

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
July 6, 2021 5:30 PM

The monthly Oronoco Town Board meeting was called to order on July 6, 2021 by Chair Charlie Lacy.
Present: Supervisors Charlie Lacy, Ken Mergen and Tammy Matzke, Treasurer Kim Stanton, Clerk Lucy Shonyo.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

The **agenda** was accepted as presented.

Agenda Topics

Sergeant Chambers was not present.

[OR2021-003VAR, applicant Burke, was initially scheduled for this meeting, but is rescheduled to a July 15 special meeting due to an error in noticing.]

OR2021-001PLAT, Kingsley – Charlie Lacy and Lucy Shonyo signed the Kingsley final plat. The development is Sunset Bay Ridge. Planner Kristi Gross noted all documents now match the final plat. Outlot 26 acquired property where the road ROW was corrected. There are deed restrictions on this acquired property; no building is allowed.

Road Report – Ken Mergen

Cedar Beach Drive – Water runoff from the road continues to be a problem for homeowner Chris Graves. Scott Schumacher recommends cutouts to take water off the road quickly. This will be a priority. A culvert under the affected driveway is a possibility. Paving Cedar Beach Drive was discussed. This would be at homeowner expense with township support.

The ditch by Mark Thein’s driveway needs cleaning and reshaping.

28th Ave – Per Tom Rathmann, blade operator with Schumacher’s, 28th Ave needs attention.

Ryan’s Bay Road guardrails continue to be a work in progress.

“No Lake Access” signs were placed on Sunset Bay Road, King’s Park Dr and Cedar Beach Dr. A sign is already in place at Sandy Point [and the north end of 18th Ave NW].

Frederichs Dr – Sargeant Chambers informed the board via email of results of a radar speed study. A 14-day study conducted in June showed an average speed of 27.9mph. The posted speed limit is 55mph. There were 160 daily trips recorded.

Lynn Koenig has requested a “No Highway Access” sign on her driveway. Motorists unfamiliar with the road think her driveway is an access to Hwy 52.

Kapler Ln and Gossman Ln estimates – An estimate was received from Rochester Sand and Gravel. This will be discussed at the July 15 special meeting.

Road Report, continued

There was discussion about what **percentage township roads within the city, and shared boundary roads, are of City of Oronoco roads.** Oronoco Township pays 10% of blading costs performed by Jason Ottman, City of Oronoco road contractor.

Cedar Beach Septic -

Charlie Lacy emailed Chad Knudson, Olmsted County, about continuing septic mound leakage. Mr. Knudson visited the site and reported “a low spot where there is some seepage and minimal ponding”...”where the new grading was tied in” to Eric Blasing from Wenck. Mr. Knudson suggests more topsoil and seeding may be needed. Mr. Blasing visited the site and reports he has reached out to the contractor to discuss repairs.

Oronoco Auto Parts – Tammy Matzke noted MPCA has filed a lawsuit against Oronoco Auto Parts. It’s not known how this will affect the properties for sale status.

Administrative Business

Mark Kuehn will be sent a letter regarding an unpaid Pine Island Fire District bill.

Minutes Approval – Ken Mergen moved to approve the June 7 Oronoco Town Board minutes. Charlie Lacy second, motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer’s Report – Kim Stanton

The YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of June 30, 2021 shows: receipts \$115,914.46; disbursements \$459,604.52 with an ending balance of \$469,276.88.

We are still off .01 due to an error made by Think Bank that Pine Island Bank needs to correct.

The CD (\$34,574.13) will be transferred to the money market account in August.

The first tax distribution from the county includes the 2020 broadband levy dollars.

Cedar Beach and Kings Park septic loan payments are due to PFA in August.

Kim Stanton will submit the application to receive funding provided by the American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) once the board authorizes that action. \$260,000 has been allotted to Oronoco Township. MAT has encouraged townships to apply for funds but not be in a hurry to spend them as we have until Dec 2024 to allocate funding and Dec 2026 to complete projects.

Ken Mergen moved to approve the treasurer’s report. Charlie Lacy second, motion carried 3-0.

American Rescue Plan Act - Charlie Lacy moved to authorize Clerk Lucy Shonyo and/or Treasurer Kim Stanton to apply for ARPA funds. Ken Mergen second, motion carried 3-0.

Approval to Pay Bills –

June net payroll (paid in July) totaled \$1,918.35. Claims totaled \$16,745.99. **Ken Mergen moved to approve payment of claims and payroll. Tammy Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.**

OTPAAC Report – The June meeting was cancelled.

Shoreland rules are being updated. There will be a public hearing for citizen input.

The discussion about moving Oronoco Town Board meetings to a date other than the first Monday monthly will be discussed at the July 15 special meeting.

Other Topics, Notifications

- a. Couri & Ruppe legal seminar is Sept 18 at New Haven town hall.

Ken Mergen moved to adjourn at 8:11 pm. Tammy Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Charlie Lacy, Chair