

**ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017
AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON**

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

ABSENT:

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 Marks, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve the Agenda.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

Dean Utecht handed out information and discussed his previous allegations that President Kenneth Waldrop did not use his legal name in the November election and due to this he feels the Village Council meetings are considered illegal. He also asked the Village Manager how he had authority to sell property to J.J's Tackle Shop when the Village doesn't even own it.

Items of the floor were closed at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT MINUTES OF:

A motion was made by Seid, second by Mogan, and (CARRIED) to approve the minutes of the Village Council meeting of January 9, 2017; Village Council Budget workshop of January 16, 2017, and the Village Housing Commission of December 12, 2016.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE MANAGER – JOSEPH ERICKSON:

1. Lansing – The Governor's State of the State address was last week. The Governor spoke of the need to improve infrastructure. The MML and Save MI City.org will hold a press conference tomorrow to urge the legislature to follow through and provide more infrastructure funding support and options. They will also push for help in addressing legacy costs to cities, since the new GASB rules may affect borrowing ability.
2. Passport Grant Application – As a result of discussions with the Hockey Association, the Village will submit a Recreational Passport Grant Application for new ice making equipment. The application is due on April 1st, but I need to file the application by March 17th, due to my schedule. The Hockey Association will provide cost estimates for the project and I am seeking letters of support for the project. The maximum grant request is \$75,000 with a \$25,000 local match.

3. Redevelopment Ready Communities Training – I will be in Hancock all day tomorrow to complete the RRC Officials Training. The MEDC now requires us to be engaged in the process. In order to receive any financial assistance thru MEDC or MISHDA, including brownfield assistance funds. A community must meet 3 criteria to be eligible for funds, 1 - they must have a traditional downtown, 2 – they must have an Official trained in the RRC program, and 3 – they must be engaged in the RRC process. After tomorrow the Village can start on step 3.
4. Carp Lake Township LOS - Carp Lake Twp. is asking for a letter of support for a USDA Rural Development grant to purchase equipment for their sewer department. If there are no objections, I will provide them a letter.
5. Housing Audit – The Housing Commission audit was filed with Treasury last week. Cost reductions and a boost in HUD funds resulted in an increase in reserves that has them back at the 25% reserve threshold. If the Housing Commission continues this trend they should have workable reserves above the threshold in a few years to reinvest in the facilities.
6. DPW – The crew has been busy scraping street, moving snow banks and other clean up. Today they started on opening up some ditches do to the thaw.
7. Meetings Attended – DNR Grant Workshop 1/11, DDA 1/12, Budget Workshop 1/16, Rec Commission 1/19

A motion was made by Marks, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to accept and place on file the Manager’s report.

BUSINESS:

A. U.P.S.E.T. WEST DONATION

A motion was made by Marks, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to authorize a \$400.00 donation to U.P.S.E.T. WEST TEAM as they cover Ontonagon, Baraga, Houghton and Keweenaw County’s.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at the meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

B. MAUREEN GUZEK – PURE MICHIGAN SIGNAGE – ZONING ORDINANCE

Maureen Guzek has requested the Village place “Pure Michigan” tourist oriented directional signs for the Marina and RV Park. Per section 5.7.2.4.A of the Village Zoning Ordinance, any public purpose sign authorized by Federal, State or Local law

or ordinance, is exempt from Village regulation. The Pure Michigan signs are authorized and regulated by the Michigan Department of Transportation. This information was shared with Maureen Guzek on January 17, 2017.

C. VILLAGE HOUSING COMMISSION WAIVING IN LIEU OF TAXES

The Village Housing Commission is requesting a waiver of their payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT).

A motion was made by Chastan, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to table the in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for the Village Housing Commission until further information can be reviewed.

D. VILLAGE HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING REQUEST

The Village Housing Commission is requesting a meeting to discuss the transfer of ownership of the property known as the Ontonagon Village Housing Commission (Cane Court). The Village Housing is stating that original deeds were done incorrectly by stating it was for the Village of Ontonagon and not HUD. They would like to discuss the error and transfer the deeds into the proper name. They need this done prior to moving forward with the conversion to alternate heating source.

A tentative meeting date was scheduled for Monday, January 30, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. and will be confirmed with Village Housing Commissioners Fred Lundberg and Rich Ernest. This confirmation was expressed on Tuesday morning and the meeting is posted at the Village office for Monday, January 30, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Village Office Chambers.

E. RECREATION COMMISSION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Village Recreation Commission recommends the Village Council approve the Capital Improvement Plan. A priority listed is new ice making equipment for the Village Recreation building.

