

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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.

A motion was made by Seid, second by Hopper (CARRIED) to close the Village Council meeting.

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

NAY: None

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2026-01: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

A motion was made by Perry, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to open the public hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2026-01.

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

NAY: None

Village Manager DuPont informed the Council that a standing Infrastructure Committee has been added to the Code of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to close the public hearing on Proposed Ordinance 2026-01.

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

NAY: None.

VILLAGE COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED) to open the Village Council Budget Workshop

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

NAY: None

A round house discussion was held on a variety of budget items including streets, repairs to the Village Council building as well as capital improvements/plans and the rec center.

A motion was made by Seid, second by Perry (CARRIED) to close the Village Council Budget Workshop.

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

NAY: None.

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Sharkey (CARRIED) to reopen the Village Council meeting.

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Seid (WITHDRAWN) to approve the consent agenda but set aside the Ontonagon Village Housing January 20, 2026 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED), going forward to set aside all Ontonagon Village Housing meeting minutes until we receive clarification by an attorney on the smoking policy.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED) to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: February 9, 2026

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Seid (CARRIED), to approve February 9, 2026 minutes as amended.

AYE: Hopper, Seid, Perry, Rebholz, 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 February 20th payment of \$55,986.00 was made on January 30th. We are current with our MERS payments. The MERS March 20th payment is scheduled to be made later this week.

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

b. Andy Campbell/Bedzinski & Co. – Water Rate Study

Andy Campbell from Bedzinski & Co. was present to go over the analysis report that was done through the DWAM Grant with OHM which was submitted 12/22/2025. He went over the main projects forecasted as well as the timelines, costs and funding opportunities for the projects. He also spoke on the anticipated rate increase scenarios.

c. Ordinance 2026-01: Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, Article II, Section 2-24 of the Code of Ordinances

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED) to approve Ordinance 2026-01.

ROLL CALL

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

Nay: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Resolution 2026-01: Resolution to Decertify Portions of Lakeshore Drive, Old Rockland Road, South Third Street and South Fourth Street

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to approve Resolution 2026-01.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

b. Resolution 2026-02: Resolution for the Addition of a Portion of Lakeshore Drive Certification

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Hopper (CARRIED) to approve Resolution 2026-02.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

c. Resolution 2026-03: Setting Forth Rates for Water and Sewer Service

A motion was made by Rebholz (WITHDRAWN) to accept Resolution 2026-03 as amended.

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Sharkey (CARRIED) to hold over Resolution 2026-03 until documentation can be resolved

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

NAY: None

d. Snow Removal Concern

A discussion was held on who is responsible for their snow removal. It was determined that if contractors and homeowners are plowing their snow into the Village right-of-way, they are responsible for removal. The Village will not remove snow plowed into the right-of-way but will offer snow dumping locations if needed.

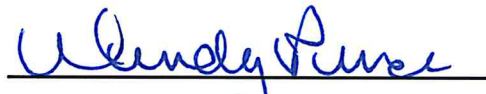
ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Manager DuPont mentioned the play at the theater was well received.

It was moved by Hopper, second by Rebholz to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

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

NAY: None


Wendy Pence, Clerk

03-09-2026
Approved