

**ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017
AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON**

PRESENT: Vice President E. Marks, Trustees: J. Hamm, B. Seid, D. Chastan T. Smydra, and Manager, J. Erickson.

ABSENT: President Waldrop, M. Mogan,

CALL TO ORDER:

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

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve the agenda.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: None

Floor was closed at 6:03 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Seid, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Council minutes of May 22, 2017, the Planning Commission of May 17, 2017 and the Recreation Commission minutes of May 17, 2017.

APPROVE THE CURRENT BILLS:

A motion was made by Chastan, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve payment of the current bills for June 2017 in the amount of \$176,374.85.

Included in the above total is:

Previous bills paid \$35,316.10

Current Bills - \$47,371.02

Blue Cross Retiree -\$753.39

Mers – General Fund- \$20648.37

Employee Payrolls (5/18 & 6/1) GROSS- \$ 72,285.97

Included in the Payroll is:

Blue Cross –employee June 2017 - \$15,484.97

Lincoln Life - \$33.30

MERS- \$8,456.74

ROLL CALL:**AYES: All present at meeting****Nays: None****ABSENT: Waldrop, Mogan****MANAGERS REPORT:**

1. Lansing - A joint House/Senate conference committee has approved and recommended a 2.5 % increase in statutory revenue sharing for next year's State budget. This increase, along with the projected increase in constitutional revenue sharing, would result in the first actual increase, over inflation, in the last three years. This proposal was done without input from the Governor's office, so it remains to be seen if it will actually be in the approved budget.
2. Project Updates –
 - a. Rec Building Lighting – The project is essentially complete. I met with the Contractor and Engineer to determine costs to date. Due to the lower cost of the LED lights, the project is about \$13,000 under budget. It was noted that the hangers for the electrical conduits to the high bay lights were deteriorating. The electrician was given the go ahead to secure all of the high bay conduits. With about \$10,000 remaining, the only non-LED lights left are in the scoreboard. The engineer is inquiring with the MDNR staff about replacing the scoreboard or switching it over to LEDs to use up the remaining funds.
 - b. Rose Island Landing – The project is out for bids. Bids are due on June 21st.
 - c. Lakeshore Lighting – The project agreement has been submitted to MDNR.
 - d. Marina Docks – The dock are at the marina. The docks will be repaired, cleaned and the floats painted in the next week or two before being installed.
 - e. River Street Garage Roof – The project is being rebid. Bids are due on the 15th.
3. Code Enforcement – 43 long grass notices went out, 30 were addressed by the owners, 8 are in foreclosure/bankruptcy, and 5 properties will be cut and cited for violation. 14 properties were noticed for junk violations, 4 were cleaned up, 4 were granted extensions, and 6 will be cited for violations.
4. River Street Flower Boxes – The Master Gardeners have planted the new flower boxes and placed them along River Street. In talking with Marilyn Knutson, the topic of sponsorship/donations was discussed, so individuals, groups or business could sponsor a flower boxes in the future to help off-set costs. I will present this to the Rec Commission for consideration.
5. The DPW worked on a couple of water leaks in White Pine. They are also trying to keep up with mowing when weather permits. The river banks were brushed and repairs will be made to the boardwalks before Copperfest. The new water truck has been undercoated and is in use.

6. Ad in Lakeland Boating – Lakeland Boating Magazine (43,000 subscribers) will be running a Port of Call feature on Ontonagon in their August issue. Does the Village want to run an ad? Ad rates run from \$945 for a half page to \$260 for a 1/8 page (business card size). Attached is the information. The ad deadline is June 20th.

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to approve a 1/8 page ad in the Lakeland Boating Magazine not to exceed \$260.00.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Hamm, Smydra, Seid, Chastan

Nays: Marks

ABSENT: Waldrop, Mogan

7. 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 on the Old Elementary School. I also have a request to donate property to the Village that needs consideration.

The Village Manager stated he has received a request to donate land to the Village. He has asked to meet with the Development Committee to discuss. The meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 1:00 at the Village Chamber office. Councilman Smydra will attend the meeting for councilman Mogan while he is out of town.

Meetings Attended – County Brownfield 6/7, NRC meet & greet 6/7 (Houghton)

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A. PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION 2017-08 FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

This agreement with MDOT authorizes who from the Village may apply for work permits in the State highway right-of-ways. This resolution authorizes the Village Manager, DPW Supervisor and the Village Clerk/Treasure to apply for permits.

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to approve the Performance Resolution 2017-08 for governmental agencies. This resolution authorizes the Village Manager, DPW Supervisor and the Village Clerk/Treasure to apply for permits.

ROLL CALL:**AYES: All present at meeting****Nays: None****ABSENT: Waldrop, Mogan****B. HOUSING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to appoint Joseph Erickson to the Village Housing Commission.

C. BID AWARD N. 7TH STREET CULVERT AND PAVING

Bids for the N7th Street project are, Payne & Dolan - \$185,049.25 and Angelo Luppino for \$169,539.42. Coleman Engineers has review the bid and found them to be complete and accurate.

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to award the N. 7th Street paving and culvert replacement bid to Angelo Luppino for \$169,539.42.

ROLL CALL:**AYES: All present at meeting****Nays: None****ABSENT: Waldrop, Mogan****D. OLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TOWN HALL MEETING 6/19/2017**

The next town hall meeting about the Old Elementary School will be on June 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gogebic Ontonagon Community Action Agency, 429 River Street. Topic is "Should the Village acquire the Old elementary school?"

E. COPPER FEST ADVERTISING:

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve advertising costs for the Copper Fest not to exceed \$400.00.

Trash to Treasure Days will be the same Saturday as Copper Fest. Watch for a list of garage sales addresses at local businesses.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to authorize the Village attorney, Ted Baird, to investigate who owns the field property behind the old Elementary School including the Little League field.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: Waldrop, Mogan

Councilman Chastan shared interesting items from the MML Conference.

Councilman Chastan shared he toured the old orphanage in Marquette that has been converted to apartments and how it could be done at the old Elementary School. Resident Bill Johnson commented the V.A. Clinic and/or V.A. Housing would be a great idea for the old Elementary School and suggested the council contact our congressman.

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to authorize mileage and Registration fee for any councilmen to attend the WUPPDR Meeting in Ironwood on June 14, 2017 and UPWDA meeting in Houghton on June 16, 2017.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: Waldrop, Mogan

ADJOURN:

At 6:43 pm a motion was made by Seid, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to adjourn the meeting.

Marcia Aho-Black - Village Clerk

Date approved