

**ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017
AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON**

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

ABSENT: T. Smydra

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:

A resident read a letter of his concerns with the Village Housing.

Floor was closed at 6:08 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Seid, second by Mogan, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Council minutes of December 4, 2017 and the Village Council Special meeting on the Pre-Budget workshop of December 11, 2017.

APPROVE THE CURRENT BILLS:

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve payment of the current bills for December 2017 in the amount of \$341,794.66.

Included in the above total is:

Previous bills paid \$162,522.67

Current Bills - \$78,513.15

Blue Cross Retiree -\$753.39

Mers – General Fund- \$30,972.54

Employee Payrolls (11/16, 12/14 & 12/1) GROSS- \$ 69,032.91

Included in the Payroll is:

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

MERS- \$12,336.98

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 – The legislature in Lane Duck session was only able to pass a stripped down version of the OPEB bills. The final stripped down version of the bills deals mainly with other post-employment benefits (health insurance) and major pension reform was left for another day. The legislation requires reporting based on existing information to Treasury. A Municipal Benefits Board is established to help with corrective action plans, but no new powers were given for emergency managers.
2. Revenue Sharing – Revenue sharing bills were introduced in the House last week in hope of getting some changes through in Lane Duck. The bills would create a statutory revenue sharing stabilization fund to protect against future cuts. Increase revenue sharing by \$5 million dollars per year for 20 years. And, require 100% reimbursement for the elimination of personal property taxes. The bills passed quickly through committee to the House floor. The Village has lost about \$80,000 per year in statutory revenue sharing in the last 20 years. This legislation could help to restore funding and protect against future cuts to revenue sharing.
3. Budget Workshop – Once again we had some great discussions about the future projects of the Village at the Budget Workshop last week. I have started to refine the projects and verify to the greatest extent the costs to be accurately reflected in the budget for next year. My goal is to have a draft of the Village budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 ready by the first meeting in February.
4. Holiday Schedule – The Village Office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th. The Office will also be closed on Monday January 1st. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
5. Meetings Attended – Budget Workshop 12/11, RPI (Houghton) 12/12

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

NEW BUSINESS:**A. FINAL ENGINEERING REPORT ON WATER SYSTEM SCADA**

A motion was made by Mogan, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve the final Engineering Report on the Water System SCADA as presented.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

B. DRAFT OF THE RECREATION PLAN

The draft of the Recreation plan was shared with the Council for review.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

A resident asked a question about the Marina however he was directed to get with the Village Manager as he wasn't inquiring during the Items from the floor public time.

ADJOURN:

At 6:26 pm a motion was made by Marks, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to adjourn the meeting.

Marcia Aho-Black - Village Clerk

Date approved