

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2025

AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON

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

ABSENT: Matt Wiesen

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 November 24, 2025

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

AYE: Rebholz, Seid, Hopper, Perry, Sharkey, President Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Wiesen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

AYE: Sharkey, Hopper, Perry, Rebholz, Seid, President Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Wiesen

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

ROLL CALL

AYE: Seid, Rebholz, Hopper, Perry, Sharkey, President Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Wiesen

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: November 24, 2025

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Perry (CARRIED), to approve the November 24, 2025 minutes as presented.

AYE: Hopper, Perry, Rebholz, Seid, Sharkey, President Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Wiesen

REPORTS:

a. Managers' Report

Ruotsala Construction has now completed roughly 75% of the project. Ruotsala is mostly done with their work on the project. They have two subcontractors doing electric work and pipe-lining who will resume work in the spring. The deadline to complete the project is July 03, 2026.

Winter parking restrictions are now in effect. Please do not park on Village streets between the hours of 2:30 am and 7:00 am. Our crew does an outstanding job of removing snow so everyone can get where they need to go regardless of how much snow we get. Their jobs are tough and if vehicles are parked in their way, significantly tougher.

The Village's Deficit Elimination plan stemming from the Year End 3/31/25 Audit was denied with an acceptable plan. The Marina has been in a deficit position since 2019.

Manager DuPont will reiterate the parking restrictions on the radio this week sometime as a reminder.

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)

The Community Development Committee met with OASD Superintendent Lisa Johnson at which time she expressed the school's interest in purchasing the bus garage from the Village. The Village is not interested in selling the property but does intend to continue renting to the OASD and to install water service to the building next summer. The Community Development Committee will contact the OASD to discuss these issues further.

c. Deficit Elimination Plan Determination

Manager DuPont presented the Deficit Elimination Plan Denial letter dated November 19, 2025 from the State of Michigan.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. AFSCME Contract

A motion was made by Seid, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to approve the Personnel Committee to negotiate with the Union for the changes agreed upon.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Seid, Rebholz, Hopper, Perry, Sharkey, President Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Wiesen

b. Congressionally Directed Spending Award

Manager DuPont informed the council that the Village has received a Congressionally Directed Spending Award through Senator Gary C. Peters office in the amount of \$169,000.00. The award requires a 25% match and will be used to purchase a new plow truck.

c. Holiday Enhancement Gift Card

A motion was made by Perry, second by Sharkey (CARRIED) to approve a Holiday Enhancement Gift Card in the amount of \$50.00 for each employee.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSTAIN: Seid

NAY: None

ABSENT: Wiesen

d. Water Storage Tank Maintenance Inspections

Manager DuPont presented the Water Storage Tank Maintenance Inspection completed by Dixon Engineering, Inc. The inspection results can be found on the Village website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Zoning Administrator Rebholz reminded Village residents that a site plan application must be filled out & a site plan review must take place for new structures as well as fences in the Village.

Manager DuPont will reiterate the parking restrictions and the permits/zoning requirements on the radio as a reminder.

President Coey gave a shout out to the Hometown Christmas organizers of the festivities for a job well done.

It was moved by Hopper, second by Rebholz to adjourn at 5:24 p.m.

AYE: Hopper, Rebholz, Perry, Seid, Sharkey, President Coey

NAY: None

ABSENT: Wiesen

Wendy Pence
Wendy Pence, Clerk

12-22-2025
Approved