

ORONOCO TOWN BOARD
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2023

The monthly Oronoco Town Board meeting was called to order on March 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm by Chair Ken Mergen. Present: Supervisors Ken Mergen, Tammy Matzke and Joel Johanningmeier; Clerk Lucy Shonyo and Treasurer Kim Stanton.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

The **agenda** was accepted as presented.

OR2022-005ZC, Kevin Graner

Kristi Gross, Senior Planner, Olmsted County Planning, was present.

This information is from the Olmsted County Planning Dept document, but is not the entire document.

Request - The request is to rezone half of Mr. Graner's property from A-2 Agricultural Protection to R-1 Low Density Residential District to make the entire property R-1.

Location – The property is located at the end of Sunset Bay Ln NE in the W1/2 of the NW1/4 of section 2 of Oronoco Township; Lot 2 Block 1 Sunset Bay Paradise; address 13419 Sunset Bay Ln NE.

Background – Mr. Graner acquired property from adjacent landowners to the north and east. The property was platted in October, 2022 to combine the property in one tax parcel. The part of the property in the original Kurth's Subdivision is zoned R-1, and some of the acquired property is A-2.

Analysis and Findings

1. The property is consistent with the Oronoco Township and Olmsted County Land Use Plan. The property is a platted subdivision with Suburban Development Land Use designation on a portion of the property.
2. The action is in the public interest because the property is being developed in accordance, and consistent, with the character of the area. The proposed zoning district is based on the adjacent zoning of the property.
3. The request is timely, the property was replatted October 19, 2022.
4. The purpose of the rezoning is to allow more flexible setbacks for future re-development of the property. The use of the property will remain the same as it is today, a single family dwelling location.
5. The proposal is not spot zoning because it is consistent with the underlying land use designation as well and the adjacent zoning district.
6. A general development plan was not required for the zoning district amendment.

Staff Recommendation – Planning Staff and the Oronoco Township Planning Advisory Commission recommend approval of the requested zone change.

OR2022-005ZC, Kevin Graner, continued

Chair Mergen opened the public hearing for OR2022-005ZC.

Attendees were asked three times for comments for or against this action. With no one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Supervisor Mergen moved to approve OR2022-005ZC based on the findings and recommendation of Olmsted County Planning staff and OTPAC. Supervisor Johanningmeier second, motion carried 3-0.

Road Report

Dave Walters, S&B Services, expressed his frustration with Ryan's Bay Road residents' expectations in the last rain / ice event. Not every road can be serviced first, and there may be emergencies happening that are urgent. Citizens are not authorized to call road service providers for sand or road maintenance. Supervisor Mergen noted that people tend to live in their own bubbles, not always seeing the big picture. This season has been challenging given the rain / ice events. The board and road maintenance providers work hard to service all township roads.

Supervisor Mergen asked that S&B Services remove the "credit part" of the invoice. Going forward, all road calls related to Ryan's Bay Road will come from Zumbro Township. [Ryan's Bay Road is a shared road with Zumbro Township.]

Administrative Business

Minutes Approval

Supervisor Johanningmeier moved to approve the February 13, 2023 town board meeting minutes. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.

Supervisor Matzke moved to approve the February 13, 2023 Board of Audit minutes. Supervisor Johanningmeier second, motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Stanton

The YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of March 1, 2023 shows: receipts \$72,291.94; disbursements \$162,925.04 with an ending balance of \$1,551,013.72.

The checking account has been changed to a business account.

CD interest will be paid monthly into the MMDA account since Frandsen does not compound CD interest.

Cedar Beach and King's Park notes to MNPFA will be paid in January and July to allow more time before their due dates.

The treasurer's CTAS, clerk's CTAS and bank balance match.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Stanton, continued

Clerk Shonyo will check with the court system about restitution payment for the damaged Cedar Beach culvert.

Treasurer Stanton has asked the county why the annual road payment was significantly less than last year.

Supervisor Matzke moved to approve the treasurer's report. Supervisor Mergen second, motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer Stanton distributed recommendations for **Ameriprise investments** including two Ameriprise Flex Savings CD at \$100,000 each and two brokered CDs at \$100,000 each. The board decided both of the Ameriprise CDs should be 3-month duration. One brokered CD will be for 9 months (shortest available) and the other for 12 months. These accounts are not yet active as final confirmation is not complete.

Supervisor Mergen moved to approve Treasurer Stanton's proposal for Ameriprise investments with noted changes, to be executed when Ameriprise's final approval is received. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.

Approval to Pay Payroll and Claims including Electronic Transfers - February net payroll (paid in March) was \$2,340.31. Payroll included the reissued February payroll check #7738 for Supervisor Johannngmeier. The original payroll check was issued for the wrong amount and was voided (check #7709). Clerk Shonyo noted she spoke with Mark Albarado from the Office of State Auditor about the procedure for voiding and reissuing the check in CTAS. Claims totaled \$53,138.86. **Supervisor Mergen moved to approve payment of payroll and claims including electronic transfers. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.**

OTPAC – Supervisor Matzke – The February meeting was cancelled.

Annual Meeting – Members of the Pine Island Fire District board met to determine 2023 dues. Estimated PIFD dues for the proposed levy are \$98,780. A PIFD quorum was not present, these are estimated dues. Treasurer Stanton noted the township has a \$9,000 cushion due to an account balance carried forward from 2022 to 2023. The annual meeting is Tues, March 14, at 8:15pm at Oronoco City Hall. The township election is from 5-8pm also at Oronoco City Hall.

Quotes Acceptance – Written quotes will be accepted for road services and rock at the board's April 10th meeting, 5:30pm, Oronoco City Hall. Email Clerk Shonyo at lucyoronoco@gmail.com, or visit the township's website for details.

Reorg Meeting – The reorg meeting will be held at 5:00 May 8, before the town board meeting.

Clerk Notes –

Oronoco Township’s Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will be held Monday, April 17, from 4-4:30 at Oronoco City Hall. Notice is posted and will be published in the April 1 Post Bulletin.

Board Comments – Supervisor Mergen noted the spring road tour will be scheduled in early May.

Supervisor Matzke moved to adjourn at 8:05pm. Supervisor Johanningmeier second, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Ken Mergen, Chair

Tammy Matzke, Supervisor

Joel Johanningmeier, Supervisor