

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, August 11, 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 expressed her appreciation of being able to see the Planning Commission 07/16/2025 meeting minutes and commented on the Polaris EV charging station.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Finance Committee July 28, 2025; Planning Commission July 16, 2025; Marina Commission July 17, 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, Pro-Tem Hopper

NAY: None

ABSENT: President Coey

Councilman Wiesen requested individual committee reports be added to future agendas. No motions made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: President Coey

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

Absent: President Coey

A discussion was held about the Recreation Center electric bill. An energy audit will be requested. A discussion was also held on CivicPlus and the new ordinance fees.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: July 14, 2025 and July 28, 2025

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED), to approve the meeting minutes of July 14, 2025 and July 28, 2025 as amended.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

Absent: President Coey

REPORTS:

a. Manager Report

Routsala Construction has now completed roughly 57% of the SRF Wastewater Improvement project. The deadline to complete the project is July 03, 2026. They will be patching various locations later this week. The remaining items include restoration, lift station work, patching and sewer main lining.

Last year's audit is progressing along and is due to be completed no later than September 19, 2025. The audit and additional reports are due on September 30th.

The Village has received \$25,000.00 from the \$50,000.00 Thriving Communities Grant. We will receive the second half of the grant once Quarter 1 & Quarter 2 milestones are complete. The funds will be used to perform a Marina Study for current accessibility conditions, cost-effective maintenance options and stakeholder mapping. Manager DuPont met with the Minneapolis Foundation, who is administering the grant, on August 7th. They primarily discussed procurement requirements. The grant requires at least three quotes on the project which he plans to request by the end of the week.

The Village was awarded a Copper Shores Community Health Foundation Emergency Services Grant in the amount of \$4,501.50 to purchase two Gas Detectors, a Gas Detector Kit and a Water Hose Tester. The Village's matching funds portion will be paid by the Ontonagon Volunteer Fire Department. The funds have been spent and closing documents are to be filed prior to December 31, 2025.

We have just over a month left of tax collections this year and have thus far collected just over 19.5% of the \$533,000.00 taxes that have been assessed. Taxes are due September 15th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. MERS Update

MERS payment \$55,986.00 due on 8/20/2025 was made 7/31/2025. We are current with our MERS payments. Next payment is due 9/20/2025 and will be made towards the end of August

b. Request to purchase Village property (Community Development)

We are waiting for the survey to be completed. No action.

c. OASD Bus Garage Lease (Community Development)

Deric Morris has completed the curb stop estimate to include the cost of going from the curb stop to the building. The council has sent it back to Community Development for the next steps to be completed. No action.

d. Ontonagon Street Right Of Way Request

Manager DuPont spoke with MDOT Representative Dennis Maki who then referred him to their right of way specialist, Dennis Collins, who was unavailable to speak with Manager DuPont at that time. Manager DuPont will contact Mr. Collins this week.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Community Development Committee Recommendations (DDA)

Community Development needs more information before any recommendations can be made. They discussed numerous issues at their meeting including construction of the DDA, funding, membership, staffing, reporting requirements etc. Trustee Rebholz brought up the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act – Act 57 of 2018 which provides for the recodification and establishment of certain tax increment finance authorities. They have decided to hold it in committee for the time being and will discuss it further at their next meeting. No action.

Announcements-Other Council Business

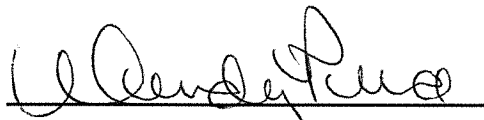
The Council discussed the food truck rally and the Polaris EV station lease renewal.

It was moved by Wiesen, second by Sharkey to adjourn at 5:27 pm.

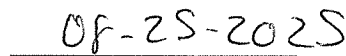
AYE: Wiesen, Sharkey, Perry, Rebholz, Seid, Pro-Tem Hopper

NAY: None

Absent: President Coey



Wendy Pence, Clerk



Approved