

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

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on March 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 accepted as presented.

Minutes Approval: Ken Mergen made a motion to approve the February 4, 2019 minutes of the regular monthly Board meeting. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Ken Mergen made a motion to approve the minutes of the **Board of Audit** held on February 4, 2019. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Topics

Road Report

Scott Schumacher

- All roads are open after record snowfall in February; cleanup continues.
- There was a report of a mailbox hit by a plow. The person was contacted but has not returned Scott's call.
- Schumacher's received many compliments on dealing with a challenging snow situation and there were some frustrations expressed also.

11th Ave NE reimbursement

- MNDOT has not yet responded to the township's request for greater reimbursement than was initially offered. Lucy Shonyo will send a follow-up email.

2018 Bridge Inspection Report

- Oronoco Township bridges were inspected in November 2018 by Olmsted County Public Works. The report was given to Scott Schumacher for needed follow-up. He will contact our tree removal contractor. Lucy Shonyo will forward the 2017 report for comparison purposes.

Cedar Beach – There are trees that need to be removed from the septic site. A request for a Certificate of Liability Insurance coverage was sent to the party who submitted the proposal. It has not yet been received. A proposal from another party is expected.

Sunset Bay Septic

For the record, actions taken related to creating the Sunset Bay Subordinate Service District: A public hearing was held January 15, 2019; the Town Board adopted Resolution 2019 – 01, Resolution Establishing A Subordinate Service District to Provide Wastewater Services to Certain Property in Kurth’s Subdivision and Properties Adjacent to Kurth’s Subdivision on February 4, 2019; a copy of Resolution 2019 – 01 was sent to property owners February 11, 2019; Resolution 2019 – 01 was published in the Post Bulletin on February 16, 2019; the subordinate service district will become effective April 14, 2019, 60 days after publication.

Ryan’s Bay Road

A joint meeting of the Oronoco and Zumbro Town Boards will be held at 8:30pm on April 1, 2019. The regular meeting of the Oronoco Town Board starts at 7pm.

11th Ave NW - A citizen residing on Shenandoah Lane and 11th Ave NW had questions about whether he could build another house (and potentially 3 houses) on his 50 acre property, and whether 11th Ave NW could withstand the increased traffic of this building. He was reportedly told by Olmsted County Planning that 11th Ave was at its limit and paving would be required. Charlie Lacy will contact County Planning about this. Paving is initiated by property owners living on the road, not the township, and owners are assessed evenly, not by road frontage.

Administrative Business

The **Treasurer’s Report** in written form showed the YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of February 28, 2019: Receipts \$56,915.45 and Disbursements \$82,528.81 with an ending balance of \$480,407.82. February net payroll (paid in March) totaled \$2,087.45, bills totaled \$150,848.19. Large payments included Schumacher’s at about \$60,000, Pine Island Fire District dues at about \$77,000, and First Responder’s at \$8,000.

Treasurer Kim Stanton opened another CD for \$34,000.00. He asked if the third CD should be purchased. This is an open question for next month. Income included a \$37,320.31 road payment from Olmsted County. He reported that the Treasurer’s Sched1, the Clerk’s Sched1 and the bank balance all match.

Neil Stolp made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. Ken Mergen seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Approval to Pay Bills - Claims totaling \$150,848.19 and net payroll totaling \$2,087.45 were presented for payment. Ken Mergen made a motion to approve claims and payroll payments. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 3-0.

OT-PAC Report – the February meeting was cancelled

Election Judge change - A motion was made by Neil Stolp and seconded by Charlie Lacy to approve an election judge change for the township election March 12. Mary Fuller will replace Bev Wittlief. Motion carried 3-0.

Annual Meeting Planning – The Board finalized the proposed agenda.

Reorganization Meeting – The Board set the meeting for Tuesday April 2 at 5pm. The proposed agenda was reviewed.

Sealed Bids and Written Quotes – The Board reviewed and approved the legal ad inviting submissions. It will run in the Post Bulletin March 9 and March 16.

Utility Permits - The township's issuance or not of utility permits was discussed. Charlie Lacy will inquire with other townships about their process, forms and fees.

Possible Road Projects - Neil Stolp spoke of 2 possible road projects: 11th Ave **NW or NE?** north of 75th and south of 85th, about 3,000 feet, estimated cost \$40,000 not including rock; and 28th Ave off 112 / 100th St at an estimated cost of \$25,600.

Notifications, Updates, Comments from the Board:

- ORI: This remains work in progress with Olmsted County courts. Lucy Shonyo will ask for a progress report.
- 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.

Ken Mergen made a motion to adjourn at 9:55 pm. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Neil Stolp, Chair