

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 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):

None.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2025-04: DDA REPEAL ORDINANCE:

A motion was made by Seid, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to open the public hearing on the Proposed Ordinance 2025-04: DDA Repeal Ordinance.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

A resident inquired as to why the DDA is being repealed, President Coey gave an explanation as to why, as it has completed its purpose.

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED) to close the public hearing on the Proposed Ordinance 2025-04: DDA Repeal Ordinance.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

VILLAGE COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP:

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Sharkey (CARRIED) to open the budget workshop.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

Manager DuPont gave a presentation on the current and projected status of the Village budget. The budget is on the Village website under Plans/Reports.

A discussion was held on various repairs and maintenance needed throughout the Village and grant opportunities to help with these items.

A public hearing for the budget will be held prior to the March 09, 2026 Village Council meeting.

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED) to close the Village Council budget workshop.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Seid, second by Rebholz to remove the Ontonagon Village Housing December 16, 2025 meeting minutes from the Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Rebholz (CARRIED), to approve the Finance Committee January 12, 2026; Planning Commission December 17, 2025 meeting minutes.

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

NAY: None

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: January 12, 2026

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Rebholz (CARRIED), to approve January 12, 2026 minutes as presented.

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

NAY: None

REPORTS:

a. Financial Report

Manager Dupont reviewed the financial report with the Financial Committee and advised all financials are available on the Village website as well as the budget.

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 Thursday, January 29th.

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. Community Development will reach out to the school district.

c. Ordinance 2025-04: DDA Repeal Ordinance

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED) to accept Ordinance 2025-04: DDA Repeal Ordinance as modified.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Recreation Center Circus Rental Request

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Seid (CARRIED) to approve the Recreation Center Circus rental request in the amount of \$1,000.00.

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

NAY: None

b. Zoning Forms

Zoning Administrator Rebholz presented and explained the new, fillable zoning forms which will be available on the Village website when completed along with the fees and the ability to pay the fees through HeyGov.

c. Ad Hoc Committee for Updating Ordinances

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to approve the Ad Hoc Committee from January 26, 2026 to October 26, 2026 consisting of Mike Rebholz, Deb Seid and Pam Coey to work on ordinances.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

A motion was made by Sharkey, second by Hopper (CARRIED) to amend the agenda adding in under new business item c. Ad Hoc Committee for Updating Ordinances.

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

NAY: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

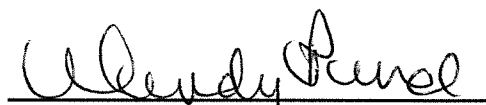
a. MSU Extension Governing Essentials Virtual Training Series

MSU Extension is offering their Governing Essentials Series training for winter and fall 2026. The clerk will email the information to all council members.

It was moved by Hopper, second by Rebholz to adjourn at 6:04 p.m.

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

NAY: None



Wendy Pence, Clerk

02-09-2026

Approved