

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, August 25, 2025

AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON

PRESENT: Pro-Tem Sarah Hopper, Lyle Perry, Mike Rebholz, Debra Seid, Dorothy Sharkey, Matt Wiesen, President Pamela 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 August 11, 2025; Village Housing Commission July 15, 2025.

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

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: August 11, 2025

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Seid (CARRIED), to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

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

NAY: None

REPORTS:

a. Financial Report

Manager Dupont reviewed the financial report and advised all financials are available on the Village website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. MERS Update

MERS August 20th payment of \$55,986.00 made on July 31st. We are current with MERS payments. The MERS September 20th payment is scheduled to be made by the end of August.

b. Request to purchase Village property (Community Development)

Manager updated Council the survey ordered and waiting for results.

c. OASD Bus Garage Lease (Community Development)

A Community Development meeting was held. Member, Rebholz updated council on water line cost to bus garage. Total projected cost \$19,518.75. Manager will follow up with OASD Admin Staff for coverage of this project.

d. Ontonagon Street Right-Of-Way Request

Manager verified with MDOT the Village owns the Right-Of-Way. Round table discussion regarding options. Consensus of board is to maintain Village ROW ownership and allow business owner to pave area in question. Manager to follow up with business owner.

e. 317 River Street Lead Test

Manager reported testing came back lead paint positive. Keep report on file to include with any future plans for building.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Ruotsala Payment Application #7

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED) to approve the Ruotsala Payment Application #7 as presented.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

John Reck with GEI updated Council. Sewer project 65% completion. Paving will begin 8/27/2025 targeting streets and alleys. Island Road lift station waiting for valve parts projected to arrive 9/8/25.

b. Committee Reports

Community Development Committee presented information it has researched to date regarding DDA. Round table discussion. Manager will follow up with attorney for next step in process.

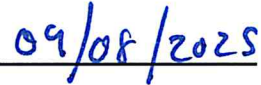
Announcements - Other Council Business

Council discussed aged playground located at Greenland Road School and the need to consider removal ~~consideration~~. Discussed previous DNR Spark grant for updated playground equipment applied for in 2023. ~~Future revisit issue.~~ This issue will be revisited in the future.

It was moved by Perry, second by Hopper to adjourn at 5:42 pm.
AYE: Perry, Hopper, Rebholz, Seid, Sharkey, Wiesen, Coey
NAY: None

Minutes taken by Office Manager, Tanya Weisinger.


Wendy Pence, Clerk


Approved