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Osceola Township Utility Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2025, 6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Utility Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on November 12, 2025, at 6:01 PM. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Christina Gardner, and Don Wareham. Tardy was Aaron Janke.

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

Motion by Wareham, supported by Christina Gardner, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2025, meeting. AVIF

Motion by Wareham, 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 6:09 PM. Steve Klein wonders about paying for coverage for the water operator's daytime position. It was mentioned that this was a previously approved expense for the water operator to attend continuing education to maintain our water operator's status. Public comment closed at 6:11 PM.

Reports:

- a. Operator's Report: Mr. Kokkonen gave a verbal report. Pumpage report for October was submitted. Leak on Hellman Avenue fixed. Power outage caused issues with the power being shut completely off.
- b. Secretary's Report: Written report submitted.
- c. Mason Sewer Operator's Report: Mr. Siira gave a verbal report. Doing research on cellphones. Got locks from Mr. Kokkonen. Attended training. Checked the Mason station during the power outage, it was okay.

Trustee Janke arrived at 6:18 PM.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Water Project Application – Application has gone in.
- b. Working Draft Water Resolution – Township attorney wants us to ensure all ordinances that could apply are found; we need to do a search.
- c. Well Head Protection Plan – Discussed both the well head protection plan and cleaning tanks with TES. Will meet with them again prior to the December board meeting.
- d. Emergency Phone System – update – Meeting took place at Franklin Township; Range Telecommunications has presented an offer. Additional information from other vendors is still being sought.

New Business:

- a. No new business.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:43 PM. Steve Westphal wondered if the pumps in Tamarack City were checked during the power outage. Steve Klein wondered if the generator went on up in Tamarack City during the power outage, concern because there is electric heat there. Jim Siira mentioned checking generators when the power goes out and shuts the power off to allow the generators to run for an hour monthly to ensure they are in working order. Public comment closed at 6:51 PM.

A motion was made by Christa Gardner, supported by Janke to adjourn at 6:51 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will be held on December 10, 2025, at the Osceola Township Office Board Room.