

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025

AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON

PRESENT: Lyle Perry, Mike Rebholz, Debra Seid, Dorothy Sharkey, President Coey

ABSENT: Pro-Tem Sarah Hopper (Arrived 5:09 pm), Matt Wiesen (Arrived 5:06 pm)

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 business owner concerning Food Truck Rally.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Finance Committee May 12, 2025; Personnel Committee May 14, 2025; Recreation Ad Hoc Committee May 14, 2025 & May 21, 2025; Housing Commission March 18, 2025 & April 15, 2025

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

AYE: Rebholz, Seid, Perry, Sharkey, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hopper, Wiesen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

AYE: Rebholz, Perry, Seid, Sharkey, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hopper, Wiesen

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

ROLL CALL

AYE: Perry, Sharkey, Rebholz, Seid, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hopper, Wiesen

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: May 12, 2025

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED), to set aside the approval of the minutes until the next Village Council Meeting June 09, 2025.

AYE: Rebholz, Seid, Perry, Sharkey, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hopper, Wiesen

Wiesen arrived at 5:06 pm.

REPORTS:

a. Financial Report

The financial reports are available on the website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. MERS Update

MERS payment \$55,986.00 due on 6/20 was made 5/22/25. Next payment is due 7/20/2025 and will be made towards the end of June. The Michigan Enhancement Grant will cover the next 10 months and the grant will close out in March 2026.

b. Request to purchase Village property (Community Development)

Manager updated council that ownership has been verified, an appraisal has been ordered and the property will be listed.

Hopper arrived at 5:09 pm.

c. OASD Bus Garage Lease (Community Development)

Manager updated council that DPW will look at the water and sewer hook ups as soon as they find time.

d. Steel Street Request (Planning Commission)

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Wiesen (CARRIED) to accept the Planning Commission recommendation regarding the Steel St request.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Ontonagon County Sheriff Department Slip Request

Village Manager will email price quote for a slip.

b. Bendzinski & Co. Water Rate Study Proposal (DWAM Grant)

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED) to accept the quote as presented by Bendzinski & Co to perform the water rate study.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

c. Recreation Center Rates

A motion was made by Wiesen, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to accept the proposed Recreation Center rates as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Wiesen, Rebholz, Hopper, Perry, Seid, Sharkey, Coey
NAY: None

d. 2025 Tax Rate Request: L-4029

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to accept the 2025 L- 4029 Tax Rate Request as proposed.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Hopper, Rebholz, Perry, Seid, Sharkey, Wiesen, Coey
NAY: None

e. Ordinance 2025-03: An ordinance Adopting and Enacting a New Code for the Village of Ontonagon

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (Carried) to approve Ordinance 2025-03.

ROLL CALL

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

f. Ruotsala Construction Application for Payment No. 4

John Reck was present to give an update on the sewer project which is 36% complete, all underground work has been completed, rest of work will be above ground.

A motion was made by Perry, second by Sharkey (Carried) to approve the request of payment for the sewer project.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Perry, Sharkey, Hopper, Rebholz, Seid, Wiesen, Coey
NAY: None

g. Ontonagon Dead-End Request

A local businessman made a request regarding the Ontonagon Street dead end property.

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Rebholz (Carried) to send the request to the Planning Commission

AYE: Hopper, Rebholz, Perry, Seid, Sharkey, Wiesen, Coey
NAY: None

h. 34 Maple White Pine Invoice

Received incomplete invoice for driveway repair, referred back to manager for detailed invoice including date work done and pictures.

i. Personnel Committee Recommendation

A motion was made by Wiesen, second by Rebholz (Carried) to accept the Personnel Committee recommendation to hire Michael Wegener for the DPW position.

ROLL CALL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. **MSU Open Meetings Act Training 06/02/2025 – 2:00 pm – Council Chambers**

It was moved by Hopper; seconded by Rebholz to adjourn at 5:53 pm

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

NAY: None

Meeting Minutes taken by Interim Clerk, Tanya Weisinger.



~~Tanya Weisinger, Interim Clerk~~

Wendy Pence

05-27-2025
Approved