

**MINUTES**  
**MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**JANUARY 2, 2018**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on January 2, 2018 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 December 4, 2017 minutes, Charlie Lacy seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The order of agenda was accepted as presented.

The Treasurer's report in written form showed the monthly "Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances" as of December 31, 2017: Receipts \$733,391.19 and Disbursements \$881,684.75 with an ending balance of \$397,768.48. In addition, Kim Stanton noted:

- The second half of tax receipts were received from Olmsted County, about \$255,000.00. Tax receipts just received were lower than June receipts because payment reflects what was collected, not assessed; and some property owners pre-pay taxes which reduces what is due later in the year.
- The difference between the Cedar Beach loan amount and the actual amount spent is within normal limits so no adjustments will be necessary as per the State Bond Council.
- Because Olmsted County's system cannot handle bi-annual amortization, special assessments for the 18th Ave Extension and River Hill road projects will be processed yearly instead of creating it once to cover 10 years. The Township will be charged an annual processing fee, but not the set-up fee.
- The Board agreed not to transfer the Road and Bridge balance (about \$118,000.00) as those funds are expected to be needed in 2018. This balance is due in part to the transfer of the Postier Point balance last year. Balances in the Fire Fund and Planning and Zoning will be zeroed out via the General Fund.
- Pine Island Fire District is considering a financial audit, probably in the May, June time frame.

Charlie Lacy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, including the fund transfers, as presented. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 3-0.

There was no OPAC report as the meeting was cancelled. Charlie Lacy will work with OPAC members to update the By-Laws.

Road Report – There were questions to Scott Schumacher and the Board about how 18<sup>th</sup> Ave Extension was maintained. Homeowners expressed concern that the road was not sanded and plowed as promised. Scott Schumacher agreed that part of the road may have been missed the first time or two equipment was out. It was agreed that the road will be plowed / sanded “all the way” going forward. The gravel road will be sanded when the plow plows. Homeowners should call Neil Stolp if there are future concerns.

Neil Stolp noted a safety concern with stumps and logs in the right-of-way on a Township road. A letter will be sent to the property owner.

The bills were presented for payment, totaling \$32,557.67. Richard Lyke made a motion to approve the January bills. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Cross Town Auto (Oronoco Auto Parts)** – Two citizens spoke about Cross Town Auto. One person’s comments included:

- Truck traffic after 10pm has ceased. Truck speed is slower, and drivers seem more respectful of the residential neighborhood. This is appreciated.
- If the burner is not operating, there would be a “pile of rubble” given the loaded trucks that enter the building. [The property with the burner is in the City of Oronoco, not the Township.]
- She spoke of the possibility of being a “target for retaliation” given her outspokenness.
- “They are not the mom and pop salvage they used to be.”

Another citizen couple presented a letter and a photo of the salvage yard [photo from the Post Bulletin per their letter] to the Board.

- They note they filed a complaint with the City.
- They are concerned about property values being negatively affected.
- Cross Town Auto is a different business than it was 36 years ago.
- They are concerned about the storage and disposal of auto fluids, record keeping about disposing of these fluids, the environmental concerns to the lake and groundwater. Is the MPCA or DNR involved?
- Noise pollution. Has it been measured?

**Cross Town Auto (Oronoco Auto Parts) – continued**

Neil Stolp noted that the MPCA is involved.

Charlie Lacy encouraged them to send their letter to the MPCA.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Providential Hills, OR2017-001GDP** – This development project is going forward. The road into the project has changed from the original plan.

**Lake Zumbro Dredging, O2017-001EAU** - This is an Olmsted-Wabasha Lake Zumbro Joint Powers proposal to dredge Lake Zumbro. The disposal site is in Farmington Township.

**Annual Meeting Planning** – There was discussion about proposed levy increases. The Road & Bridge levy must stay ahead of costs. The Ryan's Bay road project is ahead, as well as routine maintenance and upkeep. More information is needed about what Ryan's Bay costs will be. There was discussion of a special assessment for Oronoco Township's portion of this project. We will be getting info from the Pine Island Fire District about expected costs soon. This discussion will continue as info is gathered.

The Annual Meeting will address noxious weeds. Jaime Edwards from the DNR will be at the Board's February meeting to aid in preparation.

The Annual Meeting is Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:15pm.

**The Board of Audit** will meet at 6:30pm on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. The regular monthly meeting is at 7pm.

**Comments from the Board or Public:**

- There was no First Responder report.
- November Building Permits – 2 new residential: 829 NW Territory Ln, Oronoco; 757 NW Zumbro Oaks Ln, Oronoco
- Town Board election is Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. One Supervisor – 3 year term, and one Clerk – 2 year term will be on the ballot. Citizens may complete a Candidacy Application on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 5pm at the Oronoco Community Center, or by appointment with Clerk Lucy Shonyo, 507.367.2665. The Candidacy Application period ends at 5pm, January 16, 2018.
- Neil Stolp sent a thank you email to the County for their engineering help with the River Hill paving project. He stressed the importance of having engineers on road projects.
- Neil Stolp received information from Commissioner Mark Thein about a Fire Consolidation Grant administered by the State Fire Marshall.

- OR2018-001, applicant Brian Elliott, for grading at the site of new house construction was received from County Planning. The Board had no objections to the grading plan.

A motion to adjourn was made by Richard Lyke, seconded by Charlie Lacy. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

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Neil Stolp, Chair

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