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Osceola Township Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2024, 6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Osceola Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Halkola on May 8, 2024, at 6:47 PM at the Osceola Township Board Room. Board members present were Mark Halkola, Christa Gardner, Christina Gardner, Don Wareham, and Aaron Janke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion by Wareham, supported by Christa Gardner to accept the minutes from the March 13, 2024, Board Meeting; March 18, 2024, Budget Workgroup; March 25, 2024, Budget Workgroup; March 27, 2024, Budget Public Hearing and Special Meeting; April 10, 2024, Board Meeting. AVIF

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

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

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 6:52 PM. No public comment was offered. Public Comment closed at 6:53 PM.

Reports:

- a. Assessor: Written report submitted.
- b. Maintenance: Written report submitted. Waiting for the paperwork on location and time for water operator test.
- c. OT Utility Board Action items: Motion by Wareham, supported by Christina Gardner to accept the recommendation of the OT Utility Board to approve the budget amendments. Roll call vote: 5 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried. Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Wareham to accept the recommendation of the OT Utility Board to execute the agreement between Osceola Township and UPEA for professional services. Roll call vote: 4 yea, 0 nay, 1 abstain. Motion carried.
- d. DBVFD: No report submitted.
- e. First Responders: Written report submitted.
- f. TCVFD: Written report submitted.
- g. TC Utility Board: Written report submitted. Motion by Christina Gardner, supported by Wareham to accept the recommendation of the TC Utility Board to approve the budget amendments. Roll call vote: 5 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.
- h. TLASA: Written report submitted.
- i. NHCWSA: None submitted.
- j. Community Compost Site: Nothing new to report this month.
- i. Supervisor report: The ballfield currently has three entities scheduled to use it. Houghton County Rec Authority met about the non-motorized trail from the bridge to Lake Linden. The Road Commission has been working on signs: two new welcome to Osceola Township signs with other signs ordered, and work to be done in the fourth precinct on signs that are down. There are ten new Vet Banners ready to go up in both TC and DB. The Veterans ad-hoc group will be setting a date to meet. There is an asset management offer from Traverse Engineering that will go to the TC Utility

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Board next month for review. The Houghton County MTA will meet – possible topic of emergency planning in case of bridge outage. Dollar General should be starting construction soon.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Water Project Plan –update: Discussed at the utility meeting.
- b. Dollar General Project – Discussed under Supervisor’s Report.
- c. Truck/Plow bids – Discussed at utility meeting.
- d. UPPCO – streetlights – Met with UPPCO. They are getting us maps with pole locations for our June meeting.

Tabled Business:

- a. Town Hall Meetings – leave on table.

New Business:

- a. 2024 Dust Control Plan – Motion by Janke, supported by Christina Gardner to execute the 2024 Dust Control agreement with the Houghton County Road Commission. Roll call vote: 5 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:49 PM. Steve Klein brought up the grass/weeds at TC Park, wondering if something could be done to keep the grass nice all summer. Suggested looking into a barricade to physically deter people from parking by the hydrant near the park. Also mentioned that the basketball court needs to be restriped. Public comment closed at 7:53 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Christa Gardner, supported by Wareham to adjourn at 7:53 PM. AVIF

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 6:30 PM at the Tamarack City Fire Hall.