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VILLAGE OF ONTONAGON

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AGENDA

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY – February 9, 2026
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. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Finance Committee January 26, 2026; Ontonagon Village Housing December 16, 2025**
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
6. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**
7. **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: January 26, 2026**
8. **REPORTS:**
   a. **Manager's Report**
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   a. **MERS Updates**
   b. **OASD Bus Garage Lease (Community Development)**
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

01/26/2026

Village of Ontonagon

Village Council Finance Committee

Called to order at 4:33 p.m.

Present: Seid, Rebholz, Hopper

Review of bills already paid: $9043.74

Bills to be paid: $55,800.77

Total recommended for approval: $168,649.92

Approved 01/12/2026 minutes

Moved by Seid, seconded by Rebholz.

Reviewed rough draft of proposed budget

Reviewed Marina, Fire and DDA accounts

Adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

On a motion by Hopper, second Seid

Minutes taken by Rebholz

Ontonagon Village Housing Commission
Regular Meeting 5:15 PM, Tuesday December 16th, 2025
Ontonagon Village Housing Community Room

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - A regular meeting of the Ontonagon Village Housing Commission was called to order at 5:15 PM by Board President Rich Ernest at the Ontonagon Housing Commission Office, Ontonagon MI on Tuesday December 16th, 2025. Present were Rich Ernest, Robert Seid, and Jim Kangas. Absent Danielle Reath, also absent, but listening via telephone, was Sylvia Lehto. Also present was Secretary Karen Jackson.

Public Comment – Resident Jade commented on the proposed policy to not allow smokers to apply to live here and would like any action postponed for the group to do more research. This will be addressed more at the public hearing later.

Approval of Agenda – Motion was made by J Kangas, supported by R Seid, to approve the agenda with the additions of Unfinished Business - A. Computer Bids. All voting aye, motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Motion was made by R Seid, supported by J Kangas, to approve the meeting minutes from November 18st as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.

Financial Report – Motion was made by R Ernest, supported by R Seid, to accept the financial reports as presented and place on file. All voting aye, motion carried.

Executive Directors Report –

- The Christmas party is tomorrow (17th) at 4:00. Board members and a guest are welcomed. We had 34 individuals sign up which is less than last year
- Had a plumbing repair that cost us about 8 hours of Billy time plus 1.5 hours of overtime and $500.00 for contractor to come help unclog the line. Someone had cut up a towel like material and was flushing them down the toilet
- I will be holding a RAB (resident advisory board) meeting in the coming weeks to get input from the resident on the CFP funds for 2026 and how best to spend them.
- I have received a Civil Rights Complaint that I have responded to. I opted to go to mediation but am unsure how the resident will want to proceed.
- A group of resident have formed a "Cane Court Tenant's Union". Not sure what process they are following or if they will involve me at any point. One member delivered notices to each resident screen door clip early evening and caused several residents to be very concerned for their safety not knowing who was opening their screen door. Both Billy and I received phone calls with their concerns. I will be addressing this with the resident.
- The mini splits are installed but they have a few minor things to finish.
- Burke Construction will begin the kitchen remodeling after the first of the year.
- We will have the electrician that is doing the kitchen work, disconnect the old baseboards and install new plugins in the area where the baseboards are being removed as the plugins are currently part of the baseboards. Suggested to have a plug in every 8 feet.

Motion was made by J Kangas, supported by R Seid, to accept the director's report as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.

Resident Advisory Committee Report – None

Additional Committee Report – None

Acknowledgment/Approval of Bills – Motion was made by R Ernest, supported by J Kangas, to acknowledge and approve the Expenditure for the month of December, Aye – R Ernest, J Kangas and R Seid. Nay-none, motion carried.

Unfinished Business

- Motion was made by R Seid, supported by R Ernest, to accept the bid from People Driven Technology to purchase 3 new computers for $678.61 each and include the new version of Office. Aye – R Seid, R Ernest and J Kangas, Nay – none, motion carried.

New Business.

- Motion was made by J Kangas, supported by R Ernest, to close the regular meeting at 5:40.All aye, motion carried.
- Motion was made by J Kangas, supported by R Seid, to open the meeting to the Public Hearing. All aye, motion carried.

Public Hearing

- No Smoking - Smoke Free Policy
    - Resident Jade voiced the concern on behalf of a newly created Cane Court Tenants Union with the Policy and that it is an extreme measure.
    - Resident Nevins also felt the policy was not fair to those applying for housing and if it goes into effect maybe the current resident not be allowed to smoke any more.
    - Director pointed out the cost to housing, the rights of those that do not smoke to clean air free of the smell of cigarette smoke.
    - Resident Sharkey was concerned about how this would be implemented as a lease amendment. This is not an issue as it applies only to new applicants.
    - Chairman Ernest clarified that this will only be for new applicants and will not affect current residents.
    - Resident Jade would like an extension for this policy be implemented and would like to have more time to investigate. Also concerned that the new policy include e-cigarettes.
- Motion was made by R Seid, supported by J Kangas, to close the Public Hearing at 6:05, all aye, motion carried
- Motion was made by J Kangas, supported by R Seid, to go back into regular session, all aye, motion carried.

New Business

- Motion was made by R Ernest, supported by R Seid, to approve the revised No Smoking – Smoke Free Policy and other effected documents. Aye – R Ernest, R Seid and J Kangas. Aye – R Ernest, R Seid and J Kangas Nay – none, motion carried.
- Bid for repairing the automatic door opener was presented. The board requested the Director to check with other businesses to see what company they use.
- Discussion on if we want to continue charging one month rent for security deposits now that the Flat Rate rent increased so much. There was no support to change it but continue to allow a payment plan of 3 months to pay the security deposit.
- Director informed the board of our first ever bedbug incident. A proposal was presented by A+ Pest Management to do annual inspections. The board felt that is was not necessary at this point but if we have future problems then it might be warranted.

Commissioners Comments – none

Next Meeting date – January 20h, 2026 @ 5:15 PM.

Adjourn Meeting – Motion was made by J Kangas, supported by R Seid, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Chairperson JAN 20, 2026 Date

Karen Jackson Secretary 1/20/2026 Date

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 | Approved