

**ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017
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: 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 Seid, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve the agenda,

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

Skip Schultz discussed the U.P. Champion Snow drag race on January 13, 2018.

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Mogan, (CARRIED) to approve the use of the Village property behind the Skip Schultz home for the use of the U.P. Champion Snow drag races on January 13, 2018; the use of 2 porta johns and to cover septic expenses.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

Floor was closed at 6:08 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Marks, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Council minutes of August 28, 2017 and the Village Housing minutes of July 10, 2017.

APPROVE THE CURRENT BILLS:

A motion was made by Chastan, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve payment of the current bills for October 2017 in the amount of \$226,436.60.

Included in the above total is:

Previous bills paid \$9,369.74

Current Bills - \$108,508.75

USDA Fire Truck loan premium & Interest - \$15,503.12

Blue Cross Retiree -\$753.39

Mers – General Fund- \$20,648.37

Employee Payrolls (9-21 & 10/5) GROSS- \$71,653.23

Included in the Payroll is:

Blue Cross –employee September 2017 - \$14,779.16

MERS- \$8,468.04

Standard Life Insurance – Village Employees - \$56.14

Standard Life Insurance – Firemen, 3 months, Aug, Sept & Oct. \$310.56

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

MANAGERS REPORT:

1. Lansing – I have been invited by the Governor’s Office to attend the Governor’s Regional Partners Leadership meeting. I was nominated by WUPPDR to attend. The meeting will be in Lansing on November 7, at 1 p.m. This will be a state wide meeting on the Regional Prosperity Initiative Grant program. I have been attending WUPPDR’s RPI meetings for the past 3 years on behalf of the Village. I am requesting expenses to attend.
2. Updates –
 - a. Paddle Craft Landing: Paving should be done today or tomorrow. The building is being finished. Then there will only be some finish work to be completed.
 - b. River Street Garage – The insulation was sprayed in last week. The metal roofing is being installed this week.
 - c. Marina Dredging – The contractor is working away at the dredging, it is about 30 % complete. They have encountered a lot of wood debris by the mouth of the marina, slowing progress in that area. They will work for as long as they can this season, and finish up next spring.
3. RICC Park – The RICC volunteers completed installing the pavers last Friday.
4. TAMC Meeting – I attended this meeting, last week in Marquette. While most of the information was geared to larger cities and road commissions. The Village does have an asset management system for roads. The Village Planning Commission will conduct a street evaluation next spring. A scoring system is used to rate the streets based on the level of damage/defects for each block. The scores are summarized and ranked. The street rankings and other factors are used to develop the Capital Improvements Program. The CIP is used in developing the future budgets.

5. Junk Ordinance – The hearing on the Junk Ordinance enforcement was held last Friday. The Judge ruled in the Village’s favor on 2 of the 3 citations and imposed \$600 in fines. The one left out was due to how the ticket was addressed to the owner. I talked to Mr. Pragacz after the hearing and told him he needs to meet with me about a plan to resolve the junk issues, or more tickets will follow. Overall the Judge did enforce our ordinance as written.
6. Meetings Attended – TAMC 10/5 Mqt.

A motion was made by Mogan, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Manager to attend the Governor’s Regional Partner Leadership meeting in Landing, MI on November 7, 2017 and cover expenses.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A. BLIGHT ORDINANCE 2017-03

The Blight Committee met and discussed the issues brought up about the proposed ordinance.

A motion was made by Seid, second by Mogan, (CARRIED) to approve the Blight Ordinance 2017-03 as presented.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Seid, Mogan, Marks, Chastan and President Waldrop

Nays: Hamm, Smydra

ABSENT: None

B. RESOLUTION 2017-11 – FOR ASPIRUS

A motion was made by Chastan, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve Resolution 2017-11 to Aspirus Ontonagon Hospital for ten years of service to our community.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

C. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – RECREATION, MARINA COMMISSIONS & OLD SCHOOL ADVISORARY.

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to appoint Gunnard Kyllonen to the Recreation Commission.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to table the Marina Commission appointment until the Marina Commission can review the applicants.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Marks, (CARRIED) to extend an invitation to the applicants to attend the next Village Council meeting. Tables at this time.

D. PLANNING COMMISSION RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Marks, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to accept the resignation of Darla Hanes from the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

E. HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS REQUESTS

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve advertising expenses of \$500.00 to the Hometown Christmas Committee, porta johns and expenses to dispose of septic, power outlets and street closure.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Councilman Smydra stated at the last council meeting he presented a letter about the paddle craft landing and he asked the Village Manager to respond in writing.

Councilman Marks suggested we look into replacing or fixing several bend or broken street signs in the community. Manager Erickson indicated he will look into the 2018 budget and work on the signs to be consistent colors with the Village logo and street name. Also discussed was the sign on the Rockland road and MDOT signage.

ADJOURN:

At 6:45 pm a motion was made by Marks, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to adjourn the meeting.

Marcia Aho-Black - Village Clerk

Date approved