

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2018 CONTINUED FEBRUARY 6, 2018

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on February 5, 2018 by Chairman Neil Stolp. Supervisors Neil Stolp, Richard Lyke and Charlie Lacy, and Treasurer Kim Stanton were present.

Richard Lyke made a motion to approve the January 2, 2018 minutes. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The order of agenda was changed to place Mr. Pehler – ROW Concern with the Schumacher Road Report.

The Treasurer's report in written form showed the monthly "Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances" as of January 31, 2018: Receipts \$8,768.88 and Disbursements \$33,958.51 with an ending balance of \$372,670.85. Kim Stanton noted the 1/31/18 ending balance is off by \$2.00. Richard Lyke made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The January OPAC meeting was cancelled due to weather. It is rescheduled for Thursday, Feb 15. Charlie Lacy cannot attend on Feb 15, so the Board agreed Richard Lyke will attend representing the Board. The By-Laws update conversation will occur when Charlie Lacy can be present.

Road Report – Scott Schumacher noted snow removal was keeping them busy.

George Pehler was present with a neighbor to express his concerns about snow removal, and to respond to the letter he received from the Town Board. The Town Board sent Mr. Pehler a letter in January, noting that the wood on his property was in the Township road right of way and had to be moved for safety reasons. Mr. Pehler had many pictures and expressed these points:

- The wood is there so snowplow operators know where the road is.
- Too much scraping instead of "lifting" of snow causes yard damage.
- Excessive edging throws snow and gravel into yard.
- Too much gravel is used.
- Plowing is too aggressive for a cul-de-sac; his street is not a through-way.
- Spring gravel clean-up is too late and incomplete.

Sally Castillo, an across-the-street neighbor of Mr. Pehler was present to support Mr. Pehler.

Ms. Castillo expressed these concerns:

- The last snowplowing created a “43-inch snow wall” in front of her driveway.
- Ms. Castillo “took offense” by a comment suggesting that everyone has to clear their driveway after the plow comes through.
- Ms. Castillo states she has lived there 20 years and has never has this “snow-wall” to deal with before and doesn’t want it to become the norm.
- Ms. Castillo notes that Schumacher’s did respond within 24 hours after she called.

Scott Schumacher from Schumacher’s Excavating noted:

- Some residents complain not enough sand/gravel is used. They work for an average across all Township roads.
- March is too early to pick up sand. Heavy snowfalls can occur in March.
- Call if there’s a problem.

Board Members noted:

- The wood in the road right of way on Mr. Pehler’s property could have contributed to the accumulation of snow in Ms. Castillo’s driveway across the street. (Mr. Pehler disagreed).
- It is understandable that everyone wants a nice yard, but when the road right of way butts up against a yard it is still the Township right of way. Generally, the Township road right of way is 33’ from the center of the road, usually a ditch.
- This allows for the accumulation of snow removed from roads. Keeping the right of way free from obstacles is a safety and legal concern for the Township. Thus, these obstacles must be removed by Mr. Pehler.
- Mr. Pehler said they would be removed “in the spring”.
- Scott Schumacher was asked to report any damage caused to road equipment by these obstacles to the Board.
- The Township is notified by the school district if bus access or turnaround is a problem.
- Residents should call Schumacher’s or any Supervisor with road concerns. [All Supervisor phone numbers are posted at Oronoco Community Center, Oronoco Post Office, and on the website: oronocotownship-mn.gov/]

The bills were presented for payment, totaling \$49,928.51. Clerk Lucy Shonyo noted that check 6527 was manually added to the Claims List for Approval due to her error in approving claims in CTAS. This is a valid payment and is included on the Distribution Register. Charlie Lacy made a motion to approve the February bills. Richard Lyke seconded, motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cross Town Auto (Oronoco Auto Parts) –

- A City resident brought in a box of car parts found on the street and sides of street that had presumably fallen from trucks transporting autos and auto parts.
- Reports and documentation of careless driving by employees (per citizen); daycare nearby
- Board was given reports of dates, times of loud vehicles and employees, employees working early (5:30 am) and late (midnight).
- Are we still waiting for MPCA? Who are they responding to, City or Township?
- Is MPCA looking at all aspects of pollution? Land, water, groundwater, air?
- “Nothing is changing”
- Question why the Zoning Ordinances don’t seem to matter. Section 10.12 of Olmsted Zoning Ordinances.
- Township and City need to work together.

