

**ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017  
AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON**

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

**ABSENT:** President Waldrop

**CALL TO ORDER:**

At 6:00 pm the meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Marks.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve the Agenda with the change of voting separately on the Village Housing Minutes.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

A resident asked the council to consider plowing a pathway in the Marina parking lot for residents to go ice fishing. Another resident stated that if the areas were not plowed it would be difficult for emergency vehicles to assist when needed and gave the example of the little girl that fell into the river.

Floor was closed at 6:08 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT MINUTES OF:**

A motion was made by Seid, second by Mogan, (CARRIED) to approve the minutes of the Village Council of November 13, 2017; Marina Commission of November 14, 2017; the Recreation Commission of November 15, 2017.

A motion was made by Chastan, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Housing Commission minutes of August 14, 2017.

A motion was made by Chastan, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) NOT to approve the Village Housing Commission minutes of August 21, 2017 Special Meeting.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Trustees: Chastan, Smydra

**Nays:** Hamm, Mogan, Marks, Seid

**ABSENT:** President Waldrop,

**Based on a roll call majority the August 21, 2017 Special Meeting Village Housing Minutes were approved.**

**A motion was made by Mogan, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Housing Commission minutes of September 11, 2017.**

**A motion was made by Seid, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Housing Commission minutes of September 15, 2017 Special Meeting,**

**A motion was made by Seid, second by Mogan, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Housing Commission minutes of October 9, 2017.**

**A motion was made by Hamm, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Housing Commission minutes of October 11, 2017 Special Meeting.**

**REPORT FROM VILLAGE MANAGER – JOSEPH ERICKSON:**

1. Lansing – The legislature is back in session for this year’s Lamé Duck session. Last week identical bills were introduced in the house and senate, the bills deal with reforms to underfunded post-employment health care. The bills also added some language with regard to underfunded pensions. The Village has limited post-employment health insurance benefits, being cost sharing for up to three years. However the pension language, with artificial thresholds that trigger State emergency manager intervention, is a concern for the MML. There will likely be a great deal of discussion about these bills over the next two weeks.
2. DEQ – The Drinking Water Division is in the process of revising the Lead-Copper Reporting rules. The new rules would lower the action levels from 15 ppb to 10 ppb, change sampling protocols, require local system mapping and identification of presence of lead in the systems. The biggest cost these new rules could impose on local system is the requirement that water department would be responsible for the costs and the replacing lead goosenecks and private lead or galvanized service lines. The MML is working on reducing the financial burdens of the new rules.
3. Updates –
  - a. M-64 bridge lights – the MDOT has given the go ahead to replace the lights on the bridge with LEDs. Info on the style of fixture was sent to the vendor along with the order for replacement lights.
  - b. Water Telemetry Project – GEI will have their preliminary engineering report completed this week. The water committee will meet with them on Friday to

discuss the final scope of the project and projects schedules. The work plan will address the MDEQ concerns reported in October. The DEQ wants the Village to enter into an Administrative Consent Order to ensure the work is completed. We were already a couple steps ahead of the DEQ in addressing their concerns and the ACO will help if we need outside funding for the project.

4. Joint Rec Plan – We should be getting the plan back from WUPPDR in final draft form this week. Notice of the 30 day review will be published as required.
5. Notices – Winter parking restrictions are now in effect. 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 15<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.
6. Meetings Attended – Rec Commission 11/15

**A motion was made by Seid, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Managers report as presented.**

**BUSINESS:**

**A. YEAR END BONUS**

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve the no loss time pay of \$150.00 per qualified employees and include Tanya and Marcia.ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at the meeting**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**ABSENT: President Waldrop**

**A motion was made by Hamm, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to approve the Holiday pay bonus of a \$50.00 Pat's gift card to each Village employees, including the Harbormasters.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at the meeting**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**ABSENT: President Waldrop**

**B. RESOLUTION 2017-11 TO SUPPORT HARBOR DREDGING**

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve Resolution 2017-11 to support harbor dredging in the Ontonagon River.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** All present at the meeting

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**ABSENT:** President Waldrop

Councilman Smydra thanked the manager for doing this resolution and suggested a copy be sent to the Township and County Boards to encourage them to do the same.

**C. SCHEDULE PRE-BUDGET WORKSHOP**

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Seid, (CARRIED) schedule the 2018 pre-budget workshop to be on Monday, December 11, 2017 at noon in the council chambers.

**D. CELL TOWER LEASE**

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to remain at the monthly lease of the tower site with the Lyle Company.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** All present at the meeting

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**ABSENT:** President Waldrop

**E. UNION CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Mogan, second by Seid, (CARRIED) approve the Village of Ontonagon Union Contract Agreement as presented and authorize signatures. The .07 cent per hour wage increase will also include Tanya Weisinger and Marcia Aho-Black.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** All present at the meeting

**Nays:** None

**Abstain: None**

**ABSENT: President Waldrop**

**F. PA152 RESOLUTION**

**A motion was made by Chastan, second by Mogan , (CARRIED) to approve PA152 Resolution 2017-12 as presented.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at the meeting**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**ABSENT: President Waldrop**

**OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Councilman Mogan stated we are a 4 season community and he would like to see the Marina have access to ice fishing. He suggested fishermen sign a waiver of liability. The cost of plowing the Marina should be volunteers basis and if the Village is needed then the cost of plowing will not be charged to the Marina.

Councilman Chastan suggested "No Life guard on duty, caution ice conditions-use at your own risk on ice" be posted at Marina.

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan , (CARRIED) to approve the Marina pathway to be plowed during the winter months with volunteers or village crew and the plowing expenses will not be charged to the Marina Commission.**

It was discussed to include the plowing expenses in the 2018 Marina budget at the workshop.

Councilman Hamm suggested a letter of appreciation be sent to State Trooper Chris Kelly for his assistance in saving the young girls life at recently happened along the river. Manager Erickson agreed to do so.

Councilman Mogan discussed a policy to protect volunteer members of the community to protect them for their advice while participating with a commission. Councilman Chastan suggests the policy be handed out to new members when they are sworn in. Manager Erickson stated that volunteers are already covered under the Village's liability policy. He

indicated he would develop a written policy to reflect the practice.

Vice President Marks thanked the Hometown Christmas Committee on a good event over the week-end. Councilman Smydra also commented on the good attendance to the craft fair.

**ADJOURN:**

**At 6:51 p.m. a motion was made by Seid, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to adjourn the meeting.**

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**Marcia Aho-Black - Village Clerk**

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**Date approved**