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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2024, 6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on March 13, 2024, at 6:33 PM at the Osceola Township Board Room. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Don Wareham, and Aaron Janke. Absent was Christina Gardner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Janke, to approve the agenda with the addition of a. Request/offer – proposed bench, under New Business. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Christa Gardner to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2024, Board Meeting. AVIF

Motion by Janke, supported by Christa Gardner to accept the financial reports for the General, Road, Mason Wastewater, TC utility, and OT utility funds. AVIF

Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke for payment of the bills: General, Road, Mason Wastewater, TC utility, and OT utility funds. AVIF

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

Reports:

- a. Assessor: No report submitted. There was an error on the Notice of Assessment, correction is posted to website, and a corrected notice can be requested.
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted.
- c. OT Utility Board Action items: No action items.
- d. DBVFD: Written report submitted. Need to discuss continuing fire millage with Torch Lake Township.
- e. First Responders: Written report submitted.
- f. TCVFD: Written report submitted. Grants have been submitted, and there is a need for repairs on two fire hydrants.
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted.
- h. TLASA: Written report submitted.
- i. NHCWSA: No minutes available for December, January, or February.
- i. Supervisor report: Houghton County MTA met with Kevin Harju from the Road Commission, discussion about this summer and 5-year road plans. We will be sending our own 5-year road plan, info is currently being put together. BOR met Tuesday, meeting again on Thursday and on the 20th. The beavers have returned, Jim Tourtillott was notified. Lake Linden-Hubbell baseball sent a schedule. UPPCO master agreement has been fully executed. There will be a meeting on the 22nd to discuss turning streetlights back on in Dollar Bay. Torch Lake PAC met on the 19th at noon. The dredge committee is planning a meeting, work will be completed this summer. Vet committee meeting not set yet. MTA annual conference in April in Traverse City, they will also be in Harris in July. Seaplanes will be moving to Hubbell behind the old Al's Supper Club. Budget meeting is scheduled for the 18th at 5:15 PM. Need to repair the water line at the ball field.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Water Project Plan –update: Discussed at the utility meeting.

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- b. Dollar General Project – On hold until summer.
- c. Truck/Plow bids – Discussed at utility meeting.

Tabled Business:

- a. Town Hall Meetings – leave on table.

New Business:

- a. Request/offer – proposed bench – Amy Keranen requested a bench be placed in honor of a former co-worker that passed away who enjoyed eating lunch at the TC Park. Discussion took place by the board, with emphasis placed on no recognition has been made by anyone who has donated to the park to date. Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to accept the bench donation, but without the stated conditions, and a letter thanking them for the donation. AVIF

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:10 PM. Steve Klein stated that buying a used backhoe would end up costing the township a fortune. It's best to get a warranty from a reputable dealer. We also need to make sure we have a competent operator. He agreed with the board decision about the potential donated bench for TC Park. He wondered about the cost to hire UPEA to write the grant for the water truck. Public comment closed at 7:16 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Wareham, supported by Janke to adjourn at 7:16 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 6:30 PM at the Osceola Township Board Room.