

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2017

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on December 4, 2017 by Chairman Neil Stolp. Supervisors Neil Stolp and Charlie Lacy, and Treasurer Kim Stanton were present. Supervisor Richard Lyke was absent. Also present were Zumbro Township Supervisors Mark Fjelstad, chair, Ed Jostock and Jerry Siem.

Charlie Lacy made a motion to approve the November 6, 2017 minutes, Neil Stolp seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The order of agenda was accepted as presented.

The Treasurer's report in written form showed the monthly "Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances" as of November 30, 2017: Receipts \$471,392.49 and Disbursements \$867,201.41 with an ending balance of \$150,253.12. Oronoco Township's Cedar Beach loan was about \$306,000.00. About \$291,000.00 has been drawn. Kim Stanton is working with the MNPFA to determine what needs to be done. Schedule 1 shows an approximate \$9,500.00 deficit in the Cedar Beach construction/ debt service account. Kim Stanton will investigate. All but 3 property owners have paid their Shorewood special assessment. Charlie Lacy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 2-0.

There was no OPAC report as the meeting was cancelled.

Scott Schumacher reported road work on 41st St. and culvert work on Ryan's Bay / Sunset Bay roads. Normal maintenance continues.

The bills were presented for payment, totaling \$14,483.34. Charlie Lacy made a motion to approve the November bills. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 2-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sunset Bay Septic – Matthew Summers from Wenck Associates was present to provide an update.

- Field work and site inspections are complete except for soil testing which will be done this week
- A report including “assessment of current conditions, future individual options, and community options” with detailed cost estimates will be compiled.
- A draft report will be submitted to MPCA by the end of January, with approval expected in February.
- Cost estimates will be the basis for our funding request from the state; deadline will be mid-March for funding request.
- There was discussion between Mr. Summers and the Oronoco and Zumbro Town boards about mutual questions since they are happening at the same time as the joint Sunset Bay road project.
- Mr. Summers noted that the Zumbro Township’s Ryan’s Bay septic project is larger and more complicated and may happen later than the Sunset Bay septic project.

Sunset Bay Road Project Discussion Between Oronoco and Zumbro Town Boards –

Both town boards

- are interested in the joint road project going forward, and are interested in applying for state grant money if available again next year
- have a septic project starting at the same time, and the road project and the 2 septic projects will have to be closely coordinated.
- Matthew Summers from Wenck indicated that separate collection sites would be needed for the Ryan’s Bay project (Zumbro Township / Wabasha County) and Sunset Bay project (Oronoco Township).

The Zumbro Town Board

- indicated their preference for one Project Manager for the joint project; Dietrich Flesch, Wabasha County Engineer, is interested
- gave a bid from their road contractor for the project to the Oronoco Board
- Wabasha County Engineer will send road specs to Matt Summers at Wenck Assoc

The Oronoco Town Board

- agreed that project costs would be split 50/50
- will get an updated bid from Schumacher Excavating

Further joint meetings will be held as the road and septic projects develop.

Township Fine Collection – Neil Stolp made a motion to pursue the registration necessary to allow the township to receive a portion of fines collected in the township. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adam Rucker – OPAC appointment – Neil Stolp made a motion to appoint Adam Rucker to OPAC. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Cross Town Auto (Oronoco Auto Parts) – Charlie Lacy had spoken with Kristi Gross from Olmsted County Planning. Per Ms. Gross, the nature of their business is salvage and they were grandfathered in as that business, so there is nothing the township can do.

Citizen questions and comments included

- Recycling / salvage is not appropriate along the riverfront; MPCA should be involved
- There is no buffer zone or setback from neighboring homes
- Conditional use permits transfer with the property
- There has been a reduction in late night noise
- Could another route, other than through residential area, be developed for Cross Town Auto business?
- Acknowledgment that they are a legitimate business, but ask that they be respectful and considerate in running their business in a residential area.

Two persons from Oronoco Auto Parts noted

- That they want to be good neighbors.
- They have had meetings telling employees to drive more slowly, but cannot control their customer's driving habits.
- Where buffers are concerned, they are willing to plant trees (a citizen asked that they be evergreen for year-round screening).
- They are fine with putting speed bumps on the road(s).
- The oven (incorrectly called a smelter) is an oven for aluminum melting, powered by natural gas that emits what 5 homes would emit [this oven is on city property, not township].
- The operation of the oven will make the business better able to provide upgrades neighbors are requesting.

The board notes that Oronoco Auto Parts has components in both the township and the city, that progress has been made, and that the topic will again be on the Jan 2, 2018 meeting agenda.

Comments from the Board or Public:

- Charlie Lacy got a request from a citizen for another road sign at 81st St and 11th Ave.
- First Responders had 6 township runs and 2 city runs in November.
- October Building Permits – 2 new residential – 1987 NW 85th St, Oronoco and 7921 NW 11th Ave, Rochester
- The Zumbro Haven development is full, the last lot was sold.
- Supervisors will receive emails from the Olmsted Planning Dept for matters coming before them; Clerk will receive an email and mailed packet.
- March 2018 Town Board election is March 13. One Supervisor – 3 year term, and one Clerk – 2 year term will be on the ballot. More info to be published and posted soon as required.
- Jan 2018 meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan 2 due to the New Year’s holiday.
- Neil Stolp received info from the Dept of Agriculture about well testing. The information will be posted on the Township’s website.
- 2 animal calls were received. Neil Stolp is researching the MN Federated Humane Society.
- A weed specialist from the DNR will be at the February 2018 meeting, in preparation for the discussion to be held on the topic at the Annual Meeting March 13, 2018.
- Tax Valuation – There are 3 upcoming venues for citizen input into taxes (1) Dec 7 at the Government Center, Rochester, (2) Annual Township Meeting on March 13, 2018 where township residents establish the tax levy, (3) Board of Appeals and Equalization held in April 2018 (date not yet determined)
- Charlie Lacy attended the Pine Island Community meeting. No announcement yet as to what the old Elk Run development will be.

A motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Lacy, seconded by Neil Stolp. Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Neil Stolp, Chair