

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, September 08, 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):

A village resident inquired about water bills.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Finance Committee August 25, 2025, Planning Commission July 16, 2025, Marina Commission July 17, 2025.

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

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: August 25, 2025

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

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

NAY: None

REPORTS:

a. Manager Report

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. MERS Update

MERS September 20th payment of \$55,986.00 made on August 28th. We are current with MERS payments. The MERS October 20th payment is scheduled to be made by the end of September.

b. Request to purchase Village property (Community Development)

Trustee Rebholz updated Council that we are waiting for the survey results. He will contact Joe Domitrovich to check on the progress.

c. OASD Bus Garage Lease (Community Development)

Community Development will meet with OASD Superintendent Lisa Johnson on Wednesday September 10th to discuss this issue.

A short discussion was also held on the Recreation Building lease agreement with the Ontonagon Hockey Association. President Coey will contact them.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Ruotsala DPW Garage Floor Invoice

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Wiesen (CARRIED) to approve the Ruotsala DPW Garage Floor Invoice as part of the bills as presented earlier.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

b. Recreation Building Request

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED) to decline the request for use of the Recreation Building by the OAS Varsity Football coach for football practices.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

c. U.P. Sports Fisherman's Association (UPSFA) Letter

The Village Council received a letter of appreciation from the UPSFA regarding Harbormaster Phil Paulick and his crew on the job they have been doing at the Ontonagon Marina this year and acknowledged a job well done.

d. New Address Request South Steel Street

A motion was made by Seid, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to approve the address of 914 South Steel Street as the new address for Randy Baker's garage.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

Announcements - Other Council Business

President Coey and Manager DuPont commented on the success of the Labor Day Activities in the Village.

Trustee Seid informed the council of MSU's Citizens Planners Program presentation on Short-Term Rental Policy Options being held at Twilly's Sports Bar in Bruce Crossing on 09/29/2025 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm if anyone was interested in attending. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

Council discussed the Polaris charging station lease, we have not yet heard from Polaris. Discussed lawn debris removal and dumping. Discussed the Ontonagon Street ROW request but have not heard back from the business owner. Discussed reaching out to the attorney regarding the DDA funds, President Coey will contact him on Tuesday.

It was moved by Seid, second by Hopper to adjourn at 5:37 pm.

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

NAY: None



Wendy Pence, Clerk



Approved