

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on Sept 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Neil Stolp. Chairman, Mark Thein arrived at 7:15 pm. Richard Lyke and treasurer, Kim Stanton were present.

Neil Stolp made a motion to approve the August 1, 2016 minutes with the amended changes requested by Sheila Craig. Richard Lyke seconded. Motion carried.

The order of agenda was changed having the Public Hearing as the last order of business.

The Treasurer's report in written form showed the year to date "Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances" as of August 31, 2016: Receipts \$339,342.76 and Disbursements \$501,322.17 with an ending balance of \$271,608.45. This reflected a \$600.00 rebate from the MN Assoc of Townships Agency. This was the first year that they sent out checks to qualifying townships. Neil Stolp made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Richard Lyke seconded, motion carried.

There was not any OPAC discussion. A motion was made by Neil Stolp to accept two new members to fill the vacant OPAC vacancies. Richard Lyke seconded, motion carried. The new members are Ted Kottem and Rich Albrecht.

There was not a First Responders report.

The bills were presented for payment, a total \$94,356.36. This included an invoice from Bargaen for \$62,940.00 per their bid in May. Richard Lyke made a motion to approve the September bills. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Sheila Craig-Cedar Beach Project

- There was discussion regarding moving structures on the Township property line for fence installation. Eric Blasing, engineer with Wenck, has talked to the property owners (The Moyers and The Flotteruds) and is concerned as to who will enforce. Mark Thein will talk to the property owners.
- Pay estimate #1 was submitted by Ellingson Drainage, Inc for payment in the amount of \$404,267.75. Eric Blasing, engineer with Wenck, has verified their request for actual work completed while conducting construction observation. Rather than borrowing money for payment, a Special Meeting will be held September 19, 2016 at 8:00 am for the purpose of approving the Bond Purchase. This paperwork should get to the MPFA for approval and the release of funds to pay Ellingson in a timely manner. Mark Thein made a motion to approve

paying Ellingson Drainage \$404,267.75 once the funds have been secured. The clerk will prepare a check at that time. Neil Stolp seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

- The Cedar Beach Septic Project seems to be going according to schedule despite all the rain. Completion should be sometime in October.

Zumbro Haven Development: Requesting the Township take over the road maintenance.

Jay Hodge, per County request, did some patching that was acceptable. Olmsted County checked borings for depth of materials and recommended that the roads follow subdivision standards and have good structure and surface width for maintenance. Jay has 36 houses out of 45 lots either built or in the process (9). After discussion Neil Stolp made a motion to have the Township take over the roads in the Zumbro Haven Development for maintenance. Mark Thein seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Metes and Bounds Subdivision #OR2016-003MB: Applicant, Bob Bunne, requesting to split a 125 feet by 50 feet parcel from a 92 acre parcel which adjoins Mr. Bunne's parcel and combine it with Mr. Bunne's parcel, Section 2, Oronoco Township.

After discussion, Mark Thein made a motion to approve Metes and Bounds Subdivision #OR2016-03MB. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Oronoco Township Board Public Hearing: For the purpose to consider 102nd St, 14th Ave and Rivers Hill Court NW Paving Project.

Mark Thein made a motion to open the Public Hearing, Neil Stolp seconded. Motion carried. Attorney, Fred Suhler, explained that to start the process the Board needs to adopt a resolution to create a subordinate service district. After 60 days from the date of the resolution, a referendum can be brought forth by the residents. None of which will be done in time for 2016 blacktopping. Residents expressing their thoughts:

Aaron Biedermann, 1649 Rivers Hill Ct NW: explained how they have gotten to this point with the petition.

Dennis & Kay Hawley, 1531 Rivers Hill Ct NW: Opposed, (in written form) concerned about the want versus need and the assessment burden on a fixed income. With blacktop comes more speed and drop offs with no guard rails.

Jeff Green, 1495 Rivers Hill Ct NW: Moved from city to rural and has never had to deal with gravel before. He has concerns about gravel being slippery in the winter and unsafe especially where the drop-offs are without guard rails.

Aaron Biedermann, 1649 Rivers Hill Ct NW: Driver behavior is more of an issue than road safety.

Dale Allen, 1580 102nd St NW: in favor of blacktopping. Lots of Kings Park traffic, maintenance, and lots of slop when the frost comes out. Property values would go up.

Mark Plunkett, 1600 102nd St NW: In favor, although first house, it is a safety factor.

Richard & Judy Ballard, 1551 102nd St NW: (by letter) Against the project. Money is not well spent for them , 2nd homeowner from the start of the project, so distance would be short on the new road. They were assessed for blacktop in 1996 for the Kings Park-Hyland addition even though they did not have a driveway access to that road.

Asking three times for comments for or against, Mark closed the public hearing. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried. Richard Lyke clarified that in these projects that the township maintains the roads, but the residents own the blacktop. The State of MN sets the speed limits. Mark explained that if there need to be guard rails installed, the township will address the problem. After more discussion Mark Thein made a motion to move forward with "A Resolution of the Board of the Town of Oronoco, Olmsted County, Minnesota, Establishing a Subordinate Service District Within a Portion of the Town". Richard Lyke seconded, motion carried 3-0. With Fred Suhler's assistance in the wordage, the clerk will publish and send copies to the petitioners as required by the Resolution.

Comments:

- Jennifer Lee, representing the Oronoco Estates residents, has concerns about the change of ownership and their new contract. They are concerned about the emergency contact to get into the locked shelter when needed and qualified persons to take care of the water and sewer, along with many other issues. As Fred explained, the Township Board does not have any authority in this matter, but they should definitely be contacting Olmsted County and/or the State of MN. Neil suggested Randy Klemment at Olmsted County, Fred suggested the Attorney General.
- Neil Stolp-Sheriff's Dept had a dog bite complaint and responded to the incident.
- Neil Stolp-Kings Park Septic has not been mowed this year. Pat w/Gopher offered his services and Neil accepted his offer to mow.
- Discussion on possibly raising the fire levy due to increased wages and benefits. (Annual Meeting)
- Schumacher-check on turnaround for Tom at the end of the Junk Yard road.
- Neil-Add Utility Permits to the agenda for October

Neil Stolp made a motion to adjourn, Mark Thein seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Thein, Chairman _____ Judy Haglund, Clerk _____