

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025

AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON

PRESENT: Lyle Perry, Mike Rebholz, Debra Seid, Dorothy Sharkey, Matt Wiesen, 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):

None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Finance Committee December 23, 2024

A motion was made by Perry, second by Hopper (CARRIED), to approve the consent agenda as presented.

AYE: Perry, Hopper, Rebholz, Seid, Sharkey, Wiesen, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

AYE: Seid, Hopper, Perry, Rebholz, Sharkey, Wiesen, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Perry, Hopper, Seid, Sharkey, Wiesen, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: DECEMBER 23, 2024

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to approve the Council Minutes of December 23, 2024 as modified.

AYE: Hopper, Rebholz, Perry, Seid, Sharkey, Wiesen, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

REPORTS

a. Managers' Report

FDCVT Grant: On January 10th, we received a reimbursement of \$275,000 for the Motor Grader that the Village recently purchased. This marks the 12th grant that has been completed by the Village since 2021 and we have now received \$7.48 million in grants since that time with an addition \$3.098 million pending.

Additionally, we will be applying for two more FDCVT Grants in the near future for a Manlift and a Trackless Municipal Sidewalk Tractor. Thus far, the Village has been awarded five FDCVT Grants totaling \$1,118,408.

Clean Water State Revolving Funds: The SRF Wastewater Improvements Project began on October 7th. Routsala Construction was able to get a good portion of the project completed before the snow hit. They are done for the year and will be starting again in the Spring. The project is approximately 1/5th complete and is to be substantially complete by July 3, 2026 with final completion slated for August 14, 2026. 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.

Snow Plowing: Winter parking restrictions are now in effect. Please do not park on Village streets between the hours of 2:30am and 7am. We are experiencing substantial snow accumulation so please be patient and please be respectful.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. MERS Update

We paid MERS \$50,251 on December 19th. This payment was due on January 20th. We are current with our MERS payments and our next payment will be due on February 20th. We will be making this payment in late January.

At this time, the Michigan Enhancement Grant that the Village received will cover the next 15 monthly payments. All grant funds must be used prior to September 30, 2026.

b. Chicken Ordinance

The chicken ordinance was previously reviewed and referred back to the Community Development Committee. The committee has scheduled meetings on January 22, 2025, and February 5, 2025, to deliberate on the ordinance and present their findings to the Council.

c. Recreation Center Lease

The Recreation Center Lease was referred back to the Ad Hoc Committee for additional review. The Ad Hoc Committee met and developed solutions for the lease. The committee plans to meet with the Hockey Association to further discuss the lease and will present their findings to the Council afterward.

d. Posting Village Council Meeting Videos Online

The issue of posting the Council meetings online was discussed. The prospect of live Zoom meetings will be investigated further.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Commissions/Committees

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Sharkey (CARRIED) to decommission the Fire Department Committee.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Sharkey, Hopper, Perry, Seid, Wiesen, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Seid, second by Perry (CARRIED) to appoint Matt Wiesen to the Personnel Committee.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Seid, Perry, Hopper, Rebholz, Sharkey, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Wiesen

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED) to appoint Dorothy Sharkey to the Infrastructure Committee.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Seid, Hopper, Perry, Wiesen, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Sharkey

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED) to move the Documents Committee into the Community Development Committee.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Seid, Hopper, Perry, Sharkey, Wiesen, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Sharkey (CARRIED) to appoint Deb Seid to the Marina Commission.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Sharkey, Hopper, Perry, Wiesen, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Seid

b. President Pro Tempore Appointment

A motion was made by Perry, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to appoint Sarah Hopper as President Pro Tempore

ROLL CALL

AYE: Perry, Rebholz, Seid, Sharkey, Wiesen, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Hopper

c. Food Trucks

The possibility of a Food Truck Festival was discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

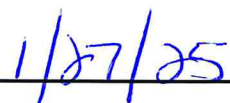
President Coey will be absent from January 14, 2025 – February 23, 2025. Marina dredging and Tin Street as a one-way was also discussed.

It was moved by Seid, second by Rebholz to adjourn at 5:58 p.m.

Meeting Minutes taken by Clerk Jeff Sullivan



Jeff Sullivan, Clerk



Approved