

**ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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 Marks, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve the agenda,

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

An individual asked the Council to consider plowing the Marina parking lot in the winter so people can go ice fishing. It was referred to the Marina and Recreation Commissions.

An individual suggested a letter of apology be written to the grant writing representative, Kevin Store, due to the Village Manager alleged to be sleeping during his presentation.

Floor was closed at 6:05 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Council minutes of October 23, 2017 and the Recreation Commission minutes of October 25, 2017.

APPROVE THE CURRENT BILLS:

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan , (CARRIED) to approve payment of the current bills for November 2017 in the amount of \$370,995.18

Included in the above total is:

Previous bills paid \$ 226,441.76

Current Bills - \$52,331.31

Blue Cross Retiree -\$753.39

Mers – General Fund- \$20,648.36

Employee Payrolls (10/19 & 11/2) GROSS- \$70,820.36

Included in the Payroll is:

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

MERS- \$8249.22

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 – I attended the Governor’s RPI (Regional Prosperity Intuitive) Leadership Meeting in Lansing last week. The meeting brought together participants from each of the Prosperity Regions of the state. Through a series of small group discussions, the Governor’s staff learned about what was being accomplished, what were the drawbacks and what issues were being address by the 14 RPI regions of the State. Some of the issues discussed were, regional/statewide Geographic Information Systems (GIS), rural broad band options, the need for more State department participation regionally, and the need to make these regions more permanent through legislation. The meeting ended with a Q & A session with the Governor.
2. Updates –
 - a. Paddle Craft Landing: Contractor’s work is complete. The Village will have some cleanup and trimming to do in the spring.
 - b. River Street Garage – The metal roofing is installed. The last couple of sheets of metal for the fascia /soffits were installed today.
 - c. Marina Dredging – The contractor is done for the season.
3. CIP/ Budget – Attached is a copy of the Capitol Project/Purchase Plan for your review. Please review and bring this with you to the Pre-Budget Workshop that I would like to schedule for some time in December. The workshop will help set the capital spending priorities for the next fiscal year and incorporate these expenditures into the 2018-2019 fiscal year budgets.
4. Joint Rec Plan – The update for the Joint Village & Township Rec Plan is nearing completion. The final changes will be submitted to WUPPDR for the final draft this week. Once WUPPDR is done, the Plan will be made available for a 30 day public review period, then the Rec Commission will hold a final Public Hearing on the Plan (January). The Plan must be approved by the Village Council and Township Board. The deadline for MDNR submission is March 31, 2018.
5. Notices – Winter parking restrictions are now in effect. They will be published in the newspaper this week. During winter parking restrictions no vehicles shall be parked within six feet of the plowed right-of-way or shoulder of the road between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Vehicles parked on the street or right-of-way that hindering

snow removal will be towed away at the expense of the owner. This ordinance will be strictly enforced from October 15th to April 15th. The published notice also include information about plowing across streets, keeping mail boxes clear and adopting a fire hydrant to keep clear for the winter.

Meetings Attended – County Brownfield Authority – 11/1, Greenland Road School Comm. 11/2, and Governors RPI meeting 11/7 (Lansing)

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A. TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTIES

The Ontonagon County Treasurer has sent the Village a list of 3 properties that did not sell at the tax auction.

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve the parcel #6641-371-004-00, Lot 4 of Block 11, Assessor Plat of SW1/4 of NE, this is the vacant lot adjacent to other Village parcels behind the Pine Street dump, to be given to the Village of Ontonagon from the Tax delinquent properties.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Seid, second by Mogan, (CARRIED) to recommend the Ontonagon County Treasure place parcel #6641-167-006-00, small house at 509 S 7th Street and parcel #6641-373-111-10, a house at 401 Michigan Street, in the County Land Bank, and seek grant funds to have them demolished.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

B. M-64 Bridge Lights

A motion was made by Mogan, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to approve Sigma Luminous the M-64 Bridge lighting project to purchase LED retro lights for \$10,675.00 upon approval of the MDOT of the lighting plan.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

C. FIRE TRUCK LOAN – EARLY PAYOFF

If the firetruck loan is paid off early, we can save \$21,244 in interest. Loan will be finalized in Nov. 2025.

A motion was made by Marks, second by, Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve the early payoff of the USDR Fire Truck Loan for \$120,735.27 if paid by Monday, November 20, 2017.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

The Manager asked to meet with the Ontonagon Fire Department to develop a five year capital purchasing plan, to be considered by the Village Council at the CIP Workshop in December.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Councilman Smydra said they had their first Greenland Road School Commission meeting and they have set the meeting dates to be the 1st Thursday of each month.

Councilman Smydra informed the group that Emily Goodwin from the Great Lakes Superior Watershed Partnership are planning to plant trees along the former mill property hopefully on Wednesday of this week or in spring. The Village potentially could receive up to 1000 trees free of charge.

The President Waldrop informed the group he has appointed John Cane to the ad hoc Committee in concerns of the Village Housing Commission. They had one meeting but have more questions and concerns and they plan on meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

ADJOURN:

At 6:30 pm a motion was made by Chastan, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to adjourn the meeting.

Marcia Aho-Black - Village Clerk

Date approved