

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 4, 2019 7PM

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on February 4, 2019 by Chair Neil Stolp. Supervisors Charlie Lacy and Ken Mergen were present as well as Treasurer Kim Stanton and Clerk Lucy Shonyo.

The **order of agenda** was changed to place Karl Schuller before minutes approval.

Karl Schuller presented an application for a lawful gambling permit (LG220 Application for Exempt Permit) for a raffle to benefit Lake Zumbro Forever to be held August 31, 2019. Ken Mergen made a motion to approve this application. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Minutes Approval: Ken Mergen made a motion to approve the January 7, 2019 minutes of the regular monthly Board meeting. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Charlie Lacy made a motion to approve the minutes of the Sunset Bay Subordinate Service District Public Hearing held on January 15, 2019. Ken Mergen seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Topics

Road Report – Scott Schumacher

- Recent snow and ice have kept Roberson's and Schumacher's busy.
- There are some plugged culverts that are being watched.

Paul Schauer, MnDOT, 11th Ave NE reimbursement

- Paul Schauer, MnDOT District 6 Project Engineer was present to discuss MnDOT's offer to reimburse Oronoco Township \$38,133.47 of the \$58,607.43 spent refurbishing 11th Ave NE. This was an "unofficial" detour route during the work on Hwy 63 in the summer of 2018.
- The reimbursement in question is road rock totaling \$40,947.93. MnDOT is offering to reimburse half that amount.
- Mr. Schauer explained that MnDOT inspected 11th Ave, and took video noting its condition before and after the detour. The inspection documented areas in need of maintenance before the detour. MnDOT's policy is to bring roads back to pre-detour conditions, but not to make road improvements.
- When asked how MnDOT came to the appropriate rock cost to reimburse, Mr. Schauer said they compared 11th Ave to another road in Farmington Township that was also used as a detour route. Less rock was used there after the detour ended.

- Supervisors Ken Mergen and Charlie Lacy routinely traveled 11th Ave during the detour. They suggested that traffic counts before and during the detour would have been a better measurement of increased traffic volume. Also, 11th Ave is hilly and curvy unlike the Farmington Township road is was compared to. Hills and curves need more rock than straight stretches of road.
- Mr. Schauer said he had to justify reimbursing more than was initially offered. The Board indicated they would appreciate 2/3 of the rock cost reimbursed, and thanked Mr. Schauer for coming and for anything he could do.

Sunset Bay Septic - Sheila Craig

- The required public hearing to form the Subordinate Service District was held January 15, 2019.
- Ken Mergen made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2019 – 01 Resolution Establishing A Subordinate Service District to Provide Wastewater Services to Certain Property in Kurth’s Suddivision and Properties Adjacent to Kurth’s Subdivision**. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 3 – 0.
- Lucy Shonyo will send a copy of the Resolution to each property owner. The Resolution will be published within 20 days as required by law. The Subordinate Service District is established 60 days after publication.
- Sheila Craig noted that there are questions as to whether this joint project is PSIG eligible, that is, eligible for funding in the same manner as King’s Park and Cedar Beach were. The township was advised to “go slow”. Property owners are advised to contact their legislators, encouraging them to support funding for these projects. Email addresses: sen.david.senjem@senate.state.mn and rep.duane.quam@house.state.mn
- On January 17 Lucy Shonyo sent an email to owners of the proposed joint septic site regarding their intentions to get their own land appraisal.
- On January 22, the owners of the proposed joint septic site contacted Neil Stolp with this offer: \$13,500/acre, cash sale, the township surveys and takes the land needed for one or both projects (the septic system and / or Ryan’s Bay road), must buy “triangle”.
- There may be property available in Zumbro Township that could also be used. Soil testing would need to be done.
- Ken Mergen will attend the next Zumbro Township meeting to discuss these developments.

Alice Flood reported trees on the Cedar Beach septic site that need to be removed. They have been marked. Neil Stolp has received one proposal for removal and wood purchase and is waiting for another.

At 8:35pm Supervisor Charlie Lacy had to leave the meeting. A quorum of two supervisors remained.

Administrative Business

The **Treasurer's Report** in written form showed the YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of January 31, 2019: Receipts \$19,387.54 and Disbursements \$42,654.78 with an ending balance of \$482,753.94. January net payroll (paid in February) totaled \$1,882.25, bills totaled \$38,231.78.

Treasurer Kim Stanton noted the \$240.00 discrepancy from last month has been corrected. Another CD for \$34,000.00 will be purchased in February. Income included \$18,918.84 from Olmsted County for the final 2018 tax settlement. The Schedule 1 shows CD and money market interest earned over the years. Kim Stanton asked if the Board wanted those line items to remain, or if they should be rolled into the General Fund. He will research why Shorewood Lane Paving shows a deficit. The township's financial picture looks good; ahead of other years with revenues up and expenses down. Ken Mergen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Approval to Pay Bills - Claims totaling \$38,231.78 and net payroll totaling \$1,882.25 were presented for payment. Neil Stolp made a motion to approve claims and payroll payments. Ken Mergen seconded, motion carried 2-0.

OT-PAC Report – the January meeting was cancelled

Annual Meeting Planning – The Board discussed the agenda. Lucy Shonyo will invite Jeff Allhiser, First Responder Director to the meeting. Kim Stanton will invite Brandon Sather, Pine Island Fire District Chief. There was questions about how the Fire District will be impacted by the Prairie Island Indian Community recent land purchase. Planning will continue next month.

Election Judge Resolution – Lucy Shonyo presented **Resolution 2019 – 02, Appointing Election Judges for the 2019 Township Election**. Ken Mergen made a motion to accept this resolution. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 2 – 0.

Absentee Ballot Board Resolution – Lucy Shonyo presented **Resolution 2019 – 03, Establishing Absentee Ballot Board for the 2019 Township Election**. Ken Mergen made a motion to accept this resolution. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 2 – 0.

Animal Noise Ordinance No 2018 - 01 – The Board decided to maintain this Ordinance as written and passed.

Fire Permit – Neil Stolp issued a Burn Permit to an Olmsted County road crew. All other permits are issued by the DNR.

Notifications, Updates, Comments from the Board:

- December Building Permits for single family homes – 0
- ORI#: This remains work in progress with Olmsted County courts.
- Annual Meeting and Election Mar 12, 2019 – Bad weather date is March 19. Polls open 5 – 8pm. Meeting 8:15pm. Board of Canvass after polls close and votes are tabulated.
- MAT Spring Training is March 19 in Rochester.

Ken Mergen made a motion to adjourn at 10:15 pm. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Neil Stolp, Chair