

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 7, 2019 7PM

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on January 7, 2019 by Chair Neil Stolp. Supervisors Charlie Lacy and Ken Mergen were present as well as Treasurer Kim Stanton and Clerk Lucy Shonyo.

The **order of agenda** was changed to place Sheldon King before Sunset Bay.

Minutes Approval: Charlie Lacy made a motion to approve the December 3, 2018 minutes of the regular monthly Board meeting. Ken Mergen seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Charlie Lacy made a motion to approve the minutes of the joint meeting of Zumbro and Oronoco Townships held on December 3, 2018. Ken Mergen seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Topics

Road Report – Scott Schumacher

- A school bus went off the road on Evergreen Drive due to icy roads.
- Warm weather made some blading possible.
- A citizen's car was damaged by road rock on the road. She asked if an insurance policy covered the damage. It was determined that the Township is not liable for damage such as this. Lucy Shonyo will respond to the citizen.
- MNDOT responded that they would reimburse \$38,133.47 of the \$58,607.43 spent refurbishing 11th Ave NE. This was a detour route during the work on Hwy 63 in the summer of 2018. Neil Stolp will email MNDOT.

OR2018-004MB, applicant Boelter

Applicant Thomas Boelter is requesting to create an approximate 5 acre farmstead parcel and a 35 acre farm parcel from an existing 40 acre farm parcel. The property is zoned A-3 Agricultural Zoning District. The property is in Section 34 of Oronoco Township.

The applicant prefers to create a non-farm parcel of slightly less than 5 acres.

Charlie Lacy made a motion to approve OR2018-004MB, creating a non-farm parcel. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Sheldon King – Lake Zumbro Forever

Sheldon King representing Lake Zumbro Forever told of a monument being constructed noting donors to the Lake Zumbro dredging project. The Board decided the Township should be noted as "Oronoco Township" with the government agency donors.

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Sunset Bay Septic - Sheila Craig was not present but provided information to be shared by Lucy Shonyo.

- Signatures of Sunset Bay property owners were verified by Clerk Lucy Shonyo as required by law. This was done with Sheila Craig on Dec 27, 2018.
- Deed research is a work in progress with Kennedy & Graven.
- Sheila Craig will be present at the January 15 Public Hearing to answer citizen questions.
- Sheila Craig's position has lost its funding. There are some dollars remaining to assist Oronoco Township in the Sunset Bay project.
- Sheila Craig is talking with PFA about insuring her time would be covered and reimbursable to the township as a consultant rendering professional services.
- All deed holders have responded with the exception of one. Ken Mergen will contact him and other deed signers on the property.
- Olmsted County will redraw the Subordinate Service District map when it is finalized.
- We hope to have a draft Subordinate Service District resolution from Kennedy & Graven by the Jan 15 public hearing.
- Oronoco Township needs a Joint Powers agreement with Zumbro Township.

Administrative Business

The **Treasurer's Report** in written form showed the YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of December 31, 2018: Receipts \$758,564.54 and Disbursements \$650,401.84 with an ending balance of \$506,021.18. December net payroll (paid in January) totaled \$1,825.48, bills totaled \$40,589.30. Claims included yearly payments to OT-PAC members.

Treasurer Kim Stanton noted the \$240.00 discrepancy from last month has been corrected. Receipts included the second half of property tax distribution from Olmsted County in the amount of \$285,967.99. A payment to PFA is due in February. He and Olmsted County agreed to a change in the way special assessments are calculated to account for property owners' twice yearly payments instead of one yearly payment. The CD paperwork from Pine Island Bank was signed. Another CD will be purchased in February. Ken Mergen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Approval to Pay Bills - Claims totaling \$40,589.30 and net payroll totaling \$1,825.48 were presented for payment. Charlie Lacy made a motion to approve claims and payroll payments. Ken Mergen seconded, motion carried 3-0.

OT-PAC Report – Charlie Lacy

- The December meeting was cancelled.

Animal Noise Ordinance No 2018-01

- This Ordinance was published as required by law and is in effect.

Sheriff's Report – Dog Incident

- A report received from the Sheriff's Dept was shared with the Board.

Board of Audit

- The Board scheduled the Board of Audit for February 4, 2019, 6:30pm, 30 minutes before the regular 7pm monthly board meeting.

Gopher Septic

- A request for service to clean Cedar Beach tanks, costing \$2,700.00, was received. The board had questions about what this included. Lucy Shonyo will contact Gopher Septic.

Notifications, Updates, Comments from the Board:

- December Building Permits for single family homes – 0
- ORI#: This remains work in progress.
- Annual Meeting and Election Mar 12, 2019 – Affidavits of Candidacy for one Supervisor and one Treasurer accepted Jan 2, 2019 – Jan 15, 2019. See posted notice on website, Post Office, Community Center; published Post Bulletin notice Dec 15, 2018.
- Annual Meeting planning will take place in February.
- OCTOA meeting Thurs, Jan 24, 7:30pm, Eyota Ambulance Garage. Lucy Shonyo will post.
- MAT scholarship applications for high school juniors are now being accepted. Interested persons should go to mntownships.org for info and application.
- MAT Spring Training is March 19 in Rochester.
- Township maps in the upstairs room of the Community Center need to be gone through.
- Requests to pass resolutions or post things to the township website from outside interests are sometimes received. These will be reviewed by the Board.
- The Prairie Island Indian Community purchased 1,200 acres of land in what was Elk Run.

Ken Mergen made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Neil Stolp, Chair