

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 6, 2017

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on March 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm by Chairman, Neil Stolp. Supervisors Charlie Lacy and Richard Lyke were present. Treasurer, Kim Stanton was absent. With a power outage, the meeting continued with the help of portable lanterns & flashlights.

Tamara Berg-Beniak with the Pine Island School District presented "A Message of Gratitude and Greatness". *"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it"*. Tamara went on to give a brief report on how the new and old schools arrived at where they are now as compared to 2012 when the Pine Island School Board was faced with the challenges of space, building conditions, and safety & security to the existing facilities. 2016 has a new preK-4 school with 750 student capacity designed for future expansion. There are multiple amenities and designed for 21st century technology. A new track, storage shed, soccer field, lights, crownsnest are also part of the new school. The existing school grades 5-12 received a makeover after the demolition of the 1934 building and new classrooms were constructed along with maintenance items. A new 100 seat auditorium and improvement of the football field with additional seating for 100 was also part of the exiting school project. The road should see improvements by 2018. She thanked everyone for their support.

Richard Lyke made a motion to approve the February 6, 2017 minutes. Charlie Lacy seconded. Motion carried.

The order of agenda was accepted as presented.

The Treasurer's report in written form showed the year to date "Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances" as of February 28, 2017: Receipts \$84,052.08 and Disbursements \$152,454.94 with an ending balance of \$477,659.18. Richard Lyke made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried.

Richard Lyke reported that at the February OPAC meeting set back on feed lots was discussed. One half mile set back was the recommendation. All the current ordinances have been properly registered.

First Responders did not have a report.

The bills were presented for payment, a total \$28,424.70. Neil Stolp made a motion to approve the March bills. Richard Lyke seconded, motion carried.

Scott Schumacher discussed road maintenance. Neil received complaint from a Cedar Beach resident on mud around mail box and driveway. Another complaint was from a resident on the condition of Lions Court, Cedar Crest Lane NW. The road has multiple pot holes, etc. The Board requested another bid on the Ryans Bay Road based on the Wabash County Engineer specs. Scott agreed to provide a bid on the condition that if the plans change, he would have the opportunity to rebid.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sheila Craig via email:

Sunset Bay Septic Project:

- 1) An informational meeting was February 28, 2017 at Oronoco City Hall with DonVanKeulen with Olmsted County and Sheila present for questions and answers. There was a very impressive turnout with 17 residents along with Mark Thein, Neil and Richard. There was very favorable interest in the sewage project with a few of the residents signing up with Sheila that night. The PPL application for Sunset Bay has been sent in.

Cedar Beach Project:

- 1) A motion was made by Richard Lyke to pay Ellingson Drainage, Inc \$3,267.34 on pay estimate #6. Charlie Lacy seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
- 2) Change order #3 for \$15,086.62 has been submitted to cover the "living fence". Eric is reassuring that these recent costs are still included with the funding planned for this project. Richard Lyke made a motion to approve change order #3 for \$15,086.62 and Charley Lacy seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

River Hills Court Blacktop Project:

Richard Lyke received a bid from Rochester Sand & Gravel for the blacktopping. The bid for 102nd ST NW and 14th Ave NW was for \$89,365.70 and River Hill Court NW \$40,609.80 totally \$129,975.50 for the project. There were resident concerns about installing guard rails and increased speed. After discussion Richard Lyke made a motion to accept Rochester Sand & Gravel's bid for \$129,975.50. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0. The board will address safety concerns when the project is completed. The Board, Scott Schumacher and RS&G will coordinate the project this spring. Kim Stanton will provide financing information at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMENTS:

Carol Pyfferoen, resident on 100th St NW, had concerns about the culvert on the road entering Riverwood Hills subdivision. She was inquiring into the history of that project as a township. Neil and Richard informed her that at the time the road and culvert was installed, it was township and it did not pass the engineering specifications required to maintain and would have to be dug up and redone properly and pass specs to be accepted. The developer requested that the city annex the development and the road/culvert as is, now it is part of the

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City of Oronoco. Neil had copies and photos to offer Carol as to the township action. There are safety concerns with heavy equipment going into the new development.

Richard Lyke made a motion to adjourn, Charlie Lacy seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Haglund, Clerk _____