

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024

AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON

PRESENT: Lyle Perry, Elmer Marks Jr., Mike Rebholz, Debra Seid, Ken Waldrop, Pro-Tem Sarah Hopper, President Pam Coey

ABSENT: None

At 5:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Coey and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT (Five Minute Limit per Individual on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items):

A resident expressed gratitude for the dog park and commended the Village for its upkeep. Another resident brought up topics related to Indigenous Peoples Day. A resident raised concerns about a lighting issue. A resident discussed a zoning matter involving a bus.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Community Development 10/2/2024

A motion was made by Seid, second by Rebholz (CARRIED), to approve the agenda as presented.

AYE: Seid, Rebholz, Hopper, Marks, Perry, Waldrop, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Waldrop (CARRIED), to approve the agenda as amended.

AYE: Rebholz, Waldrop, Hopper, Marks, Perry, Seid, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion was made by Marks, second by Waldrop (CARRIED), to approve the bills as read.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Marks, Waldrop, Hopper, Perry, Rebholz, Seid, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES September 23, 2024

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Seid (CARRIED) to approve the Council Minutes of September 23, 2024 as amended.

AYE: Hopper, Seid, Marks, Perry, Rebholz, Waldrop, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

REPORTS

a. Manager's Report

Clean Water State Revolving Funds: The SRF Wastewater Improvements Project began on October 7th. Routsala Construction, along with several subcontractors including Northland Electric, Tunnel Vision, Crane Engineering and Angelo Luppino. These contractors will be performing work at various locations and times throughout the Village. For more details about the project, please refer to the Plans/Reports page on the Village's website. Under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) tab, a draft copy of the Project Plan can be reviewed.

b. Annual Financial Report Year Ended March 31, 2024

Year-End 3/31/24 Audit: The Village's audit was filed with Treasury on September 30, 2024. This marks the fourth consecutive year that the audit was filed on time. Later in this meeting, we will be reviewing a "Notice of Intent to Withhold State Payments" letter from Treasury. This letter states that the Marina Fund is still in deficit position. A Deficit Elimination Plan is required to avoid withheld payments. This Deficit Elimination Plan is also part of tonight's meeting.

c. Community Development Committee Report

Chickens was the first topic of discussion, discussed various options for size of flock, coops and runs and setbacks. Recommend that staff reach out to Civic Plus regarding prior ordinances regulating chickens. A gate for the dog park was next topic, committee recommends signage as opposed to a new culvert and gate. Next the Coalition of Aging space was discussed and a cost for utilities splitting was requested.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. MERS Update

We paid MERS \$50,251 on September 26th. This payment was due on October 20th. We are current with our MERS payments and our next payment will be due on November 20th. We will be making this in late October. At this time, the Michigan Enhancement Grant that the Village received will cover the next 18 monthly payments. All grant funds must be used prior to September 30, 2026.

b. MD Contracting, Inc. Application for Payment No. 1

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Waldrop (CARRIED) to approve the MD Contracting, Inc. Application for Payment No. 1

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Waldrop, Hopper, Marks, Seid, Coey

NAY: Perry

ABSENT: None

c. 610 South Fourth Bus Issue

The issue of a bus in the right of way on south Fourth Street was discussed. Resident indicated he moved the bus out of the right of way. Manager DuPont and Councilperson Rebholz indicated they would measure the bus from the right of way to confirm the ordinance is being followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. RRC Essentials

An award for planning, zoning and economic development was presented by Jen Tucker and Ray Govus on behalf of RRC recognizing the Village for reaching Essentials status with the RRC.

b. Handicapped Parking on Lakeshore Drive

The Council discussed the possibility of adding an additional handicapped parking spot on Lakeshore Drive adjacent to the existing one near Paul Bunyan and Lakeshore Drive. It was agreed that if the Township is agreeable, the Village will proceed with adding the extra space.

c. Citizen Planner Program- Zoning

A motion was made by Waldrop, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to approve the Citizen Planner Program- Zoning for up to 3 participants.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Waldrop, Rebholz, Hopper, Marks, Perry, Seid, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

d. Ordinance Violation Complaint

This issue of a neighbor with a bright light was discussed. The neighbor measured the foot-candles of the light and it was determined the light is too bright. A letter will be sent to the offender indicating a new light must be installed with the correct foot-candles.

e. Hometown Christmas Request

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Seid (CARRIED) to approve the Hometown Christmas Request.

AYE: Hopper, Seid, Marks, Perry, Rebholz, Waldrop, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

f. Notice of Intent to Withhold State Payments October 1, 2024

The Notice of Intent to Withhold State Payments October 1, 2024 was discussed.

g. Resolution 2024-08: Deficit Elimination Plan (Marina)

A motion was made by Seid, second by Hopper (CARRIED) to approve the Resolution 2024-08: Deficit Elimination Plan (Marina).

ROLL CALL

AYE: Seid, Hopper, Marks, Perry, Rebholz, Waldrop, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

h. Ordinance 2024-02: Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs

A motion was made by Waldrop, second by Hopper (CARRIED) to approve Ordinance 2024-02: Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Waldrop, Hopper, Marks, Perry, Seid, Rebholz, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Ontonagon Conservation District Invitation September 30, 2024

The Ontonagon Conservation District will meet in Rockland on November 7, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

b. Trick or Treat Hours

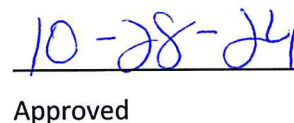
Trick-or-treat hours are scheduled from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Homes welcoming trick-or-treaters will have their outdoor lights on.

A councilperson discussed the required annual training.

It was moved by Hopper, second by Rebholz to adjourn at 5:42 p.m.

Meeting Minutes taken by Clerk Jeff Sullivan


Jeff Sullivan, Clerk


Approved