

**ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017  
AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON**

**PRESENT:** President Waldrop; Trustees: E. Marks, J. Hamm, M. Mogan, 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:**

Tom Hamilton asked why there isn't a second place on the agenda for the public to state any comments. After being asked to state his name for the record, he declined to further comment.

Floor was now closed at 6:04 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Seid, second by Marks, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Council minutes of February 27, 2017.

**APPROVE THE CURRENT BILLS:**

A motion was made by Marks, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve payment of the current bills for March 2017 in the amount of \$249,386.88.

Included in the above total is:

Previous bills paid \$64,259.75

Current Bills - \$ 45,722.80

Blue Cross Retiree -\$753.39

Mers – General Fund- \$19,137.47

USDA Sewer Loan interest - \$47,542.50

Employee Payrolls (2/23 & 3/9) GROSS- \$71,970.97

Included in the Payroll is:

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

Lincoln Life - \$33.30

MERS- \$4,850.53

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at meeting**

**Nays: None**

**ABSENT: Smydra**

**MANAGERS REPORT:**

1. Lansing – The MML is preparing for a push on the revenue sharing issues with the State budget. There will likely be a couple of session on revenue sharing at the Capital Conference next week. This will also be an opportunity to discuss these and other issues with our State reps.
2. Rec Building Grant Application – I am about done with the grant app. I just need to complete the project narrative and update the project details. I have been working with a vendor to get an accurate price for replacing the compressors. The goal for completing the grant application is March 17<sup>th</sup>, I have scheduled a meeting with our grant coordinator in Lansing to review the application before the final submission by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. Greenland Road Sign – The high winds last week cause damage to a section of the Greenland Road sign. Photos and a replacement cost estimate were submitted to our insurance carrier. The insurance will cover the cost of replacing the sign, about \$21,000, less a \$250 deductible. I will be working with Peninsula Superior Graphic to get a new sign in place.
4. Project Updates – On water telemetry project, the water committee met with the engineers and revisited the sites to verify the baseline information. The DOT has requested some information about the lights for the bridge. I am also gathering the information needed to get the Lakeshore Drive lighting project going and wrapping up the trail speed limit request for the MDNR. I also met with the electrician to get the Rec Building Lighting project going as soon as ice making is done.
5. SmartAsset Ranking – The SmartAssets web site has rank Ontonagon County as No. 1 in the State of Michigan for “bang for the buck” in tax dollars. We also rank 185 nationally. Our relatively low property taxes, combined with high ranking schools and a low crime rate give the county an overall score of 93.06 index value. I passed this along to the media to share some good news about our area.
6. Meetings Attended – MDOT Roadway Safety Meeting (Mqt.) 3/8

**A motion was made by Hamm, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to accept and place on file the Manager's Report with the correction of Peninsula Graphics instead of Superior Graphics.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. MANAGERS TENTATIVE TRAVEL REQUEST**

The Marina Commission is looking at a number of floating docks from a contractor in Pentwater, Michigan. This contractor has also been the successful bidder on the Marina dredging project. Since Pentwater is so close to Lansing, when the Manager will be attending the MML conference at the end of the month, the Marina Commission may ask me to go and inspect the docks and talk to the contractor about the upcoming dredging project. I request the additional mileage for the trip to Pentwater contingent upon the Marina Commission's recommendation.

**A motion was made by Mogan, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to recommend the Village Manager go to Pentwater to inspect the floating docks and discuss the Marina dredging project with the contractor and cover expenses.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at meeting**

**Nays: None**

**ABSENT: Smydra**

**OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Councilman Chastan suggested the Village advertise for open seats on the Commissions and Village Housing and cover expenses.

**A motion was made by Chastan, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to advertise for open seats on Village Commissions and Village Housing and cover expenses.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at meeting**

**Nays: None**

**ABSENT: Smydra**

Councilman Hamm asked if the lights on the bridge were going to be replaced with LED light bulbs. The Manager stated that was his goal.

Gunnard Kyllonen asked if he could talk at this point in the meeting however it was explained to him that he was to discuss any business under Items from the floor. The Manager said he will speak to him after the meeting.

**ADJOURN:**

At 6:16 pm a motion was made by Seid, second by Marks, (CARRIED) to adjourn the meeting.

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Marcia Aho-Black - Village Clerk

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Date approved