

**ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017  
AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON**

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

**AGENDA:**

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

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Dean Utecht asked to read a statement. He waved copies of a MML rule book in the air and asked the council members if they have ever read one of these and accused the council of not following the proper procedures set by the MML. He also stated the Village President didn't file correctly on his affidavit and accused him of not using his proper name. At this time Bill Johnson stated the President has committed a crime and could be charged up to \$1,000.00 fine. Mr. Utecht also stated it is not legal to have a committee of 3 in a room discussing Village information.

Tom Hamilton stated he asked for a copy of the 2016-17 Budget and the Marina Budget in the past and has never received them. He is asking for the 2016-17 Budget; the Marina Budget and the audit of the remaining fund from the grant on the Rose Island project.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A motion was made by Seid, second by Mogan, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Council minutes of December 12, 2016 and the Marina Commission minutes of December 13, 2016.**

Councilman Chastan had a concern on the Village Housing Financial Statement of November 14, 2016 didn't include the CPA funds for 2014. Sue Lockhart from the Village Housing Commission explained those funds are budgeted and not to be included until they have reached their budget totals.

**A motion was made by Mogan, second by Ham, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Housing Commission of November 14, 2016 as explained by Sue Lockhart from the Village Housing Commission.**

**APPROVE THE CURRENT BILLS:**

**A motion was made by Hamm, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve payment of the current bills for January 2017 in the amount of \$192,800.93.**

Included in the above total is:

Previous bills paid \$20,222.62

Current Bills - \$22,734.88

Blue Cross Retiree – 753.39

Employee Payrolls (12/15 & 12/29 & Longevity) GROSS- \$ 117,543.18

Included in the Payroll is:

Blue Cross – January 2017 - \$ 14779.16

Lincoln Life - \$33.30

MERS - \$ 31546.86

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at meeting**

**Nays: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

1. Lansing – Lame duck has ended with only limited legislative effect on the Village. The biggest change is a new law on Lead reporting for water systems.
2. Capital Conference – Registration for the MML Capital Conference in Lansing on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> opened today. At this time I am making my request to attend the conference and cover expenses. I would also recommend any Council members be allowed to attend. Deadline for early registration is February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**A motion was made by Mogan, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve the Manager to attend the MML Capital Conference in Lansing on March 21-22, 2017 and to authorize any council members to attend the conference and cover the expenses of all.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at meeting**

**Nays: None**

**ABSENT: None**

3. 2017-18 Budget - I am working on next year's budget. I should have a draft to the Council for the next meeting, provided we can have a pre-budget workshop before then. My goal is to have the budget ready for a hearing at the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
4. Grant Award – The Village received a Recreation Passport grant to renovate the lighting and benches along Lakeshore Drive. The grant is for \$45,000 with a \$15,000 match. In the next few months there will be resolutions and agreements for the Council to approve in order to formally accept the grant. This is the fourth grant the Village has received from the MDNR in the past four years.

On Wednesday morning, I will be in Baraga for the MDNR's 2017 Grant workshop. The Recreation Passport Grant awards are being increased to \$75,000 with a \$25,000 match. I will be meeting with the Hockey Association this week to consider proposals for the Rec Building.

5. Snowmobile/ORV Trail Speed Limits – With the old RR grade being used as a State multi-use trail, the question of speed and noise is becoming an issue with nearby residents. According to the MDNR there are no speed limits on State trails, although they do enforce noise limits. In order to get speed limits established on a trail, the Village must apply for a Director's Order. The Village would need to supply a resolution; specific locations and reasoning for make a request, along with letters of support from neighboring land owners, the Sheriff, Snowmobile Club, ORV Clubs and others. The Rec Commission briefly discussed this at their last meeting. It was suggested that a 25 mph speed limit be located from a point 500 feet east of US 45 (Rockland Road) to the M-64 Bridge, and a 15 mph speed limit from the Bridge into the Downtown. Does the Councils wish to pursue a Director's Order?

