

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 7PM

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on September 4, 2018 by Chair Neil Stolp. Supervisors Ken Mergen and Charlie Lacy were present as well as Treasurer Kim Stanton and Clerk Lucy Shonyo.

The **order of agenda** was accepted as presented.

Minutes Approval: Charlie Lacy made a motion to approve the August 6, 2018 minutes of the regular monthly Board meeting. Ken Mergen seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Topics

Road Report – Scott Schumacher

- 11th Ave needs rock and chloride due to its being a detour route during the Hwy 63 work. These costs will be billed to MNDOT. Oronoco Township will pay Schumacher's for their 11th Ave work, then submit these invoices to MNDOT for reimbursement. Schumacher's will submit separate invoices to Oronoco Township for 11th Ave work.
- Bergen will be doing the work approved at the June meeting. This includes 18th Ave NW from County Road 12 to the Township/County line, excluding Lakeview Drive, and south Minnesota Ave from Cedar Point SE to 100th St NW. At the July meeting the Board approved the Blakely Court project after the road was damaged by a vehicle fire. Blakely Court resurfacing is done.

OR2018-001MB, applicant Bertsinger - County officials and applicant were not present. [There was a miscommunication with the County. This item will be heard at the October 1 meeting.]

Oronoco Territory Subdivision – Dale Allen requested the Township take over maintenance of Territory Lane since four of the seven available sites have homes. Neil Stolp made a motion that Oronoco Township assume maintenance of Territory Lane NW. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0. Scott Schumacher will talk with Ottman Excavating, road contractor for the City of Oronoco.

Oronoco Auto Parts / Cross Town Auto – Charlie Lacy reported Olmsted County did not conduct a site visit. It will be rescheduled.

Sunset Bay Septic – Sheila Craig

- Ken Mergen got a map from Wenck showing a reconstructed potential layout for the Sunset Bay / Ryan's Bay LSTS (Large Subsurface Sewage Treatment Plant). This plan requires less land, an estimated 4 acres for the septic system. An additional estimated 3 acres is needed for the road project.
- The state will not fund land not needed for the septic system. Additionally, though there is a bit of leeway, if the Township pays more than the appraised land value an attorney needs to present a case as to why this is necessary.
- Ken Mergen made a motion to have a special meeting with the property owners. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 3-0. Neil Stolp will contact the property owners.
- Due to the size of the septic site, a living fence is probably not an option. Sheila Craig will ask this question of the MPCA.
- After the land purchase is settled, community meetings of property owners will be scheduled.
- Oronoco Township previously hired Kennedy & Graven to start the deed research process.
- After property owners commit to the project, a Special Service District will be created and a public hearing held.
- Sheila Craig and Kim Stanton told the Board of the audit of PFA by the State of MN they participated in. It was not a financial audit so much as a review of how the PFA interacted with the Township and Cedar Beach property owners through the septic project. It was a positive experience.

Ryan's Bay Road Project Update – There is no update. Progress will depend on the upcoming meeting with landowners.

ROW / Utility Permitting – Charlie Lacy

- Discussion continued about the Township initiating a ROW / Utility Permitting process.
- A bond is posted by the company installing the utility in the Township right of way to insure any needed repair or reconstruction costs are covered.
- A benefit for the Township would be having a record of what utilities were installed, where they were installed and by whom.
- OT-PAC (Oronoco Township Planning Advisory Commission) will explore the topic and advise the Board.

Lake Zumbro Dredging update - Kim Stanton and Lucy Shonyo are getting questions from property owners who think Oronoco Township is the assessing authority. It is a joint project between Olmsted and Wabasha Counties. [Ken Mergen located a contact person for assessment questions the day after the meeting: Jim Loehr, 507.288.3923, jloehr@WHKS.com]

“Dangerous Dog” update – Per our Township attorney, Oronoco Township is not responsible for animal control. As such, Oronoco Township will take no action.

Administrative Business

Kim Stanton presented a proposed one-page dashboard outlining Township assets, significant expenses and liabilities that would be available at monthly meetings and posted to the website. Ken Mergen made a motion to adopt this Financial Summary Report. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

The **Treasurer’s Report** in written form showed the YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of August 31, 2018: Receipts \$454,079.92 and Disbursements \$447,090.88 with an ending balance of \$404,847.52. August payroll totaled \$4,149.16, bills totaled \$13,986.55, with disbursements totaling \$18,135.71. Kim Stanton will prepare a report of Operation & Maintenance fees for homeowners connected to King’s Park and Cedar Beach Septic systems for the October meeting. Supervisors will determine what changes, if any, to make to O&M fees. Ken Mergen made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Approval to Pay Bills - Claims totaling \$13,986.55 and payroll totaling \$4,149.16 were presented for payment. Payroll dollars include election judge wages. Neil Stolp made a motion to approve claims and payroll payment. Ken Mergen seconded, motion carried 3-0.

OPAC Report – Charlie Lacy

- OR2018-002CUP, applicant Raymond Hansen will be continued to the Sept 17 meeting.
- Ken Mergen made a motion to accept the revised By-Laws of the Oronoco Township Planning Advisory Commission. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0. It will now be known as OT-PAC, formerly OPAC.

“Prosecution Services Agreement” from Olmsted County Attorney – The Township was asked to sign this Agreement, associated with the Township’s application for an ORI number which qualifies the Township to receive a portion of road fines collected on roads passing through the Township. Ken Mergen made a motion to decline to sign this Agreement based on the advice of the Township attorney. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Comments from the Board or Public:

- July Building Permits for single family homes – 0
- Couri & Ruppe Legal Seminar, New Haven Town Hall, Saturday Oct. 13
- Under state law, political campaign signs are not permitted in state, county or township road rights of way.
- “Road Closed” signs will be transferred from Ron Haglund to Neil Stolp.
- PIFD Chief has recommended that the Township discontinue issuing burning permits. These are available from the DNR.
- Brighter Initiatives is a program that uses closed landfills for solar panel sites that the Township expressed interest in. The Township is not “in the running” for this program.

Brian Todd from the Post Bulletin asked Charlie Lacy some questions about Oronoco Auto Parts.

Ken Mergen made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Neil Stolp, Chair