

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
JULY 3, 2017

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on July 3, 2017 by Chairman Neil Stolp. Supervisors Neil Stolp and Charlie Lacy, and Treasurer Kim Stanton were present. Supervisor Richard Lyke was absent.

Neil Stolp made a motion to approve the June 5, 2017 minutes, Charlie Lacy seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The order of agenda was accepted.

The Treasurer's report in written form showed the monthly "Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances" as of June 30, 2017: Receipts \$107,546.54 and Disbursements \$355,969.29 with an ending balance of \$297,639.29. Per Treasurer Kim Stanton the \$80 discrepancy will auto-correct on July 5. Kim Stanton also noted that we will be receiving approximately \$295,000.00 from Olmsted County next week. Neil Stolp made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 2-0.

There was no OPAC report as the meeting was cancelled.

There was no First Responder report.

Scott Schumacher reported repairing many road washouts after heavy rains. There are ditches to be cleaned and culverts that need unplugging. Upcoming work includes the River Hill Court NW cul-de-sac and Cowl's 18th Ave NW street extension.

Kim Stanton noted that since both the River Hill Court NW and 18th Ave NW projects will be done by November 2017 special assessments will be determined by actual costs.

Charlie Lacy attended the Pine Island Community meeting and said it was informative.

The bills were presented for payment, totaling \$115,212.77. Neil Stolp made a motion to approve the June bills. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 2-0. Clerk Lucy Shonyo noted that no payment was made to People's Energy for the Cedar Beach or Kings Park accounts. A new meter was installed at Cedar Beach. The next statement will have an accurate reading per People's Energy. Neil Stolp noted that our chloride expense was less than last year. We used magnesium chloride this year and calcium chloride last year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cedar Beach Septic: Sheila Craig and Alice Flood were present. Sheila Craig reports that Ellingson's is working on the punch list. A final walk-through will happen this month. Our final payment will be made in August. All trees are planted. Alice Flood had homeowner concerns about landscaping which Ellingson's will address. Per Sheila Craig, some homeowners removed straw that was holding the grass seed, and some homeowners did not water during dry times, and "bad dirt" was used. Sheila Craig noted that instructions should have been provided to homeowners. Per Neil Stolp, a Board member will be part of the final walk-through.

Sunset Bay Septic: Sheila Craig reports a good response rate to surveys with only 2 landowners responses missing. She notes that it is important to keep the project moving forward. Neil Stolp made a motion to hire Wenck to conduct the Community Assessment Report. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Road Report – Reconciling Township roads with map and mileage: Kim Stanton got a map of Township roads from the County. It was noted that the southern boundary of the Township is incorrect. Kim will investigate and continue this project. Having an accurate road map with correct mileage is important as road funding is dependent on road mileage. A copy of the map was given to road contractor Scott Schumacher for his input.

NEW BUSINESS:

Weed Control / Zumbro Haven: There was a lengthy discussion about weed control and the problems and conflicting interests therein. Mark Thein, Olmsted County Board of Commissioners, said the County does weed control on County roads within the easement. Per Neil Stolp, the Township mowed. Timing is very important in weed control. Liability is a concern with spraying. It was decided that the topic of weed control would be on the Annual Meeting agenda to gather citizen input. [That meeting will be in March 2018]. The citizens of Zumbro Haven will have to manage weeds on private property.

Asphalt Rubber Crack Repair and Nuvo Gap Level and Fill:

Contracts (2) were received from Bargaen Incorporated for the stated road work:

- Asphalt Rubber Crack Repair will be done on “troubled areas” of: 3rd Ave NW, Zumbro Woods Lane NW, Zumbro Oaks Lane NW, Hunter Lane NW, Zumbro Cedar Lane NW, Zumbro Pine Lane NW, at a cost of \$24,000.00.
- Nuvo Gap Level and Fill (widened crack repair) will be done on “troubled areas” of: 3rd Ave NW, Zumbro Woods Lane NW, Zumbro Oaks Lane NW, Hunter Lane NW, Zumbro Cedar Lane NW and Zumbro Pine Lane NW; and “high traffic problem areas” will be done on: Blakely Court NW, 85th St NW, Frederichs Drive NW, Ridge Crest Lane NW, Shenandoah Lane NW, and Lion’s Court NW, at a cost of \$56,000.00.

A motion was made Neil Stolp to accept the two (2) contracts with Bargaen Incorporated to complete work as specified in the contracts, at the costs specified in the contracts, on roads specified in the contracts. Charley Lacy seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Snow & Ice Policy: The Board discussed creating a Snow & Ice Policy and whether one was needed. Charlie Lacy will write up a sample for the Board to examine in August.

Supervisor and Clerk / Treasurer Pay: Payment authorization for the Board must be enacted by the Board. Lucy Shonyo will write a sample resolution largely based on the motion passed at the Annual Meeting last March for the Board to examine in August.

Comments from Board and Public:

- Kim Stanton and Lucy Shonyo, and Treasurer Bob Figy and Clerk Dale Thomforde from New Haven Township completed the paperwork and took oaths to have reciprocal Deputy Treasurer and Clerk responsibilities between Oronoco and New Haven Townships. Mr. Figy and Mr. Thomforde are approved signers for Oronoco Township per a motion made and approved at the May 2017 meeting.
- Lucy Shonyo reported one “new, residential” Building Permit issued in May.
- Neil Stolp received an animal complaint from the Olmsted County Sheriff’s Office of a dog bite in Oronoco Township. The dog was quarantined.
- Board members received a letter from a citizen requesting the township remove unwanted trees and brush by mowing or spraying in the ditch near their home. Nothing will happen this year.
- Mark Thein noted that the guard rail on 14th Ave needs repair.

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- Mark Thein reported that the Joint Powers Board is working on purchasing 80 acres at \$8,000.00 an acre for the Lake Zumbro dredging residue. Oronoco Township contributed \$10,000.00 to the dredging project in February 2016.

A motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Lacy, seconded by Neil Stolp. Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk