

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 10, 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 February 10, 2025; Finance Committee February 24, 2025; Marina Commission January 16, 2025.

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

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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

NAY: 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, Sharkey, Seid, Wiesen, Coey

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: February 24, 2025

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED), to return February 24, 2025, minutes to staff for adjustment.

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

NAY: None

REPORTS

a. Manager's Report

January 30, 2025, the Village received a \$145,126.00 FDCVT Grant reimbursement for the recently purchased backhoe. This is the 13th completed grant by the Village since

2021. The Village has received 7.63 million in grants to date with an additional 2.95 million in grant monies pending from the sewer project.

On January 15, 2025, the Village applied for two FDCVT grants for a manlift and trackless municipal side walker sweeper. The Village has received 5 FDCVT grants to date totaling \$1,102,408.00.

The Village will be applying for a \$50,000.00 Thriving Communities Grant for a Marina feasibility study, which will include a funding investigation and stakeholder mapping.

Manager was contacted by Craig Richardson of Wickwire Solutions regarding Congressional Spending Requests. The Village will request funds for a new water tank in White Pine and a new sander and plow truck.

The Village crew was commended on an outstanding job this plowing season.

Financial Reports are available online and in the packet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. MERS Update

We paid MERS \$50,251 on February 27th. This payment was due on March 20th. We are current with our MERS payments. The Michigan Enhancement Grant covers the next 13 months and we expect to close the grant next March 2026 or early April 2026.

b. Recreation Center Lease

President Coey & Manager DuPont met with Dallas Aho & Darien Steiner with the Hockey Association. Hockey had concerns on participation in the upcoming year. **A motion from Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED) to drop the lease from the agenda and revisit Fall 2025.**

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

NAY: None

c. Resolution 2025-01: Disband Greenland Road School Commission

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Sharkey (CARRIED), to approve Resolution 2025-01 to Disband Greenland Road School Commission with the two name corrections.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

d. Ordinance 2025-01: Chickens

A motion was made by Wiesen, second by Hopper (CARRIED), to set aside ordinance 2025-01 till next Council Meeting for review and corrections.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

e. Ordinance 2025-02: Commission Amendments

A motion was made by Seid, second by Perry (CARRIED), to set aside Ordinance 2025-02 Commission Amendments until recodification is complete.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

f. Water Tower Inspection Quotes:

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Wiesen (CARRIED), to approve the White Pine Tower and Ontonagon Tower inspection quotes in the amount of \$9,200.00.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Personnel Committee Recommendations

A motion was made by Seid, second by Perry (CARRIED), to approve Memo-Of Understanding (MOU) for the increase of \$0.50 per hour for the F2 license.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Wiesen (CARRIED), to accept the Personnel Committee recommendation to terminate employment of clerk Jeff Sullivan.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Hopper (CARRIED), to appoint Tanya Weisinger as Interim Clerk pending wage review.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Seid

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Manager to place Clerk ad in the Ontonagon Herald.

Council discussed MSHDA Neighborhood Grant program.

Council discussed Habitat for Humanity program.

Scheduled Personnel Committee for 3/12/2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Council discussed training requirements and opportunities. Manager to research MSU

Open Meetings Act in-person training availability.

It was moved by Hopper, second by Rebholz to adjourn at 5:44 p.m.

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

NAY: None

Meeting Minutes taken by Interim Clerk, Tanya Weisinger.

Tanya Weisinger

Tanya Weisinger, Interim Clerk

3/24/2025

Approved