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Osceola Township Special Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2023, 5:15 PM

A special meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on April 19, 2023, at 5:15 PM at the Osceola Township office Board Room. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, and Don Wareham. Absent was Aaron Janke and Dominique DiVito.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Wareham, supported by Gardner to approve the agenda as presented. AVIF

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 5:16 PM. No public comment was offered. Public Comment closed at 5:17 PM.

Trustee Janke arrived at approximately 5:20 PM.

Budget Items for Consideration:

- a. Review FY 23-24 Budgets and Hourly Rate/Salary Table: Table was reviewed by the board. A 5% increase was suggested overall for all hourly and salaried employees/officials. Motion by Janke, supported by Wareham to approve the suggested wages to begin on May 1, 2023, with the following changes: the Treasurer's salary will stay the same as FY 22-23 until further review, the water assistant call-out rate will be \$30/hour, and the proposed raise for elected official salaries: Supervisor, \$14,155 annually; Clerk, \$14,555 annually; Treasurer, \$13,740 annually; Trustee, \$2,495 annually, to begin on June 1, 2023, with resolutions to be made at the May 10, 2023 meeting. Roll call vote: 4 yea, 0 nay, 1 absent. Motion passed.
- b. Review Proposed Road Commission FY 23-24 & 24-25 Work Plans: Motion by Gardner, supported by Janke to accept the Road Commission contract for road work as requested by the Township, with one correction, to include the work on Fir Avenue in Dollar Bay (will not affect the total of the work being done, it was omitted in the list of roads, but was included in the total). Roll call vote: 4 yea, 0 nay, 1 absent. Motion passed.
- c. Continue review of Township Fees, Rates, Rents, FOIA Fees, etc.: Discussion on various rates that we are currently charging. Only one change needed right now to the apartment rents increasing to \$360 for the 2-bedrooms, and \$300 for the 1-bedroom. Motion by Gardner, supported by Wareham to start the new rent rates beginning June 1, 2023 (instead of May 1, 2023) to allow for development of new leases and give time for proper notice. AVIF
- d. Overland Group/Dollar General: Taking the issue to legal counsel.
- e. Overview of Identified Projects: A list is being developed of projects needed and desired to be done throughout the township. Not exhaustive, still working on complete development. Discussion on the land in Tamarack City for the repair of the snowmobile trail. This issue will be brought to legal counsel, and further discussed at the regular board meeting in May.
- f. APRA Funds and Carry-Forward Revenue: Discussion on various projects within each precinct. A breakout of funds per precinct was provided.

Additional ideas that were discussed were purchasing signage for the dredge area, informing the public that they are on Township land, and that there is to be no trespassing on the dredge. A lively discussion about the possibility of a park/campgrounds on the land around the dredge that the township owns took place.

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Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:19 PM. Noah Halkola had a question about what the emergency call-out rate was previously for the water supervisor. Clarification was given.
Public comment closed at 6:22 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Gardner, supported by Janke to adjourn at 6:22 PM. AVIF