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Osceola Township Utility Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2026, 6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Utility Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on January 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Aaron Janke, and Don Wareham. Tardy was Christina Gardner

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

Motion by Janke, supported by Christa Gardner, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2025, meeting. AVIF

Motion by Wareham, supported by Christa Gardner, to recommend to the township board approval of the financial reports. AVIF

Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke, to recommend to the township board payment of the bills. AVIF

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:06 PM. No public comment offered. Public comment closed at 6:07 PM.

Reports:

- a. Operator's Report: Mr. Kokkonen gave a verbal report. Pumpage report for December was submitted. Pumps are still being turned on and off manually. There was 182,000 gallons of water used during a fire in town. Otherwise, things are going well.
- b. Secretary's Report: Written report submitted.
- c. Mason Sewer Operator's Report: Mr. Siira was not at the meeting.

Treasurer Gardner arrived at 6:12 PM.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Water Project Application – Andrew Keranen from UPEA will attend our Special Meeting and provide any updates there.
- b. Working Draft Water Resolution – Due to information from MTA, which was reaffirmed by the township attorney, some language has been changed to the draft.
- c. Well Head Protection Plan – Mr. Halkola will be picking up information from Traverse Engineering. The target date of March 31 to have this updated has been set.
- d. Emergency Phone System – update – We are working with John Paulley from Range Telecommunications on a quote.
- e. System Communication Equipment (Range Telecommunications) – update – The equipment was ordered, but there was a flaw with one piece. That piece was reordered. We are currently waiting on the FCC licensing to include approval from the Canadian government.

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New Business:

- a. Water Operator Test – training – 4/14 & 4/15 Ishpeming Township Hall - \$365 plus overnight stay – After discussion, a motion by Christina Gardner, supported by Wareham to recommend to the township board authorization for the cost of two attending the training, with overnight lodging if needed. AVIF

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:22 PM. No public comment was offered. Public comment closed at 6:22 PM.

A motion was made by Wareham, supported by Christa Gardner, to adjourn at 6:22 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will be held on February 11, 2026, at the Osceola Township Office Board Room.