

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, September 22, 2025

AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON

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

ABSENT: Pro-Tem Sarah Hopper

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):

Rich Ernest submitted a letter to the Village President and Council requesting a meeting to discuss the future of the DDA.

A discussion was held; it was referred to the DDA Ad Hoc Committee to arrange a meeting date and time.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Finance Committee September 08, 2025, Community Development September 10, 2025, Planning Commission August 20, 2025, Marina Commission August 21, 2025, Ontonagon Village Housing August 19, 2025, Village Rec Center Ad Hoc September 16, 2025.

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hopper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hopper

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hopper

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: September 08, 2025

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hopper

REPORTS:

a. Financial Report

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

The audit has been completed and is waiting for final review and approval.

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.

Manager DuPont informed the council that the general fund currently has enough funds to cover the next forty-four MERS payments.

b. Request to purchase Village property (Community Development)

Trustee Rebholz updated Council that we are waiting for the survey results. Joe Domitrovich has put the property descriptions from the property on the corner of M-38 and Greenland Rd into a layered CAD document as there are multiple conflicting property claims of the area. He will inform the Commission of his findings once the survey is completed.

c. OASD Bus Garage Lease (Community Development)

Community Development met with OASD Superintendent Lisa Johnson on Wednesday September 10th to discuss this issue. Superintendent Johnson took the information back to the school board and they will get back to us with their decision.

d. Hockey Lease Signing Authorization

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED), to approve Village Manager DuPont to sign the hockey lease agreement when approved and signed by the OAHA.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hopper

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Personnel Committee/AFSCME Meeting October 28, 2025, 1:00p.m.

Village manager DuPont informed the council and the Personnel Committee there is a contract negotiation meeting scheduled for October 28, 2025, at 1:00p.m. in the council chambers.

b. 1987 Case Backhoe J1

A motion was made Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED) to authorize Manager DuPont to list the 1987 Case Backhoe J1 for sale in the amount of \$17,000.00 on listing sites and to be able to negotiate with all reasonable offers considered.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

Absent: Hopper

c. Ontonagon County Airport Request

Village Council approved the Ontonagon County Airport request to borrow one or two Village porta johns for their annual Fall Color Fly/Drive-in. Village Council then authorized the office staff to approve all future loans for Village porta johns.

d. CWSFR Change Order NO.: 05

A motion was made by Perry, second by Seid (CARRIED) to approve Change Order No.: 05 from GEI Consultants.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

Absent: Hopper

Project manager, John Reck, went over the narrative of changes in the order, including existing items added or subtracted due to change of conditions in the field and the Tin Street Lift Station items which were added back to the project. All lift stations will now be able to communicate with the Tin Street Lift Station and White Pine.

e. Ruotsala Payment Application #8

A motion was made by Perry, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to approve the Ruotsala Payment Application #8 as presented.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

Absent: Hopper

John Reck with GEI updated Council. The sewer project is 75% completed. All lift stations are operational. The Island Rd. addresses will be tied into the sanitary system this week, adding three new accounts to the sewer system. Lining is ongoing and is the remaining 25% of the project. Date of completion is July 2026.

Announcements - Other Council Business

Trustee Perry inquired about the results of the short-term rental policy training to be told it has not yet taken place and is scheduled for September 29, 2025, at 6:30p.m. EST at Twilly's in Bruce Crossing.

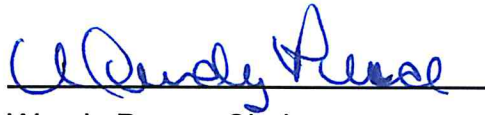
President Coey announced there will be a meet & greet with White Pine Copper in the council chambers on October 01, 2025 at either 4:00 or 4:30 p.m., she will confirm the time and inform Council.

It was moved by Seid, second by Rebholz to adjourn at 5:29 pm.

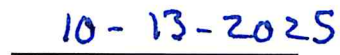
AYE: Seid, Rebholz, Perry, Sharkey, Wiesen, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hopper

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wendy Pence", is written over a horizontal line.

Wendy Pence, Clerk

A handwritten date "10-13-2025" in blue ink is written over a horizontal line.

Approved