

**MINUTES**  
**MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**JUNE 5, 2017**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on June 5, 2017 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 May 1, 2017 minutes, Charlie Lacy seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The order of agenda was changed to move the Bridge Report discussion to the first item.

The Treasurer's report in written form showed the monthly "Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances" as of May 31, 2017: Receipts \$107,380.61 and Disbursements \$302,625.82 with an ending balance of \$350,816.83. Treasurer Kim Stanton noted that the \$73.00 discrepancy will be corrected next month. Richard Lyke made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

There was no OPAC report as the meeting was cancelled.

Sergeant Rich Carmack from the Sheriff's Dept was present. The use of recreational vehicles was discussed. ATVs are ok on Township roads but not County roads. Ranger type vehicles are ok on County roads, but not in ditches. Citizens can call the Sheriff's Dept for further info.

Jeff Allhiser, First Responder Director, reported 5 township runs.

Scott Schumacher reported that chloride application is done. He was given the Annual Bridge Report received from Olmsted County Public Works for needed corrective action. Scott noted the culvert at King's Park was done; Sunset Beach Road, Cedar Beach and 81<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Ave jobs will be started soon. A citizen complimented them on a chloride job well done.

Charlie Lacy got a citizen call about 20<sup>th</sup> Ave NE after 75<sup>th</sup>, about .25 mile. This is in Farmington Township. Schumacher's has maintained. This will be a topic of further conversation.

The bills were presented for payment, totaling \$53,350.47. Richard Lyke made a motion to approve the May bills. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

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Scott Ward, 636 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Lot 13, Mazeppa, MN 55956 brought in 331 striped gophers. He will be paid .75 each, totaling \$248.25. The check will be run with July payments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Cedar Beach:** Cedar Beach Change Order No. 3 relating to the living fence was signed by Neil Stolp on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunset Bay Road:** A citizen present noted that Zumbro Township (Wabasha County) had revealed their road bid. Clerk Lucy Shonyo will confirm. The Townships will need to compare bids. There is no agreement about the percent cost split between the Townships.

**Sunset Bay Septic:** There was no new information presented. Sheila Craig was not present.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Bridge Report from Olmsted County:** This item was included in Schumacher's Road Report in Administrative Business.

**River Hills Court Paving Assessments:** A motion was made by Richard Lyke, seconded by Charlie Lacy, to charge 4.5% over 10 years per owner. Passed 3-0. Treasurer Kim Stanton will work with Olmsted County on the special assessment.

A motion was made by Richard Lyke, seconded by Charlie Lacy, to accept the bid from Rochester Sand and Gravel titled "Riverhill Court NW Street Paving" for \$40,609.80 to do the paving. Passed 3-0.

**Oronoco Auto Parts:** A citizen complaint was received about Oronoco Auto Parts, aka Cross Town Auto. In an email to Neil Stolp, Randy Klement from Olmsted County Planning notes that their use is consistent with County Ordinance. The complainant could call law enforcement but Mr. Klement could not site a specific violation.

**Animals At Large – 18<sup>th</sup> Ave:** A citizen complaint was received about unconstrained animals. The complainant was advised to call law enforcement.

**Drive-way request – Center St E and 118:** This topic was not discussed

**18<sup>th</sup> Ave Blacktop – Clayton Cowl:** Mr. Cowl wants to blacktop about 600' of a township road at his expense. He presented a Memorandum of Understanding ...."to create special districting within Oronoco Township, Olmsted County to grade, fill, and apply asphalt surfacing to a

portion of 18<sup>th</sup> Ave NW within Section 22 north of Kings Drive NW and south of the midpoint of the southern border of Section 15. The grading and prep work would be performed at the expense of the Township. The asphalt surfacing would be performed by a contractor to be approved by the Township." Mr. Cowl presented signatures of landowners "who drive on the affected road access", expressing their "understanding of the proposal for special districting for the road improvements described...and have no objections with proceeding".

After much discussion, a motion was made by Richard Lyke, seconded by Charlie Lacy, to proceed with the project, and to accept the bid of Rochester Sand and Gravel in the amount of \$19,400.95. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Richard Lyke, seconded by Charlie Lacy, to assess Mr. Cowl 4.5% over 10 years to finance the road work. Motion carried 3-0. Treasurer Kim Stanton will work with Olmsted County in establishing the special assessment.

**Olmsted County Maintenance Agreement:** A motion was made by Richard Lyke, seconded by Charlie Lacy to accept this agreement. It was signed by Neil Stolp.

**Township participation in County reporting of boundary and road changes:** A motion was made by Richard Lyke, seconded by Charlie Lacy, to participate in Olmsted County's GIS Division's reporting of Township boundary and road changes. Motion carried 3-0.

**Comments from Board and Public:**

- May 2017 checks were signed by two board members instead of the recommended three because of the absence of two approved signers.
- Lucy Shonyo receives a monthly report of Building Permits issued in Oronoco Township from Olmsted County. She will report New Construction permits to the Board.
- Lucy Shonyo reported Olmsted County's chloride price is .95/gallon.
- Angela Smith asked about policies on ditch mowing. There was discussion about the topic, noting many conflicting interests. She is trying to establish a native prairie and wants to put up signs indicating "No Mowing". The Board said she could put up signs on her property, but not in the township's right of way, generally 33' from the center of the road.
- Alice Flood, Cedar Beach liaison, noted that the living fence was planted, but some homeowners were unhappy. Ellingson's will be back to correct and finish the project.

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- Charlie Lacy followed up on citizen's concern expressed at the May meeting regarding silt and sand being sent downstream due to the Oronoco dam site restoration project. A letter was sent to Oronoco Mayor Eichhorst and other project leaders resulting in a pontoon tour of Lake Zumbro and a presentation to the Lake Zumbro Association. Affected citizens were happy with the follow-up.
- The Board discussed policies for review. The Snow & Ice Policy will be discussed at the July meeting. Treasurer Kim Stanton will take on the Township Road identification and mileage project.
- It was agreed the July meeting will be on July 3rd, 7pm.

A motion was made by Charlie Lacy, seconded by Richard, to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.  
Respectfully Submitted

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_