

**ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018
AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON**

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

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER:

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

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Seid, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve the agenda with the addition of Item C – MML Capital Conference – March 20,21, 2018.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

A concerned citizen discussed the possibility of the town flooding in the spring and asked if the Village had an emergency plan.

Floor was closed at 6:06 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mogan, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve the minutes of the Village Council meeting of December 18, 2017, the Recreation Commission meeting of December 20, 2017 and Village Housing Commission meeting of November 13, 2017.

APPROVE THE CURRENT BILLS:

A motion was made by Chastan, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve payment of the current bills for January 2018 in the amount of \$ 171,407.83.

Included in the above total is:

Previous bills paid \$31,991.44

Current Bills - \$22,125.63

Mers – General Fund- \$20,648.39

Employee Payrolls (12/20, 12/28 & Longevity) GROSS- \$ 96,642.37

Included in the Payroll is:

Blue Cross –employee December 2017 - \$17,195.55

MERS- \$10,580.58

Standard Life Insurance – Village Employees - \$56.14

Standard Life Insurance – Firemen for Nov. \$103.52

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

MANAGERS REPORT:

1. Lansing – The legislature has been on recess since mid-December.
2. MML Capital Conference – The League’s Capital Conference in Lansing is now open for registrations. The conference will be held at the Lansing Center on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 20 & 21st. This item was added to the agenda.
3. Budget – I am continuing to work on the budget. Some adjustments to the allocations and chart of accounts will be needed. My goal is to have a draft of the Village budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 ready by the first meeting in February.
4. The crew has been busy with snow removal. They have only had about 3 or 4 days to catch up. They will be removing snow from along River Street again tonight. This is the 3rd time since December 20th that this work has been done. As time permits banks are being winged back, corners opened up and fire hydrants plowed out. With warmer temps, crew is cutting the mat on the roads to prevent ruts forming.
5. Meetings Attended – Old School Commission – 1/4

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to accept and place on file the Manager’s Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. DEQ ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ORDER

A motion was made by Mogan, second by Marks, (CARRIED) to accept the Administrative Consent Order as presented with the corrected Amendment to Section 2 -item 2.4 and 2.5 by the DEQ and authorize signatures.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

Councilman Mogan expressed his gratitude to GEI Engineering for their assistance on the appeal and the DEQ for their understanding of the difficulties of the construction season.

B. VILLAGE HOUSING COMMISSION LETTER

The Village Housing Commission has requested to transfer all the deeds that had been mistakenly put into the name of the Village of Ontonagon be placed into the Ontonagon Village Housing Commission's name. The Village of Ontonagon attorney will be reviewing this matter.

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to authorize Ted Baird to review the deed to be transferred to the Village Housing Commission.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Mogan, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to task the Village President with contacting the Village Housing President to get an update on the status of the Village Housing heating project to convert from electric heat to natural gas heating. The questions to be addressed are: How much will the project be? What is the project schedule and cost? Who will be paying for the project? Is there Capital fund set aside for the project already, and how much has been put aside in the past 2 years? Why hasn't it been in the past budget? Will it be in the 2018 budget?

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

C – MML CAPITAL CONFERENCE – MARCH 20-21, 2018

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Marks, (CARRIED) to authorize any Village Council member and the Village Manager to attend the Capital Conference in Lansing on March 20-21, 2018 and cover associated expenses.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Councilman Mogan stated that the DDA has not requested to be included in the upcoming budget and he would like to see the current project finished. He stated the general fund cannot continue to support the DDA and the Old Greenland Road School project and encouraged to get the TIFF capture as soon as possible.

ADJOURN:

At 6:25 pm a motion was made by Marks, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to adjourn the meeting.

Marcia Aho-Black - Village Clerk

Date approved