

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025

AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON

PRESENT: Pro-Tem Hopper, Lyle Perry, Mike Rebholz, Dorothy Sharkey, Matt Wiesen, President Pamela Coey

ABSENT: Debra Seid

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):

Marlene Broemer inquired about and commented on the Tin Street Two Way agenda item.

Michael McCabe, Director of the Ontonagon Conservation District, explained the Conservation District's Members and their offerings including ongoing grants and programs. Mr. McCabe also invited the Council and the public to the Ontonagon Conservation District's Annual Meeting & Elections meeting to be held on November 13, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Rockland Township Hall.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Finance Committee October 13, 2025, Village Planning Commission September 17, 2025, Ontonagon Village Housing September 16, 2025

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Seid

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Seid

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, Sharkey, Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Seid

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: October 13, 2025

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Seid

REPORTS:

a. Financial Report

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. MERS Update

MERS November 20th payment of \$55,986.00 was made on October 23rd. We are current with our MERS payments. The MERS December 20th payment is scheduled to be made by the end of November.

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

b. Request to purchase Village property (Community Development)

Manager DuPont informed the Council that the survey has been completed by Joe Domitrovich and it was found that the Village does not own the property in question. Manager DuPont will inform the interested party.

c. OASD Bus Garage Lease (Community Development)

Community Development has not heard back from OASD Superintendent Lisa Johnson regarding their decision. Mike Rebholz will contact Superintendent Lisa Johnson.

d. Resolution 2025-07: Deficit Elimination Plan (Marina)

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED) to approve Resolution 2025-07: Deficit Elimination Plan for the Marina.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Seid

e. Corrective Action Plan

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED) to approve the Corrective Action Plan

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Seid

f. Tin Street Two Way

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (FAILED) to rescind the resolution to turn Tin Street into a two-way street.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Perry

NAY: Hopper, Sharkey, Wiesen, Coey

ABSENT: Seid

g. Rec Center Lease

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Sharkey (CARRIED) to accept the Rec Center Lease with changes.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Seid

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Infrastructure Committee – Raw Water Valve Issue

A discussion was held regarding the condition of the Silver City pump station on the corner of M-64 and 107th Engineer's Memorial Highway. This was referred to the Infrastructure Committee, a meeting has been scheduled for Friday October 31st at 8:00 am in Council Chambers with the Water Plant Supervisor, Jeremy Graff, to discuss the condition of the station.

b. TCGM Grant Bid

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Hopper (CARRIED) to accept the TCGM Grant Bid submitted by GEI Consultants of Michigan, P.C.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Seid

c. GEI Contract (TCGM Grant)

A motion was made by Perry, second by Wiesen (CARRIED) to accept the GEI Contract for the TCGM Grant.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Seid

d. Ruotsala Payment Application #9

A motion was made by Perry, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to approve the Ruotsala Payment Application #9 as presented.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Seid

e. Conservation District – Mike McCabe

Mr. McCabe spoke during public comment and left shortly after.

f. Budget

A workshop has been scheduled for January 19, 2026 at 5:00 pm in Council Chambers to discuss next year's budget.

g. Fire Committee

After a brief discussion, issues are to be referred to the Infrastructure Committee.

h. State Farm Renter

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Sharkey (CARRIED) to have Manager DuPont contact the current tenant concerning vacating the building.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Seid

i. Fire Department Lift Assist

A discussion was held concerning the cost and number of lift assists by the Ontonagon Volunteer Fire Department and how to determine which are actual emergencies.

Manager DuPont will contact 911 Emergency Services to discuss the situation.

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.

Village Trick or Treat hours will be from 4 – 6 p.m. Friday October 31st.

Councilman Wiesen asked about discolored (rusty) water and hydrant flushing. This will be discussed further with DPW.

It was moved by Rebholz, second by Hopper to adjourn at 6:01 pm.

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Seid



Wendy Pence, Clerk

11-24-2025

Approved