

**ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018  
AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON**

**PRESENT:** President Waldrop, Trustee: E. Marks, J. Hamm, T. Smydra, B. Seid, D. Chastan, M. Mogan, and J. Erickson, Village Manager

**ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 6:00 pm the meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Waldrop.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

**A motion was made by Seid, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to approve the Agenda.**

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**The Village Housing President Coey was present to inform the council that she is in the process of setting up a meeting to have a representative explain RAD to the public since HUD is eliminating some of the benefits.**

**A resident asked if we had an audit on the water and sewer bond. The Village Manager responded that It is covered with the general audit.**

**Floor was closed at 6:04 p.m.**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT MINUTES OF:**

**A motion was made by Hamm, second by Mogan, (CARRIED) to approve the minutes of the Village Council of January 8, 2018; the Recreation Commission of January 17, 2018 and the Village Housing Commission of December 11, 2017**

**REPORT FROM VILLAGE MANAGER – JOSEPH ERICKSON:**

1. Lansing – The legislature is getting back in session. One bills that has come up is restricting millage elections to November only. The League is opposing this legislation. A millage is one of the few revenue sources local units of government have, with Headlee and Proposal A restrictions, already limited. We will likely hear more about this at the MML Conference.

2. MDEQ Site Visit – Last week Bob London, MDEQ was here for an inspection of our water system. He did a plant walk thru with John and Jeremy, talked to Jerry about the distribution system and myself about water department administration and capital projects. Most of the deficiencies are being address by our Engineer in the proposed water system upgrades. I passed the inspection notes along to the Engineers to see if any other issues can be addressed under the project. GEI will be here tomorrow to review these items. I would like to meet with GEI and the Water Committee, tomorrow afternoon, to discuss a couple of items in the project.
3. Budget – I am continuing to work on the budget. I did discover an issue with the allocation of wages and benefits in the Water fund. This is a matter of making sure the payroll account numbers match up with the General Ledger account numbers. I will be reviewing all funds for these issues. I have given Marcia my preliminary numbers to get started on entering them into the BS&A system. Since most changes from the budget work shop only deal with specific line items, final adjustments are easy. I should be able to get you a draft budget by February 6<sup>th</sup> and will present it at the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
4. Fire Hall Generator – Dennis of Northland Electric has given me the specs for installing a generator at the Fire Hall. I would like to meet with the Building Committee to go over the specs, prepare the bid documents and set bid dates.
5. Meetings Attended – Rec Commission 1/17

**A motion was made by Hamm, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Managers report as presented.**

**BUSINESS:**

**A. 5 YEAR JOINT RECREATION PLAN 2018-2022**

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve and adopt the Village of Ontonagon and the Ontonagon Township Recreation plan for 2018-2022 as presented with the two clerical corrections mentioned.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at the meeting**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Councilman Hamm passed on a compliment from a citizen. He wanted to thank the Village crew for their hard work to keep the road clear during the heavy snow falls.

Councilman Mogan asked what the insurance coverage was for the Old Elementary School and garage. The Village Manager responded that the Village is in the process of renewing our policy and these buildings are added to our policy.

**ADJOURN:**

**At 6:16 p.m. a motion was made by Seid, second by Marks, (CARRIED) to adjourn the meeting.**

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**Marcia Aho-Black - Village Clerk**

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**Date approved**