

**ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017  
AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON**

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2017-18 BUDGET & MILLAGE RATE**

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

**ABSENT:** President Waldrop

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Mogan, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve the agenda with the verbal correction of Other Council Business.

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2017-18 BUDGET & MILLAGE RATE:**

At 6:01 pm a motion was made by Smydra, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to enter a Public Hearing to discuss the 2017-18 Budget & Millage Rate as presented.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** All present at the meeting

**Nays:** None

**ABSENT:** Waldrop

The Village Manager reviewed the 2017-18 Budget & Millage Rates. No comments from the public were made in writing prior to the meeting. The budget was reviewed at a budget workshop; a Public Hearing notice was published in the local newspaper according to the requirements and copies were available at the Village office prior to this meeting.

**Comments from the public:**

Jan Tucker asked how the Budget compares to last year's budget. The Manager replied it is about \$20,000 less than last year. She also asked if the pass through grants are included in the budget, yes they are.

At 6:04 pm a motion was made by Smydra, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to close the Public Hearing.

### **ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Bill Johnson read the Preamble of the Declaration of Independence. He stated that the council is public servants not dictators. Mr. Johnson's comments indicated that the public doesn't get to comment on agenda items or ask questions.

Dean Utecht stated the President manhandles the meetings. Councilman Mogan discussed how allowing comments from the public after the public comment period is over and while the council is in session on the agenda items is an attempt to try to influence the council and results in effect, a non-elected party sitting on council.

Cecelia Warren stated if anyone wishes to see the agenda prior to the meeting, there are copies available at the Village office.

### **APPROVAL OF CONCENT MINUTES:**

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Council minutes of February 13, 2017, Recreation Commission of February 15, 2017 and the Village Housing Commission minutes of January 9, 2017.**

### **MANAGERS REPORT**

1. Lansing – The MML testified before the Appropriations subcommittee on General Government about the need to restore revenue sharing. The MML pointed out that while the Constitutional revenue sharing has increased by 15% since 2002, the statutory revenue sharing has been cut in half. The Governor's budget for the third time proposed no increases in revenue sharing.
2. Rec Building Grant Application – The cost to replace the cooling coils/mats will run about \$80,000. The cost to replace the Zamboni is about the same, and I am waiting on a couple of quotes for the chiller/compressor equipment. The grants may have to be spread out over a couple of years to complete the upgrades needed for the ice making system. I will talk to the Hockey Association about priorities, but my opinion is that the chiller/compressor should be the first thing replace to save on energy costs. The goal for submitting the grant application is March 17<sup>th</sup>.
3. Office Carpeting – The project is complete. The final bill for the job was \$5,732.70 and we received an insurance reimbursement of \$5,754.73. So the insurance cover the replacement and a part of the \$600 in clean-up costs.

4. Houghton Street Sidewalk Project – The Rec Commission discussed this project. I advised them that there may be a number of trees and stumps that need to be removed from within the right-of-way to make the project work. The Commission floated the idea of replacing the trees with some sort of decorative or flowering tree to enhance the street scape. The Rec Commission will be working on a recommendation for the Council at their next meeting.
5. Meetings Attended – RPI meeting (Hancock) 2/14, Rec Commission 2/15, Superior Health Foundation 2/16, Water Committee 2/15

Thursday, March 2, 2017 GEI will be starting the water telemetry project.

**A motion was made by Chastan, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to accept and place on file the Manager's Reports.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. 2017-18 BUDGET & MILLAGE RATE**

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to authorize the Village Manager to make line item and departmental transfers within the funds of the FY 2016-2017 Budget as necessary to comply with the Uniform Budgeting & Accounting Act.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at the meeting**

**Nays: None**

**ABSENT: Waldrop**

**A motion was made by Mogan, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to amend the Purchase Policy to set the Spending Limits for FY 2017-18 as follows: for General Purchases: Quotes for purchases over \$500, and Bids for purchases over \$5,000; for Contracted Services: Quotes for services over \$1000 and Bids for services over \$5000; for Capital Purchases: Quotes for purchases over \$3000, and Bids for purchases over \$10,000; provided funds are available and according to the adopted purchase policy of the Village.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at the meeting**

**Nays: None**

**ABSENT: Waldrop**

A motion was made by Mogan, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to adopt the Line Item Budgets for the FY 2017-18 as presented; that the budgeted line items are an appropriation of funds and not a mandate to spend; and that the Village Manager shall administer this budget on a Cost Center basis.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** All present at the meeting

**Nays:** None

**ABSENT:** Waldrop

A motion was made by Seid, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to adopt Resolution #2017-05 to set the Millage Rate at 11 mills and adopt the Official Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning April 1, 2017.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** All present at the meeting

**Nays:** None

**ABSENT:** Waldrop

**B. VILLAGE HOUSING PILOT**

The Village Housing is asking for forgiveness of the 2015-16 PILOT in lieu of taxes for \$8,290.66 or for non-budgeted expenses totaling \$1,950.00

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Chastan, to forgive the Village Housing Lien of \$1,950.00.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Hamm

**Nays:** Chastan, Mogan, Smydra, Seid

**ABSTAIN:** Marks

**ABSENT:** Waldrop

**MOTION NOT CARRIED**

**C. LAKE SHORE DRIVE LIGHTING GRANT**

A motion was made by Mogan, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to approve the MDNR Recreation Passport Grant Agreement for the Recreational Passport Grant for the lighting Renovations along Lake Shore Drive.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** All present at the meeting

**Nays:** None

**ABSENT:** Waldrop

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve Resolution #2017-06 for accepting terms of the Grant & Pledging the matching funds for the Recreational Passport Grant for the lighting Renovations along Lake Shore Drive.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** All present at the meeting

**Nays:** None

**ABSENT:** Waldrop

**D. ONTONAGON TOWNSHIP LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY AIRPORT**

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve the letter of support of the Ontonagon County Airport for upgrades.

**E. LETTER OF SUPPORT MDNR FISHERIES DIVISION**

George Madison of the MDNR Fisheries Division advised the Village Manager that he is applying for a grant to assisting in habitat improvement for young Lake Sturgeon in the Ontonagon River. The project would involve increasing the water flow through the slough.

A motion was made by Chastan, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Manager to send a letter of support to the MDNR Fisheries Division to apply for a grant to assist in habitat improvements for young Lake Sturgeon in the Ontonagon River by increasing the water flow through the slough.

**OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

- Tony Smydra requested to step down from the Water Committee and has suggested Mike Mogan to fill his position with his knowledge and experience in this field.

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to appoint Mike Mogan to the Water Committee.**

- Tony Smydra requested to step down as the liaison from the Ontonagon Chamber of Commerce.

**A motion was made by Seid, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to appoint Don Chastan to liaison the Ontonagon Chamber of Commerce**

**At 6:42 pm a motion was made by Seid, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to adjourn the meeting.**

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**Marcia Aho-Black - Village Clerk**

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**Date approved**