

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON

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

Manager read a letter from a resident concerning Food Truck Rally.

Resident discussed interest in a bocce ball court in the Village.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: DDA Ad Hoc April 24, 2025; Finance Committee April 28, 2025 as presented; Rec Center Ad Hoc April 30, 2025 as amended.

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

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: April 28, 2025

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

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: April 28, 2025 Closed Session

A motion was made by Seid, second by Wiesen (CARRIED), to approve the closed session minutes as amended presented.

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

NAY: None

REPORTS:

a. Manager Report

The SRF Wastewater Improvements Project is ongoing. For project information please refer to the Plans/Reports page on the Village's website.

Gabridge & Co. audit is underway.

Welcome new village clerk Wendy Pence.

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. OASD Bus Garage Lease (Community Development)

Still pending per Manager.

c. Request to purchase Village property (Community Development)

Still pending per Manager.

d. Marina Easement Request (Community Development)

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Hopper (CARRIED) to approve the creation of an easement on the marina property to accommodate the pre-existing pipe that is present.

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

NAY: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. 2021-006 Purchase Policy 4-12-21

A motion by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED) to withdraw our purchase policy for further consideration.

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

NAY: None

b. DDA Restart

A motion was made by Wiesen, second by Hopper (CARRIED) to restart the DDA pending applications from 7 individuals.

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

NAY: None

c. Community Development Committee Recommendations

Manager discussed possible conflict issues with OCTC cable run in Village R-O-W locations. John Reck with GEI work with OCTC engineer on project.

Recommend disbanding Recreation and Marina Commissions. Round table discussion.
No action taken.

Handicap parking request on Lakeshore Drive referred to Township.

Abby-Kinney Township process property development in Village, must get their zoning and building permits in order and filed correctly.

Discussed restarting playground grant, Copper Shores may help with grant match.

- d. **Pickleball Request** Resident emailed the village requesting a place to have a summer league, referred to the Rec Center Ad Hoc committee

- e. **Steel Street Request** A non-resident approached the manager about his deceased father's garage being on Village property near Steel Street

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Wiesen (Carried) to move the Steel Street request to the Planning Commission.

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

NAY: None

- f. **Appointment of Village Clerk**

A motion was made by Seid, second by Wiesen (Carried) to appoint Wendy Pence as Village Clerk. The council approved the appointment of Wendy Pence as Village Clerk

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. **Leaf Pickup** leaf pickup is scheduled for Tuesday May 27th
- b. **Personnel Committee** will review DPW applications at their meeting Wednesday May 14th.
- c. **Street Closure** Greenland Rd/Parker Ave intersection closed for Ruotsala sewer work starting May 13th
- d. **Paul Davis** requested the Village to supply stencils and paint to paint the basketball court in front of the old school and he and volunteers will do the painting

It was moved by Rebholz Seid; seconded by Hopper to adjourn at 6:04 pm
AYE: Seid, Rebholz, Hopper, Perry, Rebholz, Seid, Sharkey, Wiesen, Coey
NAY: None

Meeting Minutes taken by Interim Clerk, Tanya Weisinger.

Wendy Pence

Tanya Weisinger, Interim Clerk

Wendy Pence

05-27-2025

Approved