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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes September 12, 2018

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Karpiak on September 12, 2018, at 6:16 p.m. in the Osceola Township Board Room. Board members present were Steve Karpiak, Judy Odgers, Christa Gardner, Don Wareham, and Aaron Janke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to accept the minutes of the August meeting. AVIF

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

Motion by Gardner, supported by Janke for payment of the bills: General Fund \$8,417.76, Road funds \$295.17, TC Water \$4,708.45, and OT Water \$26,908.57. AVIF

Public Comment: Tom Hand, Mason, wanted the Mason Ordinance wording for buildings/structures to be changed so meaning is clearer. Also wanted to know if Greg Piper will be required to hook up to the sewer system.

A motion was made by Odgers, supported by Wareham to approve the agenda with additions to New business: item a – Julio bids for ice rink fence and ditch, b. MTA On the Road, c. Survey at water tanks. AVIF

Reports:

- a. Assessor: Written report. The reassessment report for August 1-13 was submitted. Attorney Crystal Morgan submitted a letter to Kelli Sobel, Michigan State Tax Commission, confirming that Osceola Township has completed the reappraisal project.
- b. Maintenance: Written report for August.
- c. DBVFD: Ron reported that they had 4 calls: two for trees down on power lines and two for CO2 detectors going off.
- d. First Responders: Written report. There were 7 calls for the month of August, 5 in Osceola Twp. and 2 in Torch Lake Twp., bringing the total for 2018 to 50.
- e. TCVFD: Written report. The department held its regular monthly meeting and monthly training session.
- f. TC Utility Board: The Board reviewed the August meeting minutes and September agenda.
- g. TLSA: Written reports for August 2018.
- h. Supervisor reports: Karpiak attended meetings for KEDA.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Mason Sewage - Property Letters: Andrew Keranen, UPEA, informed the board that a letter was received by Lakeshore Estates regarding our proposal for the grinder pump site requesting more information.

b/c Osceola Township Roads: Karpiak informed the board that the additional work at the corner of 6th and Elm would be \$18,000. He suggests that OT Water should pay for this part of the road, as it was done for improvements for the water system. Mattfolk replaced four old valves on the water lines. There was much discussion regarding the matter. Right now all work on road construction is at a standstill because of a work stoppage by the union employees. It was suggested Karpiak speak with Houghton County Road Commission about applying gravel to 6th street to protect our water valves from the plowing this winter. Motion to pay the \$18,000 by Karpiak with the decision being made later if the water department will pay part of the cost, supported by Janke. AVIF

d. UPPCO Franchise: Motion to sign the franchise agreement with UPPCO by Karpiak, supported by Odgers. 4 ayes, 1 nay (Janke). Motion carried.

New Business:

a. Julio bids for ice rink fence/ drainage ditch: Motion to accept the bids by Karpiak, supported by Wareham. AVIF

b. MTA on the Road: The meetings will be on October 9th at the Magnuson. Karpiak and Gardner will be attending.

c. Survey at Tanks: John Carlson purchased property adjacent to township property. He has had the property surveyed and it shows an overlap with township property. Karpiak is waiting for a proposal from Traverse Engineering regarding doing a survey. Janke said that UPEA was involved with the purchase of the property with the new tank. There was discussion about the responsibility of the title abstract company for the mistake and that their insurance should cover any costs incurred by the township.

d. Ted Gast-Woodside: A box culvert was installed but it is level with the 12" water main which may cause the line to freeze in cold weather.

Motion by Gardner, supported by Wareham to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Motion carried. AVIF