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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2021, 6:15 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on October 13, 2021, at 6:43 PM. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Don Wareham, Aaron Janke and Traci Houle.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Gardner, supported by Wareham to approve the agenda with the following amendment: H. to New Business (Lake Street sign). AVIF

Motion by Houle, supported by Janke to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2021, meeting. AVIF

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

Motion by Houle, supported by Gardner for payment of the bills: General, Road, Mason Wastewater, TC water, and OT utility funds. 5 yay 0 Nay. Motion Carried

Public Comment: Horst Schmidt informed the board of a meeting Thursday October 21, 2021, at the Carnegie Library in Houghton regarding the Copper Country Recycling Program. Also mentioned that, Senator McBroom has introduced legislation on specific to electronic meetings.

Public Comment closed at 6:52 PM.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: No report submitted.
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted.
- c. OT Water Board Action items: No action required
- d. DBVFD: Written report submitted.
- e. First Responders: Written report submitted.
- f. TCVFD: Written report submitted. August & September
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted.
- h. TLSA: Written report submitted. August & September
- i. Supervisor reports: Tim Gasperich from Calumet Township will attend the November or December Tamarack City Waterboard meeting to discuss the purchase of Michigan American Water. Semco request for easement, met with Semco representative 10/13/2021, they are looking at various locations. Call into VA office for interest in Dollar Bay and Tamarack City Veteran's Banners. Second meeting with DNR regarding snowmobile trail is still pending. Blight on Gygax properties progress continues. discussion with Tim Palosaari regarding white goods by Horner and intent for removal, plus "junk car" meeting soon regarding removal throughout Osceola Township. Road Commission update, Dogwood was patched with excess from Elm. Tamarack City Junction Street, Golf Course Road delays due to weather. Cedar Street

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and Post Office black top done by the Road Commission IE: Street and the right of way. Cedar Street by post office appears to be coming under bid. Further Mr. Wuebben was informed his request was declined for an easement at Sandpit. A recent Fema report and signatures requested by Brian at Fema was forwarded to John Paul Pietela at Traverse Engineering Services., he will address.

#### Unfinished Business:

- a. Traverse Engineering Project Update: No report submitted
- b. UPEA Mason Sewer Update: Motion by Gardner, supported by Houle to make a resolution approving the 14<sup>th</sup> draw request in the amount of \$242.25. 4 – yay, 0-nay 1 – abstain, Motion carried.
- c. Mason Sewer MDOT Lease(s)-amended: Brief update by Mr. Halkola, brief discussion to table until November and obtain quotes from insurance on liability costs.
- d. Snowmobile Trail Update: Waiting for next meeting date.

#### New Business:

- a. Ice Rink Boards-Amended offers: Brief discussion on two bids. Mr. Halkola will ask both contractors for updated bids using  $\frac{3}{4}$  plywood and  $\frac{3}{4}$  treated plywood.
- b. Elm Street Restoration Plan (tabled): Look at costs for restoration during budget meeting.
- c. Semco Request (pending more information): Subject covered during Supervisor's report.
- d. Mr. Drebert's Requests (tabled): Application sent to Assessor, waiting on her recommendation.
- e. Budget Amendments Meeting: Meeting will be held at the Osceola Township Boardroom Tuesday November 2, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.
- f. Audit FY 20-21 Completed: Audit is completed and has been distributed to the board members.
- g. Secretary Position Job Description: Motion by Wareham, Supported by Janke to approved description with friendly amendments: Purchasing office supplies, 12-20 hours and FOIA coordinator. AVIF
- h. Lake Street: A no parking sign is on a utility pole Lake Street (in the right of way) should not be there. Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to write a letter to resident for sign removal. AVIF.

#### Public Comment:

Horst Schmidt mentioned that the DNR trail bids will go out next year with projects starting in 2023. Mr. Schmidt asked if the ARP monies will be discussed at the budget meeting.

Public comment closed at 7:59 PM.

Motion by Houle, supported by Gardner to adjourn at 8:00 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 6:15 PM at the Osceola Township Boardroom.