**A motion was made by Hamm, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to pursue the 25 mph speed limit to be located from a point 500 feet east of US 45 to the M-64 bride, and a 15 mph speed limit from the bridge into the downtown.**

6. DPW – The crew has been busy plowing street, and has not had time for much clean up. Hopefully they will get a few days break to haul away snow from corners, clean off the Main Street and clear hydrants.
7. DDA Meeting - The DDA has a meeting on Thursday to talk with Lakeshore Systems about the Ontonagon Facility. Attached is a memo regarding the appointment and membership on the DDA Board?
8. Meetings Attended – , Rec Commission 12/15, Co. Brownfield – 1/4

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

**NEW BUSINESS:****A. U.P.S.E.T.**

Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team is asking for a donation however after some discussion on how to keep the funds in our area it was mentioned by Mr. Johanson of the U.P.S.E.T. West that covers the western half of the U.P.

**.A motion was made by Chastan, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to table the discussion until they investigate the U.P.S.E.T. West and invite the sheriff to the next meeting.**

**B. WATER TELEMETRY UPDATE BID**

We received 2 bids for the Water Telemetry system;

OHM – Hancock - \$100,885 – (OHM=\$62,420 and Bay Electric - \$38,465)

GEI – Iron River - \$69,500 plus an additional bid of \$15,000 = \$84,500.

**A motion was made by Mogan, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to award to bid for the Water Telemetry system to GEI –Iron River for \$62,500.00 and to include the alternate bid of \$15,000 for a total of \$84,500.00.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at meeting**

**Nays: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**C. OFFICE CARPET BID**

We received 2 bids for the installation of office carpeting/tile.

Burke Construction - \$6,622 – (\$3,220 for labor, \$3,402 for material)

John D. Construction - \$5,732.76 – (\$2,213.80 for labor, \$3,518.96 for material)

**A motion was made by Marks, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to award the office carpet bid to John D. Construction for \$5,732.76 and not to exceed \$6,000.00.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at meeting**

**Nays: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**D. RIVER STREET GARAGE ROOF**

A motion was made by Marks, second by Mogan, (CARRIED) to request a proposal from GE to prepare bid documents and specification for the installation of a pitched metal roof system for the River Street Garage and to authorize of improved any proposal up to \$65,000.00.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

**E. PA 152 RESOLUTION – 2017-01**

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to adopt PA 152 Resolution 2017-01.

**F. SCHEDULE 2017 BUDGET MEETING**

Schedule the 2017 Budget Workshop Meeting for Monday, January 16, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Village Chambers.

**G. VILLAGE HOUSING LETTER**

After some discussion on the in lieu of taxes, it was tabled at this time.

**OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Councilman Hamm asked about the burned out lights on the bridge and when can they be replaced. The Manager discussed that he would like to make a request to MDOT to change the lights to LED due to the savings on the Main Street lights. The replacement bulb for the current lights came in today and we will have the DPW crews replace them at their earliest convenience

Clerk Aho-Black reminded Mr. Hamilton that she had given copies of the 2016-17 Budget and the Marina Revenue and Expenditures to him this past summer because she remembered explaining it to him. She also reminded him that when he was on the Marina Commission he had a copy of the Marina expenses at each meeting. She informed him that she will get him an updated copy. (After the meeting Mr. Hamilton was handed a F.O.I Request form to fill out

and return and we will provide him with his information. The information was given to him on January 12th).

Councilman Chastan suggested the Village office enforce the open meeting law and have requests for paperwork be filled out and signed so records of material handed out is on file at the office. We have a F.O.I. Act that we will be enforced.

Sue Lockhart asked if the finance committee could meet at the chambers table where it will be more accessible to the public. It was agreed to make this change at the next finance meeting.

Jill Johnson stated that the website has documents that cannot be opened if they do not have the current word program and has suggested they be set up as a PDF file. We will discuss this issue with our web designer.

**ADJOURN:**

**At 6:51 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**