

**MINUTES**  
**MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**AUGUST 7, 2017**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on August 7, 2017 by Chairman Neil Stolp. Supervisors Neil Stolp, Richard Lyke and Charlie Lacy, and Treasurer Kim Stanton were present.

Richard Lyke made a motion to approve the July 3, 2017 minutes, Charlie Lacy seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Charlie Lacy made a motion to approve the July 17, 2017 Special Meeting minutes, Richard Lyke seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The order of agenda was accepted.

The Treasurer's report in written form showed the monthly "Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances" as of July 31, 2017: Receipts \$409,383.67 and Disbursements \$473,213.58 with an ending balance of \$482,232.13. Per Treasurer Kim Stanton the \$80 discrepancy has cleared. We received approximately \$300,000.00 from Olmsted County for the first half of taxes. Richard Lyke made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

There was no OPAC report as the meeting was cancelled.

There was no First Responder report.

Scott Schumacher reported River Hill Court NW (aka King's Park Road or 101st St) was done. A culvert at Uncle John's was replaced. Upcoming work includes culvert replacement at Sandy Point. Neil Stolp noted that although the contract with Rochester Sand & Gravel for the River Hills Court project specified black dirt shoulders, rock was applied per Neil Stolp's instructions. That will slightly change the contract amount.

The bills were presented for payment, totaling \$65,734.33. Richard Lyke made a motion to approve the July bills. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Cedar Beach Septic:** Sheila Craig was present. The walk-through for project signoff was held earlier today. Representatives from project contracting firms, Olmsted County, a representation of the MN Pollution Control Agency, the Township Board, property owner liaison Alice Flood and Sheila Craig were present. The consensus is that the system is working great. There were concerns expressed by some property owners of on-going landscaping concerns post construction. Some property owners noted unpleasant odors, especially early morning and late afternoon/early evening. Pat Loomis from Gopher Septic (present at the walk-through but not the meeting) noted that this is when the system is most active. Inspection showed that septic lids were not properly fastened. Correcting this will probably minimize the odors. Communication is essential so the problem can be fixed. Concern was expressed by one property owner who had hoped to get tax relief that she missed the Board of Equalization meeting last April 17<sup>th</sup> because she was mistaken as to the time it was held. It was noted that the Board of Equalization meeting notice was published. It was discussed whether Operations and Maintenance fees (O&M) that all participants pay for communal upkeep should be used to pay for service calls for individual property owners that are seasonally away from their Cedar Beach homes. After many months of non-use individual septic systems may require service. Sheila Craig will draft a letter that will go to all Cedar Beach septic system property owners notifying them that when houses are only seasonally occupied, and require service upon returning, that service will be charged to the individual property owner.

**Sunset Bay Septic:** The Township has hired Wenck to do the Community Assessment Report, the preliminary necessary studies. We may have a contract next month. Sheila Craig presented the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) / Small Community Wastewater Treatment Program / Technical Assistance Grant Application which briefly describes the Sunset Bay project. A motion was made by Charlie Lacy, seconded by Richard Lyke to sign Resolution 8717 which authorizes Oronoco Township to submit a "Small Community Wastewater Treatment Program Technical Assistance Grant Application". Motion carried 3-0.

**Road Report – Reconciling Township roads with map and mileage:** Kim Stanton got a complete map of Township roads from the County. He will distribute, and will try to get it posted to our website. Road contractor Scott Schumacher noted that 115<sup>th</sup> St NW is a township road, not county, as noted on the map.

**Snow & Ice Policy:** Charlie Lacy presented a draft policy to the Board. A decision will be made at the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Supervisor and Clerk / Treasurer pay:** Lucy Shonyo presented a draft resolution to the Board. A decision will be made at the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Metes & Bounds Subdivision #OR2017-002MB**

Applicant Michael Clausen, 9578 Thunderbluff Road NW, Oronoco, is requesting to split approximately .68 acres from Mr. Bruce Kroshus' property at 9602 Thunderbluff Road NW, Oronoco, and combine it with his property. Each property maintains the required 2 acre minimum lot size. Richard Lyke made a motion to approve the request, Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**Providentia Subdivision Project, Olmsted County Land Use Amendment, #OR2017-003LUPA**

Mark Welch from G-Cubed Engineering, representing applicants Steve and Jeanne Allen, was present to discuss a proposed development of 39.5 acres in Section 35, Oronoco Township. He is requesting a waiver from a requirement to have a traffic impact study since a portion of the property is "resource protected". Mr. Welch notes that "the internal public road system is designed to Township standards for residential roads." The Board completed a Letter of Townboard Action indicating that "11<sup>th</sup> Ave NW is to be brought to County standards to match 85<sup>th</sup> St NW at developer expense. The Traffic Impact Report is not required."

**King's Park Sewer Disconnect:**

A property owner part of the King's Park septic system wants to disconnect from the system. The Board asked Sheila Craig to contact our attorney in the matter to send a letter to the property owner.

**King's Park Blacktop:**

There were questions from citizens present about the increase in the expected interest rate property owners would pay in special assessments from the initial 2 – 2.5% to 4.5%. A citizen said she would get Clerk Lucy Shonyo the information that stated the rate would be 2 – 2.5%.

**Comments from Board and Public:**

- Two animal complaint reports were received from the Olmsted County Sheriff's Office.
- Oronoco Township now has a bulletin board for official notices at the Oronoco Post Office lobby. This location is available 24/7. The posting site at the Oronoco Community Center remains. Notices are also posted on our website: [oronocotownship-mn.gov/](http://oronocotownship-mn.gov/)
- Our next meeting is **Tuesday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>**, due to the Labor Day holiday. Same time ,7pm, same place, Oronoco Community Center.

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- There will be a noxious weed Q & A session at the **Tuesday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>** Town Board Meeting with Jon Alness from Zumbro Valley Forestry and Prairie Land Professionals. Note the change from our usual meeting date due to Labor Day. Same time, 7pm, same place, Oronoco Community Center.
- The Board discussed the possibility of having extra meetings to “catch up”.
- Notices were distributed about the MAT District 1 meeting in Winona on Aug 10<sup>th</sup> and the Township Legal Seminar Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at the New Haven Town Hall.

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

Respectfully Submitted

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Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

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Neil Stolp, Chair