

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

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

AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON

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

ABSENT: President 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):

Marlene Broemer gave a shoutout to Copperfest and thanked the Village for their support of Copperfest and the All School Reunion and she also expressed her appreciation for the signage on the public kiosk facing US 45.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Finance Committee July 14, 2025; Infrastructure Committee Meeting July 16, 2025; Planning Commission June 18, 2025; Marina Commission June 19, 2025; Housing Commission June 17, 2025.

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

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Perry, Seid, Sharkey, Wiesen, Pro-Tem Hopper

NAY: None

ABSENT: President Coey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

ROLL CALL

AYE: Seid, Rebholz, Perry, Sharkey, Wiesen, Pro-Tem Hopper

NAY: None

ABSENT: President Coey

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, Wiesen, Pro-Tem Hopper

NAY: None

Absent: President Coey

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: February 24, 2025, July 14, 2025

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Wiesen (CARRIED), to approve the meeting minutes of February 24, 2025 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Wiesen, Perry, Seid, Sharkey, Pro-Tem Hopper

NAY: None

Absent: President Coey

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Wiesen (CARRIED) to return the July 14, 2025, minutes to staff for re-wording.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Wiesen, Perry, Seid, Sharkey, Pro-Tem Hopper

NAY: None

Absent: President Coey

REPORTS:

a. Financial Report

The financial reports are available on the Village website. Manager DuPont explained the mismatch of a checking account balance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. MERS Update

MERS payment \$55,986.00 due on 7/20/2025 was made 6/20/2025. Next payment is due 8/20/2025 and will be made towards the end of July. The Michigan Enhancement Grant will cover the next 9 months, and the grant will close out in March 2026.

Form 6163 was submitted to the Treasury on July 21st. Manager DuPont updated the council on the General Fund's ability to make future MERS payments. Manager Dupont also commented that the MERS actuarial report can be found on the Village website.

b. Request to purchase Village property (Community Development)

The title work has been completed. Joe Domitrovich will draw a map of the whole area and split the property descriptions as needed. No action.

c. OASD Bus Garage Lease (Community Development)

Deric Morris will complete the curb stop estimate to include the cost of going from the curb stop to the building as time allows. No action.

d. Steel Street Request (Planning Committee)

The title work is back but Randy does not yet own the property so no action will be taken at this time. Manager DuPont suggested we remove this item from the agenda as it will take some time for Randy to complete the transfer of ownership.

e. Signature Cards

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED) to add Willie DuPont, Tanya Weisinger and Wendy Pence to the Village accounts at Citizens State Bank and Miners State Bank and to remove former Village Clerk, Kori Weisinger, from the Village accounts at Citizens State Bank and Miners State Bank.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Seid, Perry, Sharkey, Wiesen, Pro-tem Hopper

NAY: None

Absent: President Coey

f. CTE Building Water Service Request (Infrastructure Committee)

A motion was made by Perry, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to approve the request for the CTE Building to hook up on Greenbriar.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Perry, Rebholz, Seid, Sharkey, Wiesen, Pro-Tem Hopper

NAY: None

Absent: President Coey

g. Ontonagon Street Right Of Way Request

After a round house discussion, the Council returned the request to staff for further investigation of the right of way situation. No action.

NEW BUSINESS:

**a. GEI – DPW Garage Floor Replacement Project Bid Award
Recommendation**

A motion was made by Wiesen, second by Perry (FAILED) to award the DPW Garage Floor Replacement Project to D & E Critter Ranch

ROLL CALL

AYE: Wiesen, Perry

NAY: Rebholz, Seid, Sharkey, Pro-tem Hopper

Absent: President Coey

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED) to approve Ruotsala Construction for the DPW Garage Floor Replacement Project

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Seid, Sharkey, Pro-tem Hopper

NAY: Perry, Wiesen

Absent: President Coey

b. Ruotsala Payment Application #6

A motion was made by Wiesen, second by Sharkey (CARRIED) to approve the request for payment for the sewer project in the amount of \$907,528.54.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Wiesen, Sharkey, Perry, Rebholz, Seid, Pro-tem Hopper

NAY: None

Absent: President Coey

John Reck was present to report that the project is 60% completed to date. The lift stations on Lake Street and River Road are in commission, they have started lining the sanitary sewer main along US-45 as well as Scovia Ave. and Parker Ave., and all manholes were completed and installed by 07/14/2025. The fence near the VFW will be installed this Wednesday and once the areas are cleaned up, Contractor Angelo Lapino plans to do the pavement patches.

c. Community Development Recommendations (DDA & Food Truck Rally)

A motion was made by Perry, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to approve the food truck request for August 22, 2025, assessing a \$50.00 fee per truck on Michigan St. Ave. between Quartz St. and Spar St. with a street closure.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Perry, Rebholz, Seid, Sharkey, Wiesen, Pro-tem Hopper

NAY: None

Absent: President Coey

Trustee Rebholz informed the council that there were serious structural issues with the DDA ordinance as it is written that need to be addressed and after a round house discussion by the council, no action was taken. Community Development will discuss the current DDA ordinance and the DDA Ordinance Status at their next meeting.

Announcements-Other Council Business

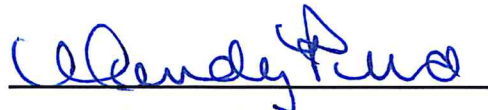
Dorothy Sharkey inquired about the Veterans Memorial ownership. The property is listed as a right of way, but it is unknown who owns the actual structure. Manager Dupont announced that there is a play at the theater this weekend with shows on Friday August 1st and Saturday August 2nd at 7 pm and on Sunday August 3rd at 3 pm.

It was moved by Seid, second by Rebholz to adjourn at 6:02 pm.

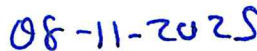
AYE: Seid, Rebholz, Perry, Sharkey, Wiesen, Pro-Tem Hopper

NAY: None

Absent: President Coey



Wendy Pence, Clerk



Approved