

**MINUTES**  
**MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**December 2, 2019 5:30 PM**

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

**The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on December 2, 2019** by Chair Charlie Lacy. Supervisor Ken Mergen was present as well as Treasurer Kim Stanton and Clerk Lucy Shonyo.

Charlie Lacy announced that **Neil Stolp** had retired from the Oronoco Town Board after 21 years of service to the Township. His contributions during that time were significant. He will be missed.

The **order of agenda** was changed to place Karlin Ziegler, Olmsted County Superintendent of Parks after the road report.

**Minutes Approval** - Ken Mergen made a motion to approve the Nov 4, 2019 monthly meeting minutes. Charlie Lacy second, motion carried 2-0

**Agenda Topics**

Ken Mergen made a motion to appoint Tammy Matzke to the Oronoco Town Board of Supervisors. Charlie Lacy second, motion carried 2-0. The Certificate of Appointment was completed. She took the oath of office administered by clerk Lucy Shonyo. The appointment term is until the March 10, 2020 township election. She was welcomed to the Town Board.

**Road Report – Scott Schumacher**

Some culverts were replaced. Bergen mended some poorly done (rounded) patches they previously did that were caught by snow plowing equipment. This is a temporary measure that will need to be fixed next season. Mike Zillgitt, Zillgitt Civil Design, will consult with the town board about road matters going forward. There was a complaint from a Ryans Bay Road resident about snow not being plowed in a timely matter. Zumbro Township plows RBR. Ken Mergen talked with Mark Fjelstad from Zumbro Township about this. This has not been a problem in the past. There was a complaint about slippery roads from a Cedar Beach resident.

**Karlin Ziegler, Olmsted County Superintendent of Parks**

Karlin Ziegler was present to answer any questions about the county's purchase of Fisherman's Inn on Lake Zumbro. The County expects to close on the property the first part of 2020, with an April 1 takeover. The property will be a public launch site which the DNR will manage. The DNR has a 2021 rehab planned. The existing building as well as the Ski Club shed will come down. A pavilion is planned. Questions were asked: Food, food trucks? Hours of operation? Camping? Winter use? The site will not be staffed. The Sheriff's Dept will monitor.

### **Ryans Bay Road Update – Ken Mergen**

There are two construction easements yet to obtain. Bruce Frutiger, one of the property owners, was present. He gave the board a letter outlining what he would like to see in exchange for granting the easement. Basically, he “wants what he has now.” He wants the future value of his property not to be diminished. He supports the road project. Fitzgerald (road contractor) and Zillgitt (construction engineer) will review.

### **Parking Ordinance Update**

Residents of Cedar Beach Drive were present to express their displeasure with still having vehicles parked on the road and road-side, some of them unlicensed vehicles. In conversations with Sheriff’s deputies (now former) supervisor Neil Stolp learned the ordinance had to be registered on a state database. This was completed and submitted to Captain David Satzke. Captain Satzke, in an Nov 26 email to Lucy Shonyo, stated “I followed up with Neal and the County Attorney’s Office. The ordinance is in the process of going through the State to be entered. Once that is done we will be able to start enforcement action. I am hopeful that by the end of next week it will be done. As soon as I have some information, I will let you know.” As of the meeting date, we have not heard from the Sheriff’s Dept.

### **Terry Leary – Zumbro River cleanup**

Per Terry Leary, no information about what is happening at the salvage yard (Oronoco Auto Parts) is forthcoming from the MPCA due to “pending enforcement action”. Resolution could be years away. She is concerned about the spring melt and the debris that will go into the river if not removed. The October cleanup, a joint effort of Olmsted County and Oronoco Township, was a start but happened on “short notice” and a wet day. Another cleanup needs to be planned. Someone removed a fence from around the salvage yard. There was a question about whether launch fees at the Fisherman’s Inn site could support cleanup. Terry Leary responded that the County and DNR would get those funds. Charlie Lacy noted that his experience with Jason Hawksford (MPCA) around the October cleanup effort was a positive one. He also noted that Oronoco Township has no authority to enter the salvage yard as it is private property.

### **Administrative Business**

#### **Treasurer’s Report – Kim Stanton**

The YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of December 1, 2019 shows: Receipts \$516,883.11 and Disbursements \$682,732.04 with an ending balance of \$341,188.09. November net payroll (paid in Dec) totaled \$2,876.39, bills totaled \$51,728.42.

Kim Stanton closed one CD account of \$33,074.86. Schedule 1 and CTAS match. The second draw of tax receipts, about \$300,000, is due from the county tomorrow. Ken Mergen made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as presented. Tammy Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.

**Approval to Pay Bills** - Claims totaling \$51,728.42 and net payroll totaling \$2,876.39 were presented for payment. Ken Mergen made a motion to approve claims and payroll payments. Charlie Lacy second, motion carried 3-0.

**OTPA Report – Charlie Lacy** – The future Land Use Plan was discussed. Concern was expressed about OR2019-003MB, applicant Nelson, approved by the Oronoco Town Board Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. The applicant intends to donate about 22 acres for a future church. Olmsted Planning recommended approval of the M&B. The rezoning necessary for the church is another, future action.

**Road Improvement Policy** – Resolution 2018-08, Resolution Creating a Policy Pertaining to Assessing the Cost of Road Improvements to Benefitted Properties, was distributed. The Board will be reviewing how road improvements are paid for.

**Cedar Beach Septic** – The Board was made aware of a conversation between Gopher Septic and Wenck engineers about possible repairs needed at Cedar Beach.

**Redistribution of Supervisor Responsibilities**

Ken Mergen will take roads. Lucy Shonyo will take OCTOA. Tammy Matzke will take MN Brightfields. Tammy Matzke and Kim Stanton will take Rural Broadband. Others remain the same.

**Resolution to Establish Voting Hours for Municipal Elections** – Resolution 2019-09 establishes voting hours for municipal elections at 5pm – 8pm, the minimum per statute. Ken Mergen made a motion to enact this resolution. Tammy Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.

**Neil Stolp** told the Board of his discussion with Mike Zillgitt about road policy. Rochester Public Utilities is looking for solar sites. The closed landfill in Oronoco Township may be of interest. It is in the Rochester Urban Service District.

**Notifications, Comments from the Board**

- Period for filing for March Town Board election is Dec 31 – Jan 14, 5pm
- Presidential Nominating Primary (PNP) is March 3, 2020
- Town Board Election and Annual Meeting is March 10, 2020

Tammy Matzke made a motion to adjourn at 7:20pm. Ken Mergen second, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted

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Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

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Charlie Lacy, Chair