

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON

PRESENT: Lyle Perry, Mike Rebholz, Debra Seid, Dorothy Sharkey, Matt Wiesen, Pro-Tem Sarah Hopper

ABSENT: President Pam Coey

At 5:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Pro-Tem Hopper 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):

Resident discussed village plow damage to his yard and asphalt damage to his tractor due to road debris issues. Requests repairs to River Road.

Village employee discussed their employment.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Finance Committee March 10, 2025 & March 24, 2025; Personnel Committee March 31, 2025.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: President Coey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coey

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coey

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: March 24, 2025

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coey

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. MERS Update

MERS payment of \$50,251.00 was made on 4/20/25. Next payment is due 5/20/25 and will be made later this month. We are current with MERS payments. The Michigan Enhancement Grant will cover the next 12 months and the grant will close out in March 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. DDA & TIF Funds

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Wiesen (CARRIED), to form an AD Hoc Committee to explore DDA direction and TIF issues. AD Hoc start date 4/15/2025 and end date 10/15/2025.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coey

b. North Iron Church Proposal

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED), to move forward with North Iron Church street sign proposal.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coey

c. OASD Bus Garage Lease (Community Development)

Report from Community Development on current water and sewer setup to garage, and need for updating infrastructure.

d. Request to purchase Village property

Council discussed need for survey, identify infrastructure present and appraisal of property.

A motion was made by Wiesen, second by Sharkey (~~SECOND~~) (CARRIED) to approve survey and appraisal for Village property 6641-561-016-10 as stated in legal description.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coey

e. Sewer Repair Request

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED), to decline the sewer repair request for Amber Krueger 415 Chippewa Street.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Rebholz, Seid, Perry, Sharkey, Wiesen, Hopper

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coey

f. Personnel Committee Recommendations

A motion was made by Seid, second by Rebholz (CARRIED), to approve Personnel Committee recommendations to hire Ed Seid and Phil Paulick for the Marina Attendant positions.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coey

A motion was made by Perry, second by Rebholz (CARRIED), to approve Personnel Committee recommendations to hire Karson Clinesmith, Reece LaBine and Paige Weisinger for the summer help positions.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Seid

ABSENT: Coey

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED), to offer the Village Clerk/Treasurer position to Wendy Pence.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coey

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED), to reduce the DPW work force by one member Seth Solberg.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coey

g. Easement Request

A motion was made by Seid, second by Wiesen (CARRIED), to refer the Ontonagon County Telephone Company easement request to the Community Development Committee.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coey

h. Gabridge and Co. Audit Engagement Letter

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED), to approve the Gabridge and Co. audit engagement letter.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coey

i. Resolution 2025-03: Resolution Authorizing Non-Motorized Transportation Improvements.

A motion was made by Wiesen, second by Rebholz (CARRIED), to approve Resolution 2025-03: Authorizing Non-Motorized Transportation Improvements.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coey

j. Chicken Permit

Manager reviewed the Chicken Permit with Council. No action taken.

k. Marina Dock Inspection

Manager reviewed Marina pedestrian fishing dock possible issues resulting from contractor heavy equipment on dock. Office will handle issue. No Council action taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Council member asked about vacant Family Dollar building. Village zoning permit has expired. No updates from Family Dollar to date.

Manager reminded the sewer rate increases take effect on 4/1/25. Sewer debt changes from \$21.00 to \$39.50 monthly, sewer usage changes from \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons. Per Resolution 2024-09 approved 10/28/2024.

A motion was made by Wiesen, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to convert Tin Street into 2-way street from intersection of River Street/Tin Street and North Steel Street/Tin Street.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Wiesen, Rebholz, Seid, Sharkey, Hopper

NAY: Perry

ABSENT: Coey

It was moved by Rebholz, second by Perry Seid to adjourn at 6:34 p.m.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coey

Meeting Minutes taken by Interim Clerk, Tanya Weisinger.

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4/28/2025

Approved