

ORONOCO TOWN BOARD
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2023

The monthly Oronoco Town Board meeting was called to order on April 10, 2023 at 5:37 pm by Chair Ken Mergen. Present: Supervisors Ken Mergen, Tammy Matzke and Joel Johanningmeier; Clerk Lucy Shonyo and Treasurer Kim Stanton.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

The **agenda** was changed to place Bill Tointon first.

Bill Tointon – WSE Massey

Mr. Tointon presented an Interim Commercial Development proposal for a developer interested in doing an interim development on 33.8 acres on a parcel (PIN 052778) along the north side of 75th St NW in Oronoco Township. This would allow some non-residential development in the urban service district prior to municipal services being available to the area. The process involves approval of the interim development by both Oronoco Township and the City of Rochester.

Interim Development is a potential development option for property located in the urban service area to develop septic and wells on an interim basis until municipal services become available.

Olmsted County's General Land Use Plan approved August, 2022 requires that the affected city and township where an interim development is being considered enter into an orderly annexation agreement.

The potential proposed commercial development in Oronoco Township would have relatively low requirements for water and sewage treatment.

Supervisor Matzke noted that this fits in Oronoco Township's land use plan. A zone change and CUP would be needed, and a special district created.

Mr. Tointon indicated this is an estimated one year process.

The board indicated consensus for using the interim development process for this potential development.

Road Report

Scott Schumacher noted sweeping and blading will start soon.

Ken Mergen noted Fahrner will be measuring for road repairs.

There have been some citizen complaints about too much winter rock being used resulting in rock residue in yards.

Tom from Schumacher (through Scott Schumacher) asked about Lakefront Ln NW off Postier Dr NW. Schumacher's has done snow removal only per Neil Stolp's instruction many years ago. The township has not taken over Lakefront Ln NW because lots sold have not met the minimum. There are 9 parcels, of which 3 are occupied.

Road Report, continued

There was discussion about reducing the speed limit on 18th Ave north of 100th to 30mph, or to make a 2 way stop at the intersection of 18th and 102nd. Putting the traffic counter on 102nd was mentioned. Clerk Shonyo will look up Minnesota Statutes related to speed limits on township roads.

Quotes

All quotes received are posted on the township's website.

Road Chloride – One quote was received, submitted by Quality Propane. Quote acceptance was pushed to the May meeting pending verification of what their 4% fuel surcharge applies to.

Road maintenance, including as needed road maintenance, icy roads treatment and occasional road projects – Two quotes were received, one from Schumacher Excavating and one from S&B Services.

Class 5 summer rock only – Five quotes were received: Bruening Rock Products, Milestone Materials, Olmsted Aggregate, Paulson Rock Products and Roberson Lime & Rock.

Crushed Rock for winter use - S&B Services including a sand / salt mix in their quote.

Supervisor Mergen read rock quotes received.

Supervisor Mergen moved to accept all rock quotes, naming Roberson Lime & Rock the primary summer rock supplier. Supervisor Johanningmeier second, motion carried 3-0.

Supervisor Mergen moved to accept both road maintenance quotes, with Schumacher's doing primarily summer maintenance and snow removal, and S&B Services doing primarily icy road treatments and project work. Supervisor Johanningmeier second, motion carried 3-0.

Administrative Business

Minutes Approval

Supervisor Mergen moved to approve the March 13, 2023 town board meeting minutes.

Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.

Supervisor Mergen moved to approve the March 14, 2023 annual meeting minutes.

Supervisor Johanningmeier second, motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Stanton

The YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of March 31, 2023 shows: receipts \$73,409.71; disbursements \$216,882.37 with an ending balance of \$1,498,174.16. Treasurer Stanton heard from the county about road payments. 2021 was \$35,000, 2022 was \$53,000, 2023 was \$40,000, so 2022 was the outlier, with 2023 being more usual.

Treasurer's Report, continued

Ameriprise – This remains a work in progress.

ARPA – The letter was resent correcting an error in the notarizing process. Fire District dues are about \$98,000, down a bit from last year.

Supervisor Mergen moved to approve the treasurer's report. Supervisor Johanningmeier second, motion carried 3-0.

Approval to Pay Payroll and Claims including Electronic Transfers - March net payroll (paid in April) was \$2,979.98. Payroll included township election judges. Claims totaled \$127,242.67.

Supervisor Mergen moved to approve payment of payroll and claims including electronic transfers. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.

Kings Park pump replacement - Clerk Shonyo spoke with Jesse at Gopher Septic. There are two pump types at King's Park. The one that failed at 258 105th St NW was the less expensive one (\$850). The other type (grinder pump) runs \$1,000 to \$1,200. Pumps are now 10 years old making replacement more likely.

OTPAC – Supervisor Matzke – The Boetler preliminary plat was approved. This development is east of 18th Ave and west of 11th Ave, south of 85th. Designed for 27 homes, 12 to be built in phase 1 in 1-2 years. The township would accept roads after phase 4 is complete. There were concerns about emergency traffic before the roundabout is constructed. The final plat is expected in 5-6 months.

Aspen Ridge is moving forward.

Mark Kuehn sold the former equestrian center to Illusion Deer Calls. Traffic is a concern. Access onto 100th St is conditional, as it is an unapproved access. New owners will have to go through the county to get access.

The **road tour** will be Monday, May 1. Meet at city hall at 4:00. Citizens are welcome.

Jody Schroeder will begin training to replace outgoing clerk Lucy Shonyo. Clerk Shonyo will appoint Ms. Schroeder deputy clerk. When training is complete, Clerk Shonyo will resign and the board will appoint Ms. Schroeder clerk. Ms. Shonyo will then be deputy clerk at least through the March 2024 Presidential Nominating Primary (PNP). Clerk Schroeder will be on the March 2024 township ballot.

Supervisor Matzke moved to pay Deputy Clerk Schroeder \$30/hour for training time. Supervisor Johanningmeier second, motion carried 3-0.

Jody Schroeder, continued

Treasurer Stanton talked with an accounting firm about filing taxes on behalf of the township, removing this responsibility from the clerk. This conversation continues.

Clerk Notes

Oronoco Township’s Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will be held Monday, April 17, from 4-4:30 at Oronoco City Hall.

Communication was received from the court system that Mr. Prigge “conceded restitution” and would be paying \$1,666 to Oronoco Township for the culvert damaged on Cedar Beach Dr.

The reorganization meeting will be May 8 at 5:00, thirty minutes before the regular monthly meeting begins. It will be continued until after the regular meeting adjourns if necessary.

Board Comments

Supervisor Matzke

A seasonal flower business will be in operation on 90th St.
The city sewer project completion has been delayed until 2025.

Supervisor Johanningmeier

Attended a MNDOT open house about the frontage road from Pine Island to Oronoco. The southbound 52 on-ramp will be extended.

Supervisor Mergen moved to adjourn at 8:20pm. Supervisor Johanningmeier second, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Ken Mergen, Chair

Tammy Matzke, Supervisor

Joel Johanningmeier, Supervisor