

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025

AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON

**PRESENT: Pro-Tem Hopper, Debra Seid, Dorothy Sharkey, Matt Wiesen,
President Pamela Coey**

ABSENT: Lyle Perry, Mike Rebholz

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 September 22, 2025,
Village DDA Ad Hoc October 06, 2025.**

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

AYE: Seid, Wiesen, Hopper, Sharkey, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Perry, Rebholz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AYE: Sharkey, Hopper, Seid, Wiesen, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Perry, Rebholz

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

ROLL CALL

AYE: Seid, Wiesen, Hopper, Sharkey, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Perry, Rebholz

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: September 22, 2025

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

AYE: Hopper, Seid, Sharkey, Wiesen, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Perry, Rebholz

REPORTS:

a. Manager Report

Routsala has completed roughly 72% of the SRF Wastewater Improvement project to be completed by the July 03, 2026 deadline. Because the field conditions were better than expected and the project came in under budget, we were able to add some of the original Tin Street Lift improvements back into the project. More paving is expected to be done Thursday as well.

The Village's audit was filed on the deadline date of September 30, 2025. There were two significant deficiencies noted in the audit which will be discussed further under new business. The Marina is in a deficit position requiring a Debt Elimination Plan and there were actual expenditures that exceeded amounts authorized in the budget in both the General Fund as well as the Local Streets Fund requiring a Corrective Action Plan.

The audit may be viewed on the State of Michigan website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. MERS Update

MERS October 20th payment of \$55,986.00 was made on September 25th. We are current with our MERS payments. The MERS November 20th payment is scheduled to be made by the end of October.

The Michigan Enhancement Grant that the Village received will cover the next six monthly payments. This grant is expected to close out in March of 2026.

b. Request to purchase Village property (Community Development)

Manager DuPont updated Council that we are still waiting for the survey results from Joe Domitrovich.

c. OASD Bus Garage Lease (Community Development)

Community Development has not heard back from OASD Superintendent Lisa Johnson regarding their decision.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Year-End March 31, 2026, Request for Audit Bids.

A motion was made by Wiesen, second by Hopper (CARRIED) to request bids for the Village audit of March 31, 2026.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Wiesen, Hopper, Seid, Sharkey, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Perry, Rebholz

b. Resolution 2025-04: Amtrak Resolution of Support

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Sharkey (CARRIED) to move forward with Resolution 2025:04 for the support of Amtrak.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Hopper, Sharkey, Seid

NAY: Wiesen, Coey

ABSENT: Perry, Rebholz

c. Resolution 2025-05: Resolution of Intent to Vacate Portion of Chaulk Street Right-of-Way

A motion was made by Wiesen, second by Seid (CARRIED) to approve Resolution 2025-05: Resolution of Intent to Vacate Portion of Chaulk Street Right-of-Way

ROLL CALL

AYE: Wiesen, Seid, Hopper, Sharkey, Coey

Nay: None

Absent: Perry, Rebholz

d. Hometown Christmas Street Closure Request

A motion was made by Sharkey, second by Seid (CARRIED) to approve the Hometown Christmas Street closure request

AYE: Sharkey, Seid, Hopper, Wiesen, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Perry, Rebholz

e. Act 51 Non-Motorized Improvements

Manager DuPont informed the board that the Village received Act 51 funds from the State of Michigan and are currently in non-compliance with the Actual qualified expenditures for Non-motorized Improvements Section 10k of the Act 51 law.

It was decided to have Manager DuPont purchase two bike racks and look for bids to hire an engineer to install a sidewalk along Parker Avenue to satisfy the State of Michigan.

f. First Amendment to Lease Agreement (EV Charging Station Sites)

A motion was made by Wiesen, second by Hopper (CARRIED) to approve the amendment to the lease agreement for the EV Charging Station

ROLL CALL

AYE: Wiesen, Hopper, Seid, Sharkey, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Perry, Rebholz

g. DDA Ad Hoc Recommendation

President Coey requested to move the Village Council Work Session for the DDA Discussion & Review from October 20, 2025 at 6:30 pm to December 15, 2025 at 6:30 pm as not all council members will be able to attend the October meeting. The council has agreed to the change of meeting date so the full council can attend.

h. Winter Parking Restrictions

Manager DuPont discussed posting the winter parking restrictions as they go into effect starting October 15, 2025 through April 15, 2026. Vehicles parked on Village streets between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. are in violation and shall be subject to citation. Restrictions will be posted in the newspaper, on the radio and on the Village website.

i. Notice of Intent To Withhold State Payments

Manager DuPont informed the council that as a result of our audit, we were given a Notice of Intent To Withhold Payments by the State of Michigan as our Marina fund shows a deficit. Manager DuPont will create a deficit elimination plan and will present the plan to the council at the next council meeting.

j. Request for Improvement of Deficiencies – Corrective Action Plan

Manager DuPont informed the council that as a result of our audit, the State of Michigan has sent the Village a Request for Improvement of Deficiencies – Corrective Action Plan as actual expenditures exceeded the amounts authorized in our budget. Manager DuPont will create a detailed Corrective Action Plan and will present the plan to the council at the next council meeting.

A roundhouse discussion was then held on the Recreation Center yearly expenses. The Finance Committee will investigate the Rec Center expenses.

k. Village of Ontonagon Halloween Hours

The council set the Village of Ontonagon Trick or Treat hours for Friday October 31st from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. The hours are to be posted in the newspaper, on the radio, Village sign and website.

Announcements - Other Council Business

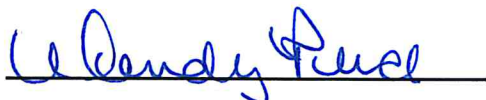
Pro-Tem Hopper invited the council and public to attend the Haunted Theater/Library Walk Through annual spookfest at the Ontonagon Theater/Library Friday October 31st from 6 – 8 p.m. and Saturday November 1st from 7 – 9 p.m. Admission is free.

It was moved by Seid, second by Hopper to adjourn at 5:38 pm.

AYE: Seid, Hopper, Sharkey, Wiesen, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Perry, Rebholz



Wendy Pence, Clerk

10-27-2025

Approved