

Oronoco Town Board
Special Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2024

Minutes of special meeting of the Oronoco Town Board held on **Thursday, January 18, 2024** at 5:30 p.m. at the Oronoco Community Center, located at 115 Second Street SW, Oronoco, Minnesota.

Supervisor Ken Mergen called the special meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Johanningmeier has had some questions about the shoreland ordinance. After several emails from Olmsted County Planner Allison Sosa, Oronoco township remains in control of the shoreland ordinance. Supervisor Johanningmeier stated that he feels Olmsted County Planning no longer has our best interest in mind. Supervisor Johanningmeier asked if he should reach out to Attorney Ruppe to get his advice on the shoreland ordinance.

Supervisor Mergen said he thought we should hold off on contacting Ruppe, he feels that if we switch to TCPA than they can assist with the shoreland ordinance and we can send it to Ruppe for final review.

There was a motion made by Supervisor Matzke to move from Olmsted County Planning to TCPA, Township Cooperative Planning Association, as Oronoco Township zoning administrator, second by Supervisor Johanningmeier. Supervisors Matzke and Johanningmeier voted to approve; Supervisor Mergen voted against the motion.

Paige Collins, Chairmen of OTPAC will meet with Olmsted County Planning to discuss the change to TCPA.

Supervisor Matzke will ask TCPA if we need a resolution to make the change to TCPA.

Supervisor Mergen suggested an annual contract with TCPA. He suggested the first contract be for 15 months, that way it can be renewed after the annual meeting.

Supervisor Matzke stated that she hopes TCPA will be able to take over February 1, 2024.

Supervisor Mergen suggested that Supervisor Matzke continue with the land use plan and have a completion term for this. The moratorium is done in August, so the land use plan should be completed before then.

Supervisor Mergen asked Supervisor Matzke to have Paige Collins, Chairmen of OTPAC, send an email to Clerk Schoeder when she will be meeting with Olmsted County Planning.

There was a motion made by Supervisor Matzke to adjourn the meeting, second by Supervisor Johanningmeier. The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Clerk Jody Schroeder

Tammy Matzke

Ken Mergen

Joel Johanningmeier