

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

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

President Coey pointed out the information printed on the back of the agendas regarding public comment conduct.

A Resident had questions about the water bills and the water/sewer debt fee. They were advised to speak to the office staff to get their questions answered.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Planning Commission February 18, 2026, Finance Committee March 09, 2026, Recreation Ad Hoc Committee March 10, 2026, Personnel Committee Meeting March 18, 2026

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

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

NAY: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

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

ROLL CALL

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

NAY: None

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: March 09, 2026

A motion was made by Hopper, second by Sharkey (CARRIED), to approve March 09, 2026 minutes as presented.

AYE: Hopper, Sharkey, Perry, Rebholz, Seid, 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 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 week.

The Michigan Enhancement Grant that the Village received will cover one more monthly payment. We expect to close out this grant later this month. The General Fund currently has over \$1.8 million in cash, certificates of deposit and accrued interest. This is equivalent to over 40 future MERS payments.

NEW BUSINESS:**a. DDA Ad Hoc Meeting (DDA Assets)**

The DDA Ad Hoc Committee will meet Friday March 27, 2026 at 10:00 am to go over the DDA assets.

b. DPW Applications

The Village Council was presented the five DPW applications for the current opening. All applicants have been scheduled for interviews on Wednesday March 25, 2026 with the Personnel Committee along with DPW Crew Leader, Steve Preiss and Village Manager DuPont.

c. Recreation Center Millage

Manager DuPont presented some estimates on the current Recreation Center expenses. He will put together a spread sheet to compare different millage amounts and will present the numbers to the council at the April 14, 2026 meeting. We will then approach the Ontonagon Township to have it placed on the November 2026 ballot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Pro-tem Hopper inquired about updates on the Village Housing no smoking policy. Manager DuPont said he spoke with Karen Jackson, Village Housing Secretary, who informed him the policy was in place.

Secretary Jackson informed Manager DuPont that there is no attorney opinion on the policy. Manager DuPont will contact the Village lawyer for more clarification on any potential liability.

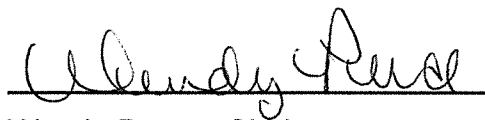
The Village will request the Village Housing Board attend the April 27, 2026 Village Council Meeting to answer and clarify any questions the Village Council may have regarding the new policy.

President Coey commented that the Village Council work session this morning at the Silver City Pump Station was very eye opening and informative. A discussion was held on the necessary repairs and upgrades needed and what our next steps will be moving forward.

It was moved by Hopper, second by Rebholz to adjourn at 5:34 p.m.

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

NAY: None

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wendy Pence", is written over a horizontal line.

Wendy Pence, Clerk

04-13-2026

Approved