

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 3, 2017

Before the meeting was called to order Charles Lacy was sworn into office as a Supervisor. Clerk Lucy Shonyo administered the oath. Treasurer Kim Stanton and Clerk Lucy Shonyo took the oath of office on March 27th, 2017, administered by outgoing Clerk Judy Haglund.

Also before the meeting was called to order the Supervisors held a paper vote for Board Chair. Neil Stolp received 2 votes, Richard Lyke received 1 vote. Neil Stolp is the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on April 3, 2017 by Chairman Neil Stolp. Supervisors Neil Stolp, Richard Lyke and Charlie Lacy, and treasurer Kim Stanton were present.

Neil Stolp made a motion to approve the March 6, 2017 minutes, Richard Lyke seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The order of agenda was accepted as published.

The Treasurer's report in written form showed the monthly "Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances" as of March 31, 2017: Receipts \$107,062.20 and Disbursements \$207,118.11 with an ending balance of \$446,006.13. Richard Lyke made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried. Kim Stanton noted he had preliminary calculations for assessments for River Hills Court paving. That will be discussed at the May meeting.

Richard Lyke reported that the OPAC meeting was held March 20. The business at hand was Oronoco Township #OR2017-001TA, "to increase feedlot setbacks to ½ mile from the existing ¼ mile setback to non-farm dwellings" (from published OPAC Meeting Minutes). Richard Lyke noted that this change would affect many property owners. The existing ¼ mile setback was retained. There was also OPAC discussion about raising the cap on animal units.

There was no First Responders report.

The bills were presented for payment, totaling \$26,238.47. Richard Lyke made a motion to approve the April bills. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Scott Schumacher noted that spring road work will start soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cedar Beach Fence: Alice Flood, the liaison for property owners, addressed the Board and those present about desired changes to the Cedar Beach high tensile wire fence (Option 1). This option has a \$13,950 cost. This was the original fence bid and is the option preferred by MPCA and Wenck. Property owners prefer a “reduced living fence” at an estimated cost of \$15,000 (Option 3), which is downsized from a more expensive “living fence” priced at \$24,955 (Option 2).

Ms. Flood reported that the desired “reduced living fence” would be a more aesthetically pleasing option, fitting their environment better, than a wire fence. She also feels that it is not necessary to spend the amount required by the “living fence” option. Not all sides of the site need trees, and lower cost plant material could be used. She feels site security is not a primary concern as violators would have to cross private property.

Greg Huey, spoke on behalf of Debbie Nelson. (Ms. Nelson is not a party in the Cedar Beach septic project, but her property borders the site). Mr. Huey expressed concern about possible negative effects of the septic system to Ms. Nelson’s house and property values. Per Mr. Huey Ms. Nelson’s house looks over a “sewage plant”. He too wants a natural looking “living fence”. (Neil Stolp noted that the Board of Appeals is meeting Monday, April 17, at the Oronoco Community Center from 4:30 to 5:00 for citizens wanting to contest property valuation.)

Debbie Nelson spoke on her behalf indicating her desire for a “living fence”. Per Ms. Nelson, she was told that the septic site would be further away than it is. She expressed concern about reduced property values.

The Board expressed concerns that a “living fence” would not provide the security needed, as the site is Township property. Also, the bid that was accepted and funded is the “high tensile wire fence”.

The Board asked that Alice Flood contact Sheila Craig and Mark Thein to come up with Option 4, an option that meets the property-owners desire for an aesthetically pleasing border that meets the original budget, required function and doesn’t jeopardize funding.

Sunset Bay: Neil Stolp indicated that a bid has been received for the Sunset Bay project. The bid was based on Zumbro Township’s engineer specs (Wabasha County). Sheila Craig will manage the septic piece. We have not heard from Zumbro Township.

River Hills Court: Aaron Biederman provided documentation to the Board regarding River Hills Court paving. All agree that the trees in the cul de sac are to be removed. Existing mailboxes are fine. Special assessments for the project will be on next month’s agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Opening and Accepting of Sealed Bids:

Bids were submitted by: Bruening Rock Products, Inc, Freeborn County Co-Op Oil, Northern Salt Inc, Quality Propane Inc., Roberson Lime & Rock, Inc., Ron Haglund, and Schumacher Excavating. Neil Stolp made a motion to accept all bids, Richard Lyke seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Neil Stolp made a motion to make Roberson Lime & Rock the primary winter and summer provider; Schumacher Excavating and Ron Haglund will continue with road maintenance, Quality Propane Inc will provide chloride. Richard Lyke seconded, motion carried 3-0. All bids submitted are at the end of these minutes.

Metes and Bounds OR2017-001MB Tyler Quandt

Applicant Tyler Quandt, 260 Fisherman Dr NW, Oronoco. "The applicant is requesting to split approximately an acre from Duane Saharf's property (264 Fisherman Dr NW, Oronoco) and combine it with Ms. Patten's property (260 Fisherman Dr NW, Oronoco). Ms. Patten currently has an easement over the area to be split and would like to own it. The proposed split would not reduce Mr. Scarf's property smaller than 2 acres as required by the Oronoco Zoning Ordinance." (from Olmsted Planning Dept doc). Richard Lyke made a motion to approve this action, Neil seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Comments:

- A reminder of the Board of Appeals Meeting to be held Monday, April 17th, from 4:30 to 5:00 at the Oronoco Community Center.
- The Township has policies, documents and maps that need to be reviewed and updated. The Board will start a review. Some policies were distributed to Supervisors for their review and comment for next month's meeting.
- Lucy Shonyo distributed some documents that are to be reviewed annually: Conflict of Interest and AWAIR (employee / workplace safety).
- Supervisor liaison assignments were established:
 - o OPAC – Charlie Lacy
 - o Olmsted County Assoc of Townships – Charlie Lacy
 - o Fire Depts – Richard Lyke
 - o Roads – Neil Stolp

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- Kim Stanton added information about a scholarship opportunity for high school juniors sponsored by MATS (MN Assoc of Townships) to the Township website.
- Lucy Shonyo noted that Township records have been transferred from Judy Haglund to her.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Neil Stolp, Chairman _____ Lucy Shonyo, Clerk _____