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Osceola Township Utility Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2026, 6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Utility Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on February 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Christina Gardner, Aaron Janke, and Don Wareham.

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

Motion by Wareham, supported by Christa Gardner, to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026, meeting. AVIF

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

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

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:05 PM. No public comment offered. Public comment closed at 6:06 PM.

Reports:

- a. Operator's Report: Mr. Kokkonen gave a verbal report. Pumpage report for January was submitted. Three months the pumps are being turned on twice a day, and off twice a day. Range Telecommunications brought the equipment here and installed it, and it didn't work. They picked it up and brought it back to Marquette to pinpoint the issues. There was a meter break at one of the Coast Guard housing units. Everything else is going well.
- b. Secretary's Report: Written report submitted.
- c. Mason Sewer Operator's Report: Mr. Siira gave a verbal report. He apologized for not attending the meeting in January, as he had an extenuating circumstance that kept him from being present. Everything has been running well. The locks are still being difficult, they need to be thawed to open.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Water Project Application – Andrew Keranen from UPEA provided an updated project summary for the water project in Dollar Bay. He discussed the options that are available to us and gave us an opportunity to ask questions.
- b. Draft Water Resolution, pending – Tamarack City Utility gave feedback on updates. We are also waiting on feedback from the township attorney.
- c. Well Head Protection Plan – Mr. Halkola spoke with John Paul Pietila from Traverse Engineering. There will likely be a meeting prior to our next regular meeting.
- d. Emergency Phone System – update – Mr. Halkola spoke with Mary Sears from Franklin Township. The only cost savings for either of us would be to schedule the installation equipment on the same day.
- e. System Communication Equipment (Range Telecommunications) – update – There was information discussed under the water operator's report.

New Business:

- a. Letters to Water Customers - informational

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:37 PM. No public comment was offered. Public comment closed at 6:38 PM.

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A motion was made by Christina Gardner, supported by Janke, to adjourn at 6:38 PM. AVIF

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