

**MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING
ORONOCO TOWN BOARD
JUNE 8, 2020 5:30 PM**

This was a teleconference meeting in response to the Peacetime Emergency Declaration issued by Gov Walz to prevent the transmission of COVID-19. The Board adopted Resolution 2020-05, Resolution Establishing the Ability to Conduct Open Meetings by Telephone at the April 6, 2020 meeting.

A Special Meeting of the Oronoco Town Board was called to order on June 6, 2020 by Chair Charlie Lacy. Also present: Supervisors Ken Mergen and Tammy Matzke, Treasurer Kim Stanton, Clerk Lucy Shonyo and Dennis Siems, OR2020-006MB applicant.

The topics of the special meeting were to discuss OR2020-006MB, the Schumacher bid, and Ryans Bay Road.

OR2020-006MB, applicant Siems

The applicant is requesting a metes and bounds approval to split a 4.72 acre non-farm parcel from the existing 40 acre farm parcel. The remnant parcel would qualify as a farm parcel and could be built on with a farm dwelling. The property is zoned A-2, Agricultural Protection District.

The property is in the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ in Section 5, T108N R 14W. It is east of 44th Ave NW and north of CR 12, White Bridge Road.

This metes and bounds request complies with Olmsted County and Oronoco Township Ordinances, specifically Section 5.02 Subd C:

- This is the only non-farm parcel within the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 5.
- The majority of the proposed parcel has 40 CER.
- Floodplain soils exist on the property. There is an area within the proposed parcel that does not contain floodplain spoils.
- There are no feedlots within ¼ mile of the proposed non-farm parcel.

The Staff Recommendation is to approve the proposed 4.72 acre non-farm parcel.

Ken Mergen made a motion to approve OR2020-006MB based on the findings and recommendation of County Planning Staff. Tammy Matzke second. Motion carried 3-0. [Lacy – aye, Mergen – aye, Matzke – aye].

Schumacher bid

Charlie Lacy and Lucy Shonyo opened sealed bids on June 2, 2020 at Oronoco City Hall. Schumacher Excavating was the only bid received for all-season road maintenance. The bid was reviewed by the board.

Schumacher bid continued

Ken Mergen made a motion to accept the Schumacher Excavating bid for road maintenance July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Tammy Matzke second. Motion carried 3-0. [Lacy – aye, Mergen – aye, Matzke – aye].

Ryans Bay Road

The board discussed if town attorney Bob Ruppe should be present at the June 15 public hearing or if phone availability would be sufficient. It was decided to defer to Mr. Ruppe's judgement.

Tammy Matzke made a motion to adjourn at 5:50pm. Ken Mergen second. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Charlie Lacy, Chair