The Board noted:

- The Township is still waiting for the MPCA report, and don’t know when it is coming.
- The Township must insure MPCA is looking at the whole situation, both City and Township properties.
- Zoning Ordinance Section 10.14 states “Noise, Heat, Glare, Vibration, Smoke, Toxic Waste and Noxious Fumes: Emission or creation of noise, heat, glare, vibration, smoke, toxic waste and noxious fumes shall conform to standards established by the MPCA”. This explains why we need to wait for the MPCA report.
- Zoning Ordinance Section 10.12 A 3: Salvage and Junk Yards states: Any existing salvage or junk yard shall comply with this Section (10.12) within five (5) years of the adoption of this ordinance”.
- Olmsted County is the Township’s zoning authority. A meeting between a Board member and a County zoning representative to clarify issues and to get the County’s perspective was discussed. Ideally a site visit would occur.
- OPAC (Oronoco Planning Advisory Commission) would be a good group to study the issues and advise the Board.
- Why did CTA / OAP choose to put the burner in the City?

- Mark Thein, an Olmsted County Commissioner from Oronoco might be a good person to contact about the Oronoco Auto Parts / Cross Town Auto situation.

Sunset Bay Septic -

Sheila Craig, and Matthew Summers from Wenck were present to update the Board on the Sunset Bay project.

- The draft CAR will be submitted to MPCA soon.
- The tree farm site could house all 3 projects: Sunset Bay and Ryan's Bay septic systems, and the anticipated Ryan's Bay road work, a joint project between Oronoco and Zumbro townships.
- Oronoco Township will contact owners of the tree farm. This is an ideal property and it was advised we get the land "locked in".

NEW BUSINESS:

Jaime L. Edwards – DNR – Ms. Edwards was not able to stay, so this topic was not discussed.

Resolution Appointing Election Judges - A motion was made by Charlie Lacy and seconded by Neil Stolp to adopt **Resolution 2018 – 01, Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the 2018 Township Election**. Motion carried 3-0.

Resolution Establishing Absentee Ballot Board - A motion was made by Neil Stolp and seconded by Charlie Lacy to adopt **Resolution 2018 – 02, Resolution Establishing Absentee Ballot Board for March 2018 Township Election**. Motion carried 3-0.

Given the late hour (10pm) and the topics yet to discuss, it was announced to those present that this meeting would continue Tuesday, Feb 6 at 4pm at the Oronoco Community Center.

The Oronoco Township Board reconvened the continued Feb 5, 2018 monthly meeting at 4pm on Feb 6, 2018 at the Oronoco Community Center.

Annual Meeting Planning, Review Annual Meeting Draft Agenda and Reorganizational Meeting – The Board reviewed a draft agenda of the Annual Meeting. Upcoming projects and expenses were discussed in relation to the proposed tax levy. The Fire Chief and Jeff Allhiser from First Responders will be invited. This discussion will continue at the March meeting. The Annual Meeting is Tuesday, March 13th, 8:15pm.

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The Board also reviewed a draft agenda for the Reorganizational Meeting. This meeting is to attend to administrative and policy matters that are examined annually. This will be held as a Special Meeting on Monday April 23rd at 7pm.

Township Attorney – Kim Stanton and Lucy Shonyo will devise questions to be asked of attorney candidates.

Road Policy Review - The Board reviewed the Road Policy written in 2006. Lucy Shonyo will update as the Board suggested, and the Board will examine the revised text again in March.

Comments from the Board or Public:

- First Responders - 6 township and 2 city runs in January.
- December Building Permits – 1 new residential: 12352 NW Zumbro Pine Ln, Oronoco
- Town Board election is Tuesday, March 13th, 5-8pm. One Supervisor – 3 year term, and one Clerk – 2 year term will be on the ballot.
- Annual Meeting is Tuesday, March 13th, 8:15pm, Oronoco Community Center. Canvassing Board will meet when polls close.

A motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Lacy, seconded by Neil Stolp. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Neil Stolp, Chair