

**ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017  
AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON**

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

**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.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

**A motion was made by Seid, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve the Agenda with the addition of Item G. Closing River Street for Copper Fest.**

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Matt Weaver was present to discuss the overcrowded jails and slow response time due to manpower for the Police Department. He stated the community is in a crisis situation and is asking for support either as a mileage or vocal support for more law enforcement support. They will need 1-2 officers and 1 correction officer.

Items of the floor were closed at 6:15 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT MINUTES OF:**

**A motion was made by Hamm, second by Chastan, and (CARRIED) to approve the minutes of the Village Council meeting of May 8, 2017; Marina Commission of May 16, 2017; and the Village Housing Commission of April 10, 2017.**

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

1. Lansing - Brownfield bills have been sent to the Governor. The new bill would allow for additional tax-credits for the development of brownfield properties. The bills would allow for the capture of new State taxes generated from the redevelopment (income, sales and uses taxes).
2. Project Updates –
  - a. Rec Building Lighting – The meeting with the Contractor and Engineer to determine costs to date and determine any residual funds is this week.
  - b. Rose Island Landing – The bids for the project are going out this week. Bids are due on June 21<sup>st</sup>..

- c. N 7<sup>th</sup> Street –Bids are due on June 6<sup>th</sup> and to the Council on June 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Lakeshore Lighting – The project agreement is on the table.
  - e. Property Surveys – Timberland Surveying is working on them now.  
Description for the Lakeshore Systems property is done and was sent to Ted.  
He’s working on the Island now.
  - f. Marina Docks – Working on a getting the docks here in the next 2 -3 weeks. I hope to have them ready to go in the water when Hilton Const. is here to start the dredging so they can assists in putting them together correctly.
3. Other Updates - Ted has been in contact with Valerie Simms at HUD about their legal review. Nothing yet. He suggests we notify her that the Council will make the appointment on June 12, unless the Village receives an objection from HUD, specifying specific a factual and/or legal basis for its objection. Ted is also working with Dan Brusso on the Lakeshore Lease.

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Seid, (CARRIED) notify HUD that the Village Council plans on making a decision on June 12, 2017 if the Manager will be appointment to the Village Housing Commission, unless the Village receives an objection from HUD, specifying specific factual and/or legal basis for its objection.**

- 4. Old School Meeting – A reminder, the Town hall meeting on the Old School property is Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Action building on Spar Street. I have put together a power point slide show on the condition of the building as it stands. I will have a brief survey sheet available at the meeting, simply asking “Should the Village acquire the Old School?”, “What should be done with the building?” and “What should be done with the property?” The Council may want to schedule a second meeting around the middle of June. Bill Chabot will have some information about the history and I have received a letter of support from the Historical Society for the Village to acquire the property.
- 5. The DPW crew is completing the spring pick up. Rain has delayed the brush chipping work. They are also getting started with mowing when weather permit.
- 6. Meetings Schedule - I need to set up a meeting with the following Committees, Development Committee follow up from last meeting and prep for the Town hall meeting on Thursday. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Village office.
- 7. Meetings Attended – Marina Commission 5/16, Planning Commission 5/17, Rec Commission 5/17, Blight Committee 5/18

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

**BUSINESS:****A. ONTONAGON COUNTY CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP DUES**

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Mogan, (CARRIED) to approve the Ontonagon County Chamber membership dues for \$150.00.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** All present at the meeting

**Nays:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**B. PASSPORT GRANT RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve the Passport Grant Resolution 2017-07 to accept the terms of the Recreational Passport Grant program project Agreement for the Lake Superior Beach Walkway Lighting Renovations.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** All present at the meeting

**Nays:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**C. PASSPORT GRANT AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Mogan, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to accept the MDNR project Agreement of the Recreational Passport Grant Program for the Lake Superior Beach Walkway Lighting Renovations.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** All present at the meeting

**Nays:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**D. BLIGHT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Blight Committee reviewed the current Village Building and Dangerous Building Ordinances, along with a Blight Ordinance from the Village of New Haven, in Macomb County, Michigan. The committee recommends that our Attorney revise the New Haven Ordinance for

the Village to consider. The committee will be reviewing the two existing Village Ordinances for sections that could be incorporated into the new ordinance or be revised in a stand alone ordinance. They will also be reviewing the procedures and personnel required to effectively enforce these ordinances.

**A motion was made by Mogan, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to refer the Blight Ordinance to our Village Attorney, Ted Baird for review.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at the meeting**

**Nays: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**E. MML U.P. EDUCATION SUMMIT**

The U.P. Education Summit is June 1 & 2, 2017 in Marquette, MI and any councilmember may attend.

**A motion was made by Hamm, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to approve the councilmembers to attend the U.P. Education Summit in Marquette, Michigan on June 1 and 2, 2017 and cover expenses.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at the meeting**

**Nays: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**F. WATER TRUCK PURCHASE**

Harbor Town Auto has located a used 2011 F-350 Ford 4 x 4 with a utility box. The Village can purchase this unit for \$23,600 for the truck and have it undercoated for another \$400.00. A snowplow could be added to this vehicle in the future. Thirty thousand (\$30,000) was budgeted for a water truck and another truck for summer help. The old water van can be kept for the summer help and we could also use it for a sign vehicle to store and transport the signs when working on the highway right of ways.

**A motion was made by Hamm, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve the purchase**

of a 2011 F-350 Ford 4 x 4 truck with a utility box for the amount of \$23,600 plus and additional charge of \$400 for the undercoating for a grand total of \$24,000 from Harbor Town Auto.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** All present at the meeting

**Nays:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**G. STREET CLOSURE FOR COPPER FEST**

The Copper Fest Committee is asking for the River Street to be closed for Copper Fest from the intersection of Houghton Street up to and including all of the intersection of Lake Street, along with the area of street between Red Metal Minerals and the Candle Shop and Blake's Service Station. Dates and times for closure are Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 25, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Chamber will also be displaying fireworks by Morin Fireworks on Friday night, June 23, 2017 at dusk. They are also requesting to use the Village port-a-johns and picnic tables.

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Marks, (CARRIED) to have River Street to be closed for Copper Fest from the intersection of Houghton Street up to and including all of the intersection of Lake Street, along with the area of street between Red Metal Minerals and the Candle Shop and Blake's Service Station. Dates and times for closure are Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 25, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Marks, (CARRIED) to approve the fireworks display by Morin Fireworks for Copper Fest on Friday, June 23, 2017 at dusk.**

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Marks, (CARRIED) to approve the use of the Village port-a-johns and cover expenses.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** All present at the meeting

**Nays:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Councilman Hamm asked if the Village was going to continue contracting out the lawn cutting at the Old Elementary school. The Manager stated we were going to try having the summer students cut the grass.

President Waldrop informed the council that he had a voter ask if they could walk through the old elementary school. Due to the building not being Village Property at this time and also because of liability issues, he declined the request.

President Waldrop asked if we would need temporary employees while a few of the Village employees are off due to injuries.

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to authorize the Village Manager to hire additional help while the Village employees are off on medical or vacations leave this summer.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at the meeting**

**Nays: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ADJOURN:**

**At 8:21 p.m. a motion was made by Seid, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to adjourn the meeting.**

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**Marcia Aho-Black - Village Clerk**

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**Date approved**