

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025

AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON

PRESENT: Pro-Tem Hopper, Lyle Perry, Mike Rebholz, Debra Seid, Dorothy Sharkey

ABSENT: President Coey, Matt Wiesen

At 5:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Pro-Tem Hopper 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 resident informed the council he is purchasing a property in the Village and plans to refurbish, repair and restore the existing structure. Rebholz advised him to contact the state building inspector as well as himself for zoning information prior to his renovations.

A resident commented on the New Business in the 11/10/25 meeting minutes regarding the snowmobile trail request and the need to change an item from Lakeshore Drive to Lakeshore Road which was amended. They also commented on the Village Housing Commission spelling issues in the meeting minutes of 10/15/25.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Finance Committee November 10, 2025; Ontonagon Village Housing Commission October 21, 2025; Village Planning Commission October 15, 2025

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

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Seid, Hopper, Perry, Sharkey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Wiesen, President Coey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL

AYE: Seid, Sharkey, Hopper, Perry, Rebholz

NAY: None

ABSENT: Wiesen, President Coey

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Perry, Hopper, Seid, Sharkey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Wiesen, President Coey

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: October 27, 2025 and November 10, 2025

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED), to approve the October 27, 2025 minutes as presented and to approve the November 10, 2025 minutes as amended.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Rebholz, Perry, Hopper, Seid, Sharkey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Wiesen, President Coey

REPORTS:**a. Financial Report**

Manager Dupont reviewed the financial report with the Financial Committee and advised all financials are available on the Village website. Manager DuPont will have a tentative plan for the budget at the December 8, 2025 Village Council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**a. MERS Update**

MERS December 20th payment of \$55,986.00 was made on November 24th. We are current with our MERS payments. The MERS January 20th payment is scheduled to be made by the end of December.

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

b. OASD Bus Garage Lease (Community Development)

Community Development has scheduled a meeting for December 03, 2025 at 10:00 am to discuss the OASD Bus Garage Lease with Superintendent Lisa Johnson.

c. 319 River Street Lease

Manager DuPont did not have an update on the 319 River Street Lease. A roundhouse discussion was held on the timing of the current lease holder vacating the building. The council agreed to leave the date of February 15, 2026 as the date to be vacated by as previously agreed to by the lease holder.

d. North Country Snowmobile Club Easement Request

A motion was made by Seid, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to deny the initial North Country Snowmobile Club easement request but offer an alternate route.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Seid, Rebholz, Hopper, Perry, Sharkey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Wiesen, President Coey

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Zoning Requirement Reminder

Zoning Administrator Rebholz wanted to remind Village residents that a site plan application must be filled out & a site plan review must take place for new structures in the Village so setback rules are followed and structures are not placed over existing utilities. A reminder message will be printed on a future utility billing.

Additional zoning information can be found on the Village website.

b. Ruotsala Payment Application #10

A motion was made by Perry, second by Sharkey (CARRIED) to approve the Ruotsala Payment Application #10 as presented.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Perry, Sharkey, Hopper, Rebholz, Seid

NAY: None

ABSENT: Wiesen, President Coey

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Manager DuPont commented on this year's Halloween Haunted Theatre, saying it was amazing and very well done.

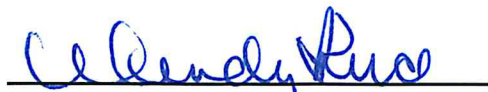
The annual Ontonagon Theatre Christmas Concert will be held on December 05, 2025 at 7:00 pm with the Hometown Christmas events being held throughout the weekend.

It was moved by Rebholz, second by Seid to adjourn at 5:23 p.m.

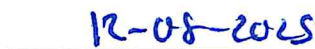
AYE: Rebholz, Seid, Hopper, Perry, Sharkey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Wiesen, President Coey



Wendy Pence, Clerk



Approved