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Osceola Township Utility Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2023, 6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Utility Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on December 13, 2023, 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 Christina Gardner, supported by Wareham to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2023, meeting. AVIF

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

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

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

Reports:

- a. Operator's Report: 2 delinquent shut offs, one in DB one in TC; 2 snowbird shut offs; removed a meter in TC; did DB and TC reads on December 1. October and November pumpage reports and consumption for same billing cycle provided.
- b. Secretary's Report: Written report.
- c. Mason Sewer Operator's Report: Jim Siira gave a verbal report. Everything is going great, no problems. Signs are up. No digging at the drain field.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Water Project update – Andrew Keranen, UPEA: There was a pre-application meeting to discuss vehicle loans/grants. We are 35% grant eligible. The application forms and a narrative on why we are seeking vehicles are needed to apply. The Water Project Intent to Apply letter was sent in by November 1. The application will be completed next year. EGLE has a new 100% grant funded program (TMF LSLR Grant) for communities to locate the lead service lines. Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Wareham to recommend to the Township Board approval of up to \$4,000 for UPEA to submit applications on our behalf. AVIF, with Janke abstaining due to conflict of interest.
- b. Public Works Department Truck offers – status: three offers were submitted to the township per the specifications provided by the township.

New Business:

- a. MI Rural Water Assoc – upcoming dates and equipment: Informational, upcoming UP training in October 2024, and available equipment specific to water systems for our potential use.
- b. 3rd Street water leak request – after discussion and explanation, no action will be taken as it is the homeowner's responsibility. A letter will be sent with a copy of the ordinance.

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Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:58 PM. Ron Kokkonen asked about whether shut offs can take place in the winter. Public comment closed at 7:00 PM.

A motion was made by Christina Gardner, supported by Christa Gardner to adjourn at 7:00 PM. AVIF