

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, March 09, 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):

Resident inquired about MERS, water rates, and other various items.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2026-2027 BUDGET

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Sharkey (CARRIED) to open the public hearing for the 2026-2027 budget.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

A resident asked if the Council has looked at options to cut down on spending, President Coey did assure them that we do not spend if we don't have to spend.

She also stated we cannot ask for, accept or give donations as it is against state law to do so.

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Seid (CARRIED) to recommend to move the budget hearing to a vote by the Council

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

A motion was made by Seid, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to close the public hearing on the 2026-2027 budget.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None.

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Finance Committee February 23, 2026, Village Council Recreation Ad Hoc Committee March 02, 2026

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

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

NAY: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

AYE: Sharkey, Hopper, Perry, Rebholz, Seid, 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: February 23, 2026

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Rebholz (CARRIED), to approve February 23, 2026 minutes as amended.

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

NAY: None

REPORTS:

a. Manager's Report

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. MERS Update

MERS March 20th payment of \$55,986.00 was made on February 26th. We are current with our MERS payments. The MERS April 20th payment is scheduled to be made later this month.

The Michigan Enhancement Grant that the Village received will cover one more monthly payment. We expect to close out this grant later this month.

Pro-tem Hopper informed the Council on what was discussed with the Treasury regarding MERS during their last meeting.

b. Resolution No. 2026-03 Setting Forth Rates for Water and Sewer Service

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Rebholz (CARRIED) to approve Resolution 2026-03 Setting Forth Rates for Water and Sewer Service.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

c. 2026–2027 Budget.

A motion was made by Rebholz, second by Perry (CARRIED) to approve the 2026-2027 budget as presented.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. VFW Post 5600 Request

A motion was made by Perry, second by Seid (CARRIED) to approve the VFW Post 5600 Request.

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

b. Ontonagon Chamber of Commerce Request.

A motion was made by Seid, second by Hopper (CARRIED) to approve the Ontonagon Chamber of Commerce Request

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

c. Personnel Committee Meeting – Applications

A Personnel Committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday March 18, 2026 at 1:00 pm in the Village Council Chamber to go over applications for the DPW job posting.

d. Infrastructure Meeting- Water Rates & Projects

A Village Council Work Session was scheduled for Monday March 23, 2026 at 10:00 am at the Silver City Pump Station to look over the pump station infrastructure. Staff will contact Water Plant Operator/Supervisor Jeremy Graff and Project Engineer Zane Hyrkas from OHM to invite them to attend to answer questions.

e. Ordinance No. 2026-02 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 22, Article II, Section 22-39 through 22-64 of the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Ontonagon.

The ordinance was presented and a roundhouse discussion was held. The ordinance is available at the Village office and on the Village website.

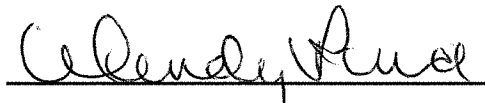
ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

President Coey mentioned the Community Learning Session on Grant Writing presented by the Keweenaw Community Foundation that will be held Wednesday March 11, 2026 from 3:30 – 5:00 pm at the Village of Ontonagon office. The session is open to the public.

It was moved by Hopper, second by Seid to adjourn at 5:48 p.m.

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

NAY: None


Wendy Pence, Clerk

03-23-2026
Approved