

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 14, 2022 5:30 PM

The monthly Oronoco Town Board meeting was called to order on March 14, 2022 by Vice-Chair Ken Mergen. Present: Supervisors Ken Mergen and Tammy Matzke; Clerk Lucy Shonyo and Treasurer Kim Stanton; Supervisor Charlie Lacy was present via phone.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

The **agenda** was changed to place Providence Rd NW after Orderly Annexation.

Agenda Topics

Orderly Annexation – Oronoco Mayor Ryland Eichhorst was present. The City of Oronoco purchased about 10.16 acres in Oronoco Township from Mathy for their WWTF (Waste Water Treatment Facility). There was discussion about the intended terms of payment for undeveloped land in the 2015 Joint Resolution and Orderly Annexation Agreement between the city and the township. Per Mark Thein, Oronoco Town Board chair in 2015, it was intended that one payment of 4% of the assessed property value on undeveloped land be made, not two. The resolution the City will execute at their March meeting does not include a specific payment provision but does state “This Joint Resolution shall remain in full force and effect until completion of tax reimbursement to the township...”. (Point 7 Termination, page 2). Later in the meeting the board, after discussion, decided to propose forgiving the 4% tax reimbursement of about \$4,000. The township will want the City to restore Minnesota Ave south of 100th St to its former condition after construction. The township also wants written assurance that this understanding pertains to the 10.16 acre WWTF annexation only.

Providence Rd NW – [formerly incorrectly referred to as Providentia Dr]

Logan Tjossem, Widseth, was present to present findings of an engineering review of Providence Rd NW requested by the township before assuming the road. Mr. Tjossem provided a lengthy written report of conditions and findings, abbreviated here.

- 1) The road is 24' wide, constructed to width specifications;
- 2) Roadway elevations and slopes are in general conformance with project construction plans;
- 3) Centerline alignment of the road is in the approximate centerline of the right-of-way designated. One item of concern is that the south end of the cul-de-sac bulb pavement lies outside of the right-of-way.
- 4) There are two culverts. One of the culverts was installed about .5 foot higher than planned elevation, but there is adequate cover over the top of the culvert. This culvert is in general conformance to plans. Rip rap is in place to prevent erosion. The second culvert is located outside of the right- of- way (under the driveway of 8447 Providence Rd NW) “and would likely be considered a driveway culvert to be maintained by the property owner”. It was installed within a few inches of planned elevation and is in the approximate location per plans. There is evidence of placed rip rap but most of it has been removed. Widseth recommends a spring site visit to see if erosion is occurring.

Providence Rd NW, continued

5) Chosen Valley Testing conducted five borings which confirmed the road was constructed per plans as to bituminous pavement and aggregate depths.

Widseth concluded that Providence Rd NW was constructed in general conformity to construction plans. Widseth notes that they were not on-site during construction and cannot verify materials used or compaction requirements were met.

The noted cul-de-sac encroachment outside the right-of-way is an issue. No temporary or permanent easements were recorded with Olmsted County, and property deeds do not mention an easement. Once this issue is rectified, Widseth recommends accepting Providence Rd NW.

The decision to accept Providence Rd NW as a township road was tabled until April. Chair Lacy will notify Mr. Allen (Providentia Hills Subdivision developer) about the easements being in place and recorded before the township assumes the road.

Road Report – Ken Mergen, Scott Schumacher

Road sweeping will begin in early April.

A county owned stop sign was spray painted; they will replace.

Spring road weight restrictions begin Monday, March 21.

Supervisor Matzke noted 3rd Av NW needed maintenance to prevent road run-off from going into their garage and onto their property. They are currently using pumps to divert water. This was also a problem last year. The board indicated fixing this would be a priority. This situation is similar to the Cedar Beach run-off situation successfully fixed last year.

Roberson Rock sent a report showing \$4,197 out of \$8,000 has been used this winter season.

Administrative Business

Minutes Approval –

Supervisor Lacy moved to approve the February 14th minutes. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0. [Lacy-aye]

Supervisor Mergen moved to approve the February 14th Board of Audit minutes.

Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0. [Lacy-aye]

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Stanton

The YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of March 1, 2022 shows: receipts \$17,511.67; disbursements \$118,498.75 with an ending balance of \$1,174,343.23. Transfers approved by the board in February were done. The Shorewood Ln fund was closed with the balance moved to General Fund. Ryan’s Bay Rd Construction was closed, with the negative balance taken from the General Fund. The Receipts Register and the Dashboard shows these transfers.

Supervisor Matzke moved to approve the treasurer’s report. Supervisor Mergen second, motion carried 3-0. [Lacy-aye]

ARPA Lost Revenue Resolution 2022-02 – Supervisor Mergen moved to execute the Resolution to Spend ARPA Funds on Lost Revenue Replacement Category. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0. [Lacy-aye]. This resolution placed APRA funds totaling \$125,729.22 into lost revenue.

Approval to Pay Bills

February net payroll (paid in March) was \$2,066.20 for the board and \$286.28 for the ballot board and election judges for the township election, totaling \$2,352.48. Claims totaled \$124,069.60 which included \$100,633.00 to the Pine Island Fire District.

Supervisor Matzke moved to approve payment of claims and payroll. Supervisor Mergen second, motion carried 3-0. [Lacy-aye]

OTPAC Report – There was no February meeting.

Schedule acceptance of bids and quotes – The board will accept sealed bids for all season road maintenance, and written quotes for chloride, crushed rock and class 5 rock on April 11.

Redistricting Resolution – After census redistricting created another precinct in the township. Kathryn Smith, Olmsted County, has appealed that decision with the state. When the decision is known, the board will need to adopt a resolution acknowledging the decision. Due date is March 29. **Supervisor Matzke moved to authorize Clerk Shonyo and Supervisor Lacy to sign this resolution when available. Supervisor Mergen second, motion carried 3-0. [Lacy-aye].**

Board Member Comments-

The board thanked Clerk Shonyo for her work.

Supervisor Matzke learned that Oronoco Estates wifi is provided by Charter Communications. They are not under-served.

There was discussion about satellite service for under-served households and the logistics of offering that. It will be an April agenda item.

Chair Lacy will ask Scott Schumacher to assess the condition of Minnesota Ave south of 100th St before WWTF construction begins.

Supervisor Matzke moved to adjourn at 7:45pm. Supervisor Mergen second, motion carried 3-0. [Lacy-aye]

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Charlie Lacy, Chair