



VILLAGE OF ONTONAGON

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AGENDA **VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING** **MONDAY – NOVEMBER 10, 2025** **5:00 P.M. - 315 QUARTZ ST.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS AT 4:30 P.M.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT (Five Minute Limit Per Individual on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items)**
- 4. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER VACATING PORTION OF CHAULK STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY**
- 5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Finance Committee October 27, 2025**
- 6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 7. APPROVAL OF BILLS**
- 8. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: October 27, 2025**
- 9. REPORTS:**
 - a. Manager Report**
- 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. MERS Updates**
 - b. OASD Bus Garage Lease (Community Development)**
 - c. 319 River Street Lease**
- 11. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Resolution 2025-06: Resolution to Vacate Portion of Chaulk Street Right-of-Way**
 - b. Leaf Pick Up**
 - c. Infrastructure Ad Hoc: Silver City Pump Station**
- 12. ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**
 - a. Thanksgiving Holiday Hours**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

10/27/2025

Village of Ontonagon

Village Council Finance Committee

Called to order at ____4:30____ p.m.

Present: Hopper, Rebholz

Absent: Seid

Review of bills already paid _____.

Total recommended for approval ____\$16,395.17____.

Moved by __Rebholz_____, seconded by
____Hopper_____.

Adjourned at ____4:55____ p.m.

Minutes taken by __Rebholz_____.

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

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.

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

Approved

MERS UPDATE

To: Village Council

From: William DuPont, Village Manager

Date: November 10, 2025

Subject: Hospital MERS Update

We paid MERS \$55,986 on October 23rd. This payment was due on November 20th. We are current with our MERS payments and our next payment will be due on December 20th. We will be making this payment towards the end of November.

At this time, the Michigan Enhancement Grant that the Village received will cover the next five monthly payments. We expect to close out this grant in March of 2026.

Thank you for your time.

319 River Street Lease

To: Village Council

From: William DuPont, Village Manager

Date: November 10, 2025

Subject: DDA Lease Agreement

Background: The DDA currently has a month-to-month lease with State Farm Agent Matt Elmblad. Mr. Elmblad has been in the building for a considerable amount of time. I spoke with him recently about the lease agreement. He has tentatively agreed to vacate the building prior to February 28, 2026.

Options: I would like formal approval of this date if the Council agrees. If this is not agreeable, we should determine another course of action.

**VILLAGE OF ONTONAGON
RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 06
RESOLUTION TO VACATE PORTION OF CHAULK STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY**

At a meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Ontonagon, held on the 10th day of November 2025, in the offices at 315 Quartz Street, Ontonagon, Michigan, the following resolution was offered by Trustee _____ and supported by Trustee _____.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Resolution 2025-05 was previously adopted by the Village Council which determined that it may be advisable to vacate a portion of Chaulk Street in Gardner's Addition to the Village of Ontonagon, and;

WHEREAS, public notice of the aforementioned hearing was duly given pursuant to, and in compliance with, the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan for 1976, and:

WHEREAS, the aforementioned hearing was held before the Village Council on the date of this Resolution and no objections were made to the proposed vacation, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following portion of Chaulk Street in Gardner's Addition to the Village of Ontonagon shall be, and hereby is, vacated pursuant to MCL 67.13 and other statutes relating thereto made and provided:

A piece of land commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 5, Block 7, Gardner's Addition to the Village of Ontonagon, as the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 33 feet; thence West 100 feet; thence North 33 feet; thence East 100 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

A copy of the Resolution shall be certified by the Clerk of the Village of Ontonagon and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Ontonagon County, Michigan.

THIS RESOLUTION is hereby approved by roll call vote:

Lyle Perry, Trustee	_____
Michael Rebholz, Trustee	_____
Debra Seid, Trustee	_____
Dorothy Sharkey, Trustee	_____
Matt Wiesen, Trustee	_____
Sarah Hopper, President Pro-Tem	_____
Pam Coey, President	_____

And, adopted by a 2/3rds vote of the Village Council of the Village of Ontonagon, this 10th day of November, 2025.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Ontonagon, County of Ontonagon, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on Monday, November 10, 2025, that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267 of Public Acts of Michigan 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Wendy Pence, Village Clerk

Possible Ad Hoc Committee

To: Village Council

From: William DuPont, Village Manager

Date: November 10, 2025

Subject: Silver City Pump Station

Background: During an EGLE Sanitary Survey along the Water Rate Study being conducted by Bendzinski & Co., it was brought to my attention that the Village of Ontonagon has serious issues related to the Silver City Pump Station. The valve that was previously discussed is the tip of the iceberg. I believe that constructing a new building may be our best option as refurbishing the current building appears to be sending good money after bad.

We have also discovered that the Infrastructure Committee does not have proper standing in that it is not listed as a Committee in the Village of Ontonagon's Ordinances.

Options: The Village of Ontonagon will have to deal with the issues at the Pump Station at some point. I believe forming an Ad Hoc Committee to begin discussing solutions and funding for those solutions should begin sooner rather than later. We could also wait until the Water Rate Study is complete which is most likely by the end of the year.

**THE VILLAGE OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH
& FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH, 2025
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.**

