

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 24, 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

PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE BUDGET FISCAL 2025-2026:

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED), to close Village Council meeting 3/24/25 and move into public hearing on the Village budget.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

A motion was made by Perry, second by Seid (CARRIED), to open public hearing on Village Budget Fiscal 2025-2026 at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

A motion was made by Seid, second by Rebholz (CARRIED), to close public hearing concerning Village Budget Fiscal 2025-2026 at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

A motion was made by Perry, second by Seid (CARRIED), to go back into Village Council meeting session.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Housing Commission November 19, 2024;
Housing Commission December 17, 2024; Housing Commission January 21, 2025;

Housing Commission February 18, 2025; Planning Commission February 19, 2025; Personnel Committee March 12, 2025.

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

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF BUDGET FISCAL 2025-2026:

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED) to approve Village budget 2025-2026 as amended.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Seid, Hopper, Sharkey, Coey

NAY: Perry, Wiesen

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: March 10, 2025; March 10, 2025 Public Hearing Ordinance 2025-01.

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

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

NAY: None

REPORTS

a. Manager's Report

Financial Reports are part of the packet, packet 2 and available online.

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.

b. Ordinance 2025-01: Chickens

Rebholz reported to Council lot sizes in the Village ranging from 269 lots in range .25-.499 acres and 376 lots ranging .50 acre and above.

A motion was made by Perry, second by Hopper (CARRIED), to adopt Ordinance 2025-01: Chickens with the amendment change of allowing 1/2 acre to 1/4 acre.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: Seid

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Island Road Closure Request

A motion was made by Wiesen, second by Perry (CARRIED), to approve Island Road Closure Request.

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

NAY: None

b. OASD Bus Garage Lease

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Sharkey (CARRIED), to refer to the Community Development Committee.

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

NAY: None

c. Fire Chief – Jerry Roehm

Under direction of the Council, Office Staff will notify proper entities the Ontonagon Volunteer Fire Department will discontinue non-emergency lift assist and coroner lift assist .

d. Request to purchase Village property

Council wants survey, infrastructure present and appraisal of property.

e. Street Closure Requests

A motion was made by Wiesen, second by Seid (CARRIED), to approve the street closure request for Denise Pestka and Jerry Gravely.

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

NAY: None

A motion was made by Sharkey, second by Perry (CARRIED), to approve the street closure request for Ontonagon County Chamber of Commerce Copperfest Heritage Festival and 2025 All-Class Reunion.

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

NAY: None

f. 2024 Planning Commission Annual Report

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Hopper (CARRIED), to approve 2024 Planning Commission Annual Report as presented.

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

NAY: None

g. Personnel Committee Recommendation

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Hopper (CARRIED), to approve Personnel Committee recommendation for Office Manager Tanya Weisinger to raise hourly rate to \$27.00 effective 3/11/2025.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Seid

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

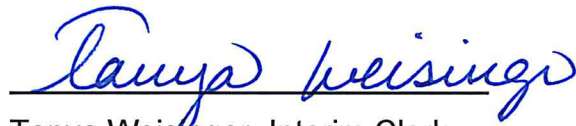
Congratulations to the Ewen-Trout Creek Girls Basketball team on their advancement to the State Championship.

It was moved by Hopper, second by Rebholz to adjourn at 6:07 p.m.

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

NAY: None

Meeting Minutes taken by Interim Clerk, Tanya Weisinger.



Tanya Weisinger, Interim Clerk



Approved