

Tamarack City Utility (Water) Board Meeting

Tamarack City Fire Hall

March 9, 2026, 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Klein at 6:02 pm.

Board members present: Steve Klein, Donald Wareham, Steven Westphal, Katie Johnson, Mark Halkola

Others present: Ron Kokkonen

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

Approval of Minutes: S. Westphal moved, seconded by D. Wareham to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026, meeting. Motion carried.

Review of Financial Reports was moved to after the Township Report.

Review of Payments/Bills

S. Klein questioned what maintenance tasks were performed that resulted in a \$4,000 invoice to Core & Main. M. Halkola stated he will follow up.

S. Klein called for Public Comment at 6:06 pm. No comments brought forward.

Osceola Township Update:

The following handouts were received (1) Tamarack City Water Fund Balance Sheet as of February 9, 2026, (2) Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual April 2025 through February 2026, (3) Check Detail for February 2026, (4) Deposit Detail for February 2026, (5) Water Secretary Report dated March 9, 2026, (6) Past Due Amounts as of March 2, 2026, and (7) Alternate Member Position Advertisement Draft.

M. Halkola is going to follow up with a couple of payments that are over-budget. There are going to be several meetings over the next 3 weeks to work on preparing next year's budget. The township meeting this week is postponed to March 18, 2026 due to the high school basketball game.

K. Johnson questioned the length of time between bank deposits with February 4th being the only deposit on the Deposit Detail Report.

Water Secretary Report

D. Wareham questioned how so many people can have the exact same bill amount (4 accounts each owing \$213.92).

M. Halkola will discuss shutting the water off as soon as possible to the account that was scheduled to be shut off on December 16, 2025.

Tank Emergency System

M. Halkola reported that Dollar Bay's communication needs have been met and is in communication with Mike from Range about purchasing the Tamarack City system before March 31, 2026.

Review of Financial Reports

S. Klein moved to strike the Review of Financial Reports from future meeting agendas due to its redundancy.

Water System Report

R. Kokkonen reported the system maintaining 96%, tank is holding and full.

Other Updates

M. Halkola is waiting to hear back from Pat, the attorney, regarding the most recent ordinance draft regarding the township's utility committees.

M. Halkola reported he talked to Pietila and Traverse Engineering about tank cleaning and fixing the test faucets later this year.

M. Halkola reported the snow blocking access to the vault on Osprey and adjacent fire hydrant has been removed.

M. Halkola reported Tamarack City continues to be paid by the account going through bankruptcy.

No board members suggested corrections for the draft of the posting for the open alternate board member position. The advertisement will be posted at the Hubbell Post Office and township building until April 30, 2026.

Motion to adjourn was made by D. Wareham, seconded by S. Westphal at 6:32pm. Motion carried.

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