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Osceola Township Utility Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2024, 6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Utility Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on May 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Christina Gardner, Don Wareham, and Aaron Janke.

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

Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2024, meeting and the minutes of the April 10, 2024, meeting, with one correction to the April meeting minutes. Christina Gardner was not absent. AVIF

Motion by Christina Gardner, supported by Janke, to accept the OT Utility and Mason Wastewater financial reports as presented. AVIF

Motion by Christina Gardner, supported by Christa Gardner for payment of the bills. AVIF

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:11 PM. No public comment was offered. Public comment closed at 6:12 PM.

Reports:

- a. Operator's Report: Ron Kokkonen gave a verbal report. Pumpage report was provided. Things are going well. Pumps are good. Did one snowbird turn-on so far.
- b. Secretary's Report: Written report.
- c. Mason Sewer Operator's Report: Jim Siira was not present. Report given verbally to Supervisor Halkola and stated that the system is running well. Samples will be drawn over the next few weeks, at a cost of less than \$100.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Water Project update – Andrew Keranen, UPEA – SRF project plans are due June 1. TMF grant application, we were fundable at 100% grant, totaling \$176,000, and it's good through September 2026.
- b. Public Works Department Truck – update – We won't be eligible for funding this year due to grand funding being reduced. The grant application could be converted to a loan application, with an interest rate of 3.5% for 8 years. Questions were raised, and Andrew will find answers and get back to us.

Motion by Janke, supported by Christa Gardner to recommend to the township board pursuing a loan, leaving the grant application to continue through the process allowing us to apply a grant if approved towards a water truck. AVIF

Motion by Wareham, supported by Christina Gardner to recommend to the township board execution of the agreement between Osceola Township and UPEA for professional services, related to the TMF grant. Roll call vote: 4 yea, 0 nay, 1 abstain. Motion carried.

New Business:

- a. OT Water Amended Budget – Motion by Wareham, supported by Christa Gardner to recommend to the township board approval of the budget amendments. AVIF

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:40 PM. No public comment was offered. Public comment closed at 6:41 PM.

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A motion was made by Wareham, supported by Christina Gardner to adjourn at 6:41 PM. AVIF