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Osceola Township Utility Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2025, 6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Utility Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on December 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Christina Gardner, and Aaron Janke. Absent was Don Wareham.

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

Motion by Janke, supported by Christina Gardner, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025, meeting. AVIF

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

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

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:04 PM. No public comment offered. Public comment closed at 6:05 PM.

Reports:

- a. Operator's Report: Mr. Kokkonen gave a verbal report. Pumpage report for November was submitted. There was a leak at a property, water shut off, and it was repaired, along with the line and gooseneck. Wondering who is responsible for payment. Pumps are manually being turned on and off every day due to a failure of the equipment communicating.
- b. Secretary's Report: Written report submitted.
- c. Mason Sewer Operator's Report: Mr. Siira gave a verbal report. Everything is running well. The locks have been freezing up, so Mr. Siira has needed a blow torch to thaw them.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Water Project Application – Andrew Keranen from UPEA brought information about the scoring for the new application cycle. Discussions took place about possible projects, and potential funding that may be available.
- b. Working Draft Water Resolution – Still waiting on feedback from Township Attorney.
- c. Well Head Protection Plan – Mr. Halkola has had a few discussions with Traverse Engineering. It is a work in progress.
- d. Emergency Phone System – update – No responses from T-Mobile, UP Telephone, or AT&T. Mr. Halkola will be talking with Mary Sears from Franklin Township before the end of the week.

New Business:

- a. System Communication Equipment (Range Telecommunications) – Information in packet about new equipment being ordered. Motion by Janke, supported by Christina Gardner to recommend to the township board \$3,658.79 for Range Telecommunications equipment and installation at the Dollar Bay well and pump house. AVIF

Information from the water operator Andrew Goldsworthy about a raise in pay for the upcoming year. Will be sent to discuss at the finance meeting.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:04 PM. No public comment was offered. Public comment closed at 7:04 PM.

A motion was made by Janke, supported by Christina Gardner to adjourn at 7:04 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2026, at the Osceola Township Office Board Room.