Tamarack City Utility (Water) Board Meeting

Tamarack City Fire Hall

April 6, 2026, 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Klein at 6:04 pm.

Board members present: Steve Klein, Donald Wareham, Katie Johnson, Mark Halkola
Members absent: Steven Westphal
Others present: Ron Kokkonen, Dick Supina

Approval of Agenda: K. Johnson moved, seconded by D. Wareham to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: M. Halkola moved, seconded by D. Wareham to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026, meeting. Motion carried.

Review of Payments/Bills
S. Klein questioned which account Core & Main came out of. M. Halkola stated he will follow up.

S. Klein called for Public Comment at 6:07 pm. No comments brought forward.

The following handouts were received (1) Tamarack City Water Fund Check Detail for March 2026, (2) Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual April 2025 through March 2026 (approved 3/30/2026), (3) Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual April 2026 through March 2027 (approved 3/30/2026), (4) Water Secretary Report dated April 6, 2026, and (5) Past Due Amounts as of April 6, 2026.

S. Klein requested that reports are printed one-sided.
S. Klein inquired about scheduled shut-offs. M. Halkola conveyed concerns with Mr. Reed and confirmed snow was still obstructing access.

Water System Report
R. Kokkonen reported the system is fine, tank full and holding.

Township Supervisor Report
M. Halkola reported the 26/27FY budget is higher than 25/26FY to anticipate a rate increase from Upper Michigan Water. Mr. Peaty at Upper Michigan Water could not be reached before this meeting.
S. Klein questioned description of the fire hall rent in the accounting records (rent vs. custodial service).
S. Klein requested job descriptions for staff related to Tamarack City Water.
M. Halkola reported that the alternate position notice is posted at the Hubbell post office, township office, and attached to water bills.

Tank Emergency System
D. Supina suggested the township consider a sensi-phone system prior to confirming purchase from Range Communications and that M. Halkola contact Eric from Lake Linden for more information.

Other Updates
D. Supina described to the board the process involved in cleaning and inspecting the water tank.
A special board meeting will be held sometime this month about the water rate.
M. Halkola requested the board determine projects that take priority for this fiscal year.
Motion by S. Klein, seconded by D. Wareham to recommend the two projects that take priority this year are the tank inspection/cleaning and a shed for the vault. Motion carried.
There is no update from Pat regarding the Township Utility Ordinance draft.

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Halkola, seconded by K. Johnson at 6:53pm. Motion carried.

Date of next meeting: Monday, May 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM at Tamarack City Fire Hall