

**MINUTES**  
**MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 6, 2017**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on November 6, 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 October 2, 2017 minutes, Charlie Lacy seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The order of agenda was changed to put the liquor license approvals as the first item, followed by the Cross Town Auto (Oronoco Auto Parts) discussion.

The Treasurer's report in written form showed the monthly "Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances" as of October 31, 2017: Receipts \$414,991.10 and Disbursements \$830,061.31 with an ending balance of \$130,991.83. Reports are off by \$730.00 due to two draws instead of one from the MN State Retirement Plan. This will be correct next month. The remitter on the Receipts Register (Receipt # 871) will be corrected to be EDPO / Quality Propane. Kim Stanton noted that significant income will be received with the finalization of the Cedar Beach project. Neil Stolp 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.

Scott Schumacher reported rock was added to 60<sup>th</sup> Ave. Normal maintenance continues. A citizen noted that the ditches on East Center St were filling in. This is an Oronoco City street.

The bills were presented for payment, totaling \$35,084.93. Charlie Lacy made a motion to approve the October bills. Richard Lyke seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**Liquor License Approval – Fisherman's Inn** – Neil Stolp made a motion to affirm the County's granting of a liquor license renewal to Fisherman's Inn. Richard Lyke seconded, motion carried 3-0. A form from the County indicating Board approval was signed.

**Liquor License Approval – Uncle John's** – Neil Stolp made a motion to affirm the County's granting of a liquor license renewal to Uncle John's. Richard Lyke seconded, motion carried 3-0. A form from the County indicating Board approval was signed.

**Cross Town Auto (Oronoco Auto Parts)** – To begin the conversation, Neil Stolp noted:

- Oronoco Auto Parts is now Cross Town Auto, so everyone understands we are speaking of the same business,
- the Board has received several complaints from citizens of late night noise and neighborhood disruption coming from Cross Town Auto,
- that tonight's meeting was to hear and acknowledge these complaints,
- that citizen complaints and comments would be documented and referred to the Olmsted County's zoning authority for review since they administer zoning ordinances for Oronoco Township,
- that Oronoco Township has previously adopted Olmsted County's Ordinances,
- that Cross Town Auto has business components in both Oronoco Township and the City of Oronoco, and that the Township and City has previously agreed to work together on mutual concerns, though they are two distinct government entities,
- that citizens also need to voice their concerns to Oronoco City government,
- representatives from the City of Oronoco government were present,
- no one from Cross Town Auto attended (Neil Stolp told them of the meeting and invited them to be present).

Citizen complaints, comments and questions included:

- there has been an increase in the last few years in the amount of noise and traffic generated
- acknowledgement that they have a business to run but should do it within reasonable hours (one resident noted he called law enforcement due to noise at 2am)
- how are they zoned, and what ordinances affect their operation?
- is there a Conditional Use Permit, and if so, what does that stipulate? (One resident reported that her info from the County was that there was no CUP for that address).
- grandfathering?
- has their operation changed over their years in business? Are they now a salvage yard instead of an auto parts business?
- environmental concerns: air quality, river, soil and groundwater contamination with auto fluids (one of the persons expressing these concerns identified himself as a former employee)
- neighbors are now reluctant to use "green space" in the area due to fast moving traffic and noise
- jake-breaking, wear to roads, large trucks driving too fast in a residential area

**Cross Town Auto (Oronoco Auto Parts) continued**

Ryland Eichhorst, Mayor of Oronoco, noted:

- the City property (where the smelter is located) is zoned B2, originally denoting Storage; Cross Town Auto has not applied for re-zoning
- the City has spoken with Cross Town Auto, and has sent a letter asking them to honor operating hours
- the City denied a permit for the gas line needed for the Cross Town Auto smelter located within the City
- the City has not received any formal complaints, but if / when received their process is: three letters to the business, then a ticket with an increasing fine as time passes without resolution
- the City is waiting to hear from Olmsted County and the MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency)
- there are currently no weight restrictions on Oronoco City streets

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Cedar Beach Septic** - Sheila Craig noted

- Change Order 4 Approval was received from the MPCA
- The Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Small Community Wastewater Treatment Program CERTIFICATION OF FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE was signed.
- Resolution 11617, RESOLUTION APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM ESTABLISHMENT CHARGE FOR THE CEDAR BEACH WASTEWATER SUBORDINATE SERVICE DISTRICT was signed and notarized.

**Kings Park Septic** – There has been no response received to the letter sent to the Kings Park homeowner who wanted to withdraw.

**Sunset Bay Septic** –

- The SCTA (Small Community Technical Assistance) contract has not been received. When received, it will be signed by Neil Stolp, Chair and Lucy Shonyo, Clerk, per Resolution 8717, which grants authority for this action.
- Site evaluations will begin the week of Nov 6.

**Sunset Bay Road** – We are waiting to hear from Zumbro Township / Wabasha County that they are ready to proceed. Charlie Lacy will send an email to them reminding them that the grant request deadline is Dec 1.

**River Hill Court and 18<sup>th</sup> Ave Extension Assessments** – Kim Stanton indicates the paperwork has been submitted to the County. The amortization tables distributed last month are correct.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mark Kuehn purchased the Equestrian Center** located in Oronoco Township. He had questions about the re-zoning process, and was advised to start with Olmsted County as they are our zoning administrators.

**2018 Road Work** – There was a general discussion of road work. It was noted that repair and maintenance costs always increase, but keeping up with road repair is necessary. The costs of diesel is rising which will increase our costs. The Board will look at what was spent this year and develop a recommended budget for 2018.

**Resolution Establishing Polling Place** – Richard Lyke made a motion to adopt **Resolution 11617b** which establishes the Oronoco Community Center at 115 SW 2 St in Oronoco as the polling place for Oronoco Township residents for 2018 elections. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 3-0. [NOTE: This is the same voting location as before.] This Resolution now needs to be done annually.

**MNDOT Map** – The Township got a map from MNDOT with a request for updates, to be completed by Nov 30. Neil Stolp will update.

**Pine Island Fire District** – Kim Stanton noted that a fire district member is considering withdrawing.

**Comments From Board or Public:**

- First Responders had 6 October runs, 3 City and 3 Township
- September Building Permits – 1 new residential at 1611 White Bridge Road NE, Rochester
- Supervisors received information on how townships can receive a portion of fines paid to the court for offenses within the township.

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

Respectfully Submitted

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Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

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Neil Stolp, Chair