

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025

AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON

**PRESENT: Lyle Perry, Mike Rebholz, Debra Seid, Dorothy Sharkey, Matt Wiesen,
Pro-Tem Sarah Hopper, President 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 April 14, 2025; Personnel Committee March 31, 2025 & April 9, 2025.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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

NAY: None

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: April 14, 2025

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

REPORTS:

a. Financial Reports

Financial reports are available on the website. The manager said the audit is underway.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. MERS Update

MERS payment \$55,986.00 due on 5/20 was made 4/24/25. Next payment is due 6/20/2025 and will be made towards the end of May. The Michigan Enhancement Grant will cover the next 11 months and the grant will close out in March 2026.

b. North Iron Church – Lakeshore Park June 1, 2025

North Iron Church will perform cleanup of park.

c. OASD Bus Garage Lease

Unfinished item and remain on future agendas. DPW to work on sewer and water infrastructure options.

d. Request to purchase Village property

Manager reviewed with council. Land surveyor discussed concern with Manager of who is owner of property 6641-561-016-10. Manager to continue working with land surveyor.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Food Truck Rally June 24, 2025

Round table discussion. Council determined Quartz Street to be utilized contingent upon office staff following up with The Squeeze and Eagles Club on this closure and date.

b. Zoning Coordinator

A motion was made by Seid, second by Perry (CARRIED), to appoint Mike Rebholz as interim Zoning Coordinator.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Rebholz

A motion was made by Wiesen, second by Hopper (CARRIED), to compensate Zoning Coordinator at rate of 50% of applicable permit fees for fiscal 4/1/24 to 3/31/2025, and moving forward until a staff employee can assume the zoning coordinator position.

Compensation to be paid quarterly.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Rebholz

c. GEI Proposal – River Street Garage

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Seid (CARRIED), to approve GEI proposal for the River Street garage.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Hopper, Seid, Rebholz, Sharkey, Coey

NAY: Perry, Wiesen

d. Ruotsala Construction Application for Payment No. 3

A motion was made by Perry, second by Rebholz (CARRIED), to approve Ruotsala Construction Application for Payment No. 3.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

e. Settlement Agreement Request (Closed Session MCL 15.268A)

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Wiesen (CARRIED), that the Village Council enter a closed session to consider dismissal, suspension or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer or employee if requested by the named person. This closed session is permitted under MCL 15.268(a) and requires a majority vote. Closed session at 5:53 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED), to end the closed session MCL 15.268(a) at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid Hopper (CARRIED), to return regular council session at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Perry (CARRIED), to decline the last chance settlement agreement between the Village of Ontonagon and Seth Solberg.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

f. Recreational Center Ad Hoc Committee

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED), to establish a Recreational Facility Ad Hoc Committee to address short term issues and run from present to 11/16/2025.

Members: Coey, Seid, Rebholz

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

A motion was made by Perry, second by Hopper (CARRIED), to put Seid, Rebholz and Coey on the Recreational Ad Hoc Committee.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

Council referred the Recreation Commission Ordinance to the Community Development Committee for updating the ordinance. Return to council with suggested changes to ordinance.

g. DDA Ad Hoc Meeting

DDA Ad Hoc members reviewed their 4/24/25 meeting synopsis with Council. Round table discussion. Ad Hoc to work on getting DDA membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. OMA Training June 2, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Training will be provided by Brad Neuman with Michigan State University. Manager will invite community townships and commissions to attend.

b. Village Building

Round table discussion on Village building 317 River Street. Wall collapse issue. Manager to get asbestos testing performed for building.

Council person asked about opening the compost brush dump. Round table discussion. Brush dump remains closed to the public.

The 50th anniversary on 4/30/2025 of the Fall of Saigon. Fly your POW flag.

A motion was made by Sharkey, second by Rebholz (CARRIED), to reschedule regular 5/26/25 Village Council Meeting to 5/27/25 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: Perry None

It was moved by Rebholz, second by Hopper to adjourn at 6:31 p.m.

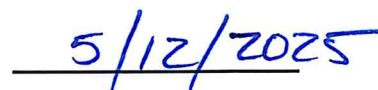
AYE: Rebholz, Hopper, Perry, Seid, Sharkey, Wiesen, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Coey None

Meeting Minutes taken by Interim Clerk, Tanya Weisinger.


Tanya Weisinger, Interim Clerk


Approved