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Mogan, (CARRIED) to approve the Capital Improvement Plan that has been recommended by the Village Recreation Commission. A priority listed is new ice making equipment for the Village Recreation building.

F. RESOLUTION 2017-02 GRANT MATCHING FUNDS

The Resolution is required for the MDNR Passport Grant Application to dedicate matching funds of \$25,000 for a grant to replace the ice making equipment at the Village Recreation Building. This grant application was requested by the Ontonagon Hockey Association and recommended by the Recreation Commission.

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve Resolution 2017-02 Grant Matching funds needed to replace the ice making equipment at the Village Recreation Building.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at the meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

G. RESOLUTION 2017-03 –MDNR REQUEST

Resolution is requesting a Land Use Order from the Director of the MDNR to establish speed limits on the Ontonagon to Rockland Snowmobile/ORV Trail. The Recreation Commission has approved a letter of support for the request. The resolution would establish a speed limit of twenty-five (25) mile per hour for motorized users of the Ontonagon to Rockland (OR) Trail following the former Escanaba and Lake Superior Railroad grade, from a point 500 feet east of the U.S. 45 crossing, within the Village Limits of the Village of Ontonagon. The resolution would establish a speed limit of twenty-five (25) mile per hour for motorized users of the Ontonagon to Rockland (OR) Trail following the former Escanaba and Lake Superior Railroad grade, from U.S. 45 crossing west and north to the abutments of the m-64 highway bridge, within the Village Limits of the Village of Ontonagon. The resolution would establish a speed limit of fifteen (15) mile per hour for motorized users of the Ontonagon to Rockland (OR) Trail following the former Escanaba and Lake Superior Railroad grade, from the abutments of the M-64 highway bridge to the Trail's end in the Village, within the Village limits of the Village of Ontonagon, Ontonagon County, Michigan.

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve Resolution 2017-03 Request a Land Use Order of the Director for the Ontonagon-Rockland Rail

Grade Multi Use Trail.**ROLL CALL:****AYES: All present at the meeting****Nays: None****ABSENT: None****H. RESOLUTION 2017-04 SCHEDULE OF CIVIL FINES**

Our Municipal Civil Infractions (MCI) Ordinance authorizes the Village Council to adopt a Schedule of Civil Fines for the Ontonagon Municipal Violations Bureau (Clerk/Treasurer). The Proposed schedule is based on the minimum fines authorized by the MCI Ordinance and allows the Village to also assess costs.

First Offence = \$50.00 Fine plus, \$25.00 Costs.

Second Offence = \$100.00 Fine plus, \$50.00 or Actual Labor & Equipment Costs

Subsequent Offences = \$500.00 Fine plus, \$50.00 and Actual Labor & Equipment Costs

A motion was made by Marks, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve Resolution 2017-04 Schedule of Civil Fines.

ROLL CALL:**AYES: Hamm, Seid, Chastan, Marks, Mogan, President Waldrop****Nays: Smydra****ABSENT: None****I. DRAFT – 2017-18 BUDGET**

A 2017-18 budget draft of the Capital Project Plan that was discussed at the Workshop was presented for the Council to review.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Sue Lockhart stated they had a Village Housing resident that drove on the sidewalk and caused property damage and she asked is this part of the Village Ordinance 2017-04 or is this just a police issue and who does she call. The Manager will review.
- Councilman Chastan asked if the finance committee could meet at 5:15 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. for future finance meetings.

A motion was made by Chastan, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to change the meeting time of all future finance committee meeting to 5:15 p.m. on the first Village Council meetings of each month.

- Councilman Smydra complimented the Village Housing on their Budget and is pleased to see it is moving in the right direction.
- President Waldrop discussed the allegation charges of the filing of an illegal name on his ballot. It was investigated and the Election Commission indicated they had no objections to the matter, was within the legal deadline, and was determined that he did not try to mislead voters. The election Commission said his filing was fine with no objections within the 9 day period for filing a complaint and feels it is a closed issue. Bill Johnson loudly objected to President Waldrop's statement and he was gaveled down by the President and warned he was out of order. After the second attempt of "out of order", Mr. Johnson refused to stop talking, refused to leave the meeting and informed the President to call for the police if they wanted him to leave. The meeting was adjourned, however Mr. Utecht continued to voice his objections because he wasn't called upon as the comments from the floor time had expired.

ADJOURN:

At 6:40 p.m. a motion was made by Seid, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to adjourn the meeting.

Marcia Aho-Black - Village Clerk

Date approved