

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 11, 2022 5:30 PM

The monthly Oronoco Town Board meeting was called to order on April 11, 2022 by Chair Ken Mergen. Present: Supervisors Ken Mergen, Charlie Lacy and Tammy Matzke; Clerk Lucy Shonyo and Treasurer Kim Stanton.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

The **agenda** was accepted as presented.

Agenda Topics

Sealed bids were received and opened for all season road maintenance; one from S & B Services of Rochester and one from Schumacher Excavating. S & B submitted separate bids for summer maintenance and winter plowing and sanding. No action was taken.

Rock quotes were received from Paulson Rock Products for summer rock only, and Roberson Lime & Rock also for summer rock only. No quotes for winter rock were received. The board will continue to accept rock quotes.

One **chloride quote** was received from Quality Propane at .94 applied. **Supervisor Mergen moved to accept the Quality Propane quote for magnesium chloride. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.**

OR2022-001MB, Kingsley [information from Olmsted County Planning Dept]

The request is for a parcel boundary shift with no new parcels created. Jean and John The property is located in the Sunset Bay Ridge Subdivision. Outlot B was to be combined with Lot 6. Lot 5 would not have any lake frontage. To make Lot 5 more marketable the applicant would like to combine .32 acres from existing Lot 5 to Lot 6 and split Outlot B combining Parcel A (.32 acres) with Lot 5. Both lots remain a minimum of 2 acres and will meet the minimum lot width of 100' within the shoreline at the Ordinary High Water Line.

Supervisor Lacy moved to approve OR2022-001MB. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0. The town Board Action form was completed indicating approval with no concerns.

Orderly Annexation of City WWTF Site – The Resolution is being revised to clarify township concerns. The township will not require tax payment and that this tax relief pertains to this action only, not to be seen as a precedent for future annexations that may occur. The township will continue routine maintenance of Minnesota Ave south of 100th St. Additional maintenance required due to the WWTF project will be completed by the city. The Resolution should be available for signatures at the May meeting.

Supervisor Lacy moved to adopt Resolution 2022-03, Joint Resolution of Orderly Annexation [of the WWTF Site]. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.

Road Report – Ken Mergen, Scott Schumacher

Blading is happening now. Sweeping will begin soon.

There is an area of **18th Ave NW** (the north end) where the pavement is breaking up, in the area of the repair completed last year. There is also a dead tree that needs to be removed. Scott Schumacher viewed the **3rd Ave NW** property Supervisor Matzke spoke of last month. He noted that the Matzke garage is the low point. Some of the roads involved are not township roads. Landscaping changes would help. Fill needs to be removed. The runoff problem is not something that can be totally corrected by township action.

Supervisor Lacy noted that Tom Rathman, Schumacher's, believes **11th Ave NW** needs work. Ditches need cleaning and possible culvert replacement. This will be viewed on the road tour. Schumacher's was asked for a cost estimate.

125th St has a bad hill that needs attention. Schumacher's was asked for a cost estimate.

A patch is needed on **Ridge Crest Ln.**

A citizen on **Elm Ave** wants a driveway and culvert. There was discussion about who would pay for the culvert. Scott Schumacher will look at.

Supervisor Lacy will talk with Logan Tjossen about joining the **road tour**. Possible dates are Tues April 26 or Thurs April 28, late afternoon.

Providence Road NW – easements were not received. Item tabled.

May Meeting – A quorum of supervisors cannot attend the regularly scheduled May 9th meeting. Clerk Shonyo will look for a May meeting date all can attend, including the Planning Dept, and a meeting time available at City Hall.

Administrative Business

Minutes Approval –

Supervisor Mergen moved to approve the April 11th board meeting minutes. Supervisor Lacy second, motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Stanton

The YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of March 31, 2022 shows: receipts \$71,825.05; disbursements \$244,920.83 with an ending balance of \$1,102,243.55. Treasurer Stanton noted that the clerk's CTAS, the treasurer's CTAS and the bank balances match.

Work towards completing the April 30th ARPA reporting continues.

Supervisor Lacy moved to approve the treasurer's report. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.

Approval to Pay Bills

March net payroll (paid in April) was \$2,199.70.20. Claims totaled \$7,440.77.

Supervisor Mergen moved to approve payment of claims and payroll. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.

OTPAAC Report – There was no March meeting.

Oronoco Auto Parts – Supervisor Matzke reported that at the March 28 hearing, the judge continued the cleanup completion date until June 1. Consequences for not meeting this date are unknown.

Broadband – Underserved Households

The Township has approximately \$10,000 remaining in the Broadband fund to be used to help underserved households get high speed internet. Supervisor Matzke did some research on available satellite options: Viasat, Starlink / SpaceX and Hughes Net. Starlink / SpaceX has the highest hardware costs but monthly fees are cheaper than the others (when checked). There was discussion about the perimeters of this program. The township will pay \$125 to Oronoco Township homeowners to help with satellite startup / installation costs. Self-installation is necessary. To qualify for the \$125 the homeowner must provide a current invoice from their current provider who is **not** Bevcomm, MetroNet, Charter or Century Link. Oronoco Township takes no responsibility beyond providing the \$125 payment to qualifying households. Clerk Shonyo will create a posting with this info and get it to Supervisor Matzke and Treasurer Stanton for review.

OR2022-001ZC, Kingsley – This is an FYI item not requiring board approval. Kristi Gross, Senior Planner and Floodplain Adm, Olmsted County Planning, provided a letter indicating the “zoning certificate for shoreland alteration” has been approved. The letter provided standards for shoreland vegetation alteration.

Resolution 2022-06, Appointing Election Judges for the May 24 Special Primary
Supervisor Mergen moved to adopt Resolution 2022-06. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.

Resolution 2022-05, Adopt ROCOG Organizational Agreement
Supervisor Matzke moved to adopt Resolution 2022-06. Supervisor Lacy second, motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Notes

- Oronoco Township Local Board of Appeal & Equalization will meet April 18, 4:30-5:00.
- Clerk will contact Zumbro Township clerk about getting together May 19th or 26th at Uncle John's for a social gathering.
- Donna Beyer from New Haven Township is the new deputy clerk.
- We are hosting the July 28th OCTOA meeting with New Haven township at New Haven Town Hall.

Board Member Comments-

There were no board member comments.

Supervisor Matzke moved to adjourn at 8:40pm. Supervisor Lacy second, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Charlie Lacy, Chair