

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026

AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON

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

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):

A resident inquired if the dog park access could be plowed while another inquired about the vacant Village Council seat.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Finance Committee December 22, 2025; Marina Commission September 18, 2025; Village Planning Commission November 19, 2025

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

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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

NAY: None

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

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: December 22, 2025

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Perry (CARRIED), to approve the December 22, 2025 minutes as presented.

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

NAY: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. MERS Update

MERS January 20th payment of \$55,986.00 was made on December 19th. We are current with our MERS payments. The MERS February 20th payment is scheduled to be made by the end of January.

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

b. OASD Bus Garage Lease (Community Development)

Council member Rebholz informed the council there have been no updates from OASD Superintendent Lisa Johnson concerning the bus garage lease.

c. Budget Workshop

The Council decided to cancel the Budget Workshop scheduled for January 19th and to include the Budget Workshop as part of the Village Council January 26th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Commission/Committee Appointments

A motion was made by Seid, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to appoint Dorothy Sharkey to the Personnel Committee.

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

NAY: None

A discussion was held on the DDA Ad Hoc Committee, REC Ad Hoc Committee and the Infrastructure Committee.

Manager DuPont will write an ordinance to make the following committees permanent: Infrastructure, Finance, Community Development and Personnel.

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED) to extend the Recreation Center Ad Hoc Committee to 06/30/2026 beginning 01/12/2026 consisting of the same committee members.

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

NAY: None

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED) to keep current Council Members as Commission members the same.

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

NAY: None

b. Bendzinski & Co. – 12/22/2025 Water Fund Rate Study Report and Water Plant Tour

Manager DuPont informed the Council that Andy Campbell will attend a future Council meeting allowing the members an opportunity to ask questions on the study.

A discussion was held on the Tin Street Lift station and the inspection, repairs and updates needed.

The Infrastructure Committee along with Water Operator Jeremy Graff toured the building and recommended everyone on the Council also tour the facility. This will be arranged.

c. Northland Electric Proposal

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED) to approve Northland Electric's Proposal to replace the soft start starter at the Tin Street Lift Station location.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

d. Rec Center Requests

A discussion was held regarding the OAHA Rec Center Updates request.

e. Vacant Council Seat

A motion was made by Sharkey, second by Seid (CARRIED) to not fill the vacant council seat until the November 2026 election.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: Hopper

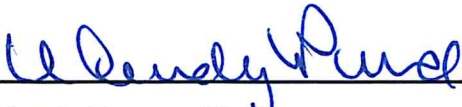
ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

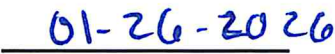
Council member Deb Seid informed the Council that at their December 18, 2025 meeting, the Marina Commission voted to pay \$3,000.00 to the Water/Sewer Fund and to pay back \$15,000.00 to the Equipment Fund.

It was moved by Hopper, second by Rebholz to adjourn at 5:46 p.m.

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

NAY: None


Wendy Pence, Clerk


Approved