accept 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 6:35 PM. No public comment was offered.

Public Comment closed at 6:36 PM.

Water Project Update – Andrew Keranan, UPEA: There is a lot of competition for this grant. EGLE revised the ranking to give smaller communities a better chance. He provided the scoring information and went through the ranking rubric to give us an idea of how we would rank. A commitment will be needed in January. A Special Meeting to further discuss will need to be had. Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham for a Special Meeting about the Drinking Water Grant opportunity will be held on January 18, 2023, at 6:00 PM. AVIF

Reports:

- a. Assessor: Written report submitted.
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted.
- c. OT Water Board Action items: No action items
- d. DBVFD: October and November reports submitted.
- e. First Responders: Written report submitted.
- f. TCVFD: Written report submitted.
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted.
- h. TLISA: Written report submitted.
- i. Supervisor report: Veteran's Honor Roll was removed by Wuebben Construction. Upon completion, the Township will cover the difference in cost from the donations; Hungarian Falls creek had beaver dams causing a backup. Beavers have been removed; VFW building purchase has been completed; Meeting with the Road Commission; Dredge meeting was in December; Snowmobile property survey has been completed; Board of Review met in December, all three members are willing to be reappointed; Tokyo Marine visit with Lori Burton will be

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rescheduled after the first of the year; Ice Rink Volunteers are starting to sign up; Baseball Field Grant for field improvements is nearing completion; 5-Year Rec Plan draft is done.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Budget Amendments (update) – Amendments will be completed for the January meeting. Items have been identified that were not budgeted for, and how to include them in the current budget amendment (requires technical assistance).
- b. Water Project update – Andrew Keranen, UPEA – This was done under Public Comment

Tabled Business:

- a. Elm Street restoration plan – nothing new to discuss

New Business:

- a. ISD Tax Collection Request – Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to collect property taxes for the ISD in 2023. AVIF
- b. Board of Review – Member reappointment and Training Schedule: Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to reappoint Rick Greub, Charles Westphal, and Louie Vencato as regular members, and Dan Wenberg as an alternate to the Board of Review. AVIF
- c. Baseball Field Grant application – Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham for a grant application be submitted on behalf of the Township for funding for baseball field upgrades. AVIF
- d. TLSA – Member reappointment: Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to reappoint Charles Westphal to the TLSA, and to seek interested individuals to serve in the other position, as Horst Schmidt will be gone for six months. If no interested individuals come forward, we will consider keeping Mr. Schmidt in that position when he returns. AVIF
- e. Spark Grant Application: Resolution to apply – Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke. Roll call vote: 3 yea, 0 nay, 2 absent. Resolution passed.
- f. FOIA request – Review of November 8, 2022, Election Materials: The Township Board does not offer a motion to waive the fees for this FOIA request. The fees would be required, with 50% down to move forward.

12. Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:54 PM. Horst Schmidt shared there is a solid waste bill in legislation that will potentially affect recycling in Houghton County. He shared that the County Board of Commissioners turned down the request to pay the fees for the FOIA request.
Public comment closed at 7:57 PM.

13. Adjourn: Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to adjourn at 7:57 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 6:15 PM in the Osceola Township Board Room.