

**ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017  
AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON**

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

**ABSENT:** M. Mogan,

**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 with the additions of Item 8D Aspirus RICC Park Easement Agreement, and 8E – Lakeshore Lease Agreement.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:** None

Floor was closed at 6:02 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Council minutes of June 26, 2017, the Planning Commission of June 21, 2017 and the Recreation Commission minutes of June 21, 2017.

**APPROVE THE CURRENT BILLS:**

A motion was made by Chastan, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve payment of the current bills for July 2017 in the amount of \$153,125.53

Included in the above total is:

Previous bills paid \$12,964.97

Current Bills - \$33,321.09

Blue Cross Retiree –\$753.39

Mers – General Fund- \$30972.56

Employee Payrolls (6/15 & 6/29) GROSS- \$ 75,113.52

Included in the Payroll is:

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

Lincoln Life - \$32.01

MERS- \$12,216.19

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

1. Lansing – The MDOT is requiring communities to file an on-line performance audit. The Village will be required to file one in 2018. Since this is outside the scope of the typical audit, there is additional cost involved. The MML has taken the position that these audits are required from MDOT, it is an unfunded mandate that MDOT should pay for. The League staff is working on addressing this issue.
2. Updates –
  - a. Paddle craft Landing: The MDNR approved the bid award, and a notice to proceed has been issued.
  - b. N 7<sup>th</sup> Street: The culvert is being replaced this week. The roadway will be ready for pulverizing and shaping. Paving should follow shortly thereafter.
  - c. Marina Dredging: The contractors insurance and bonds are in place and a notice to proceed has been issued. I expect them be here this week.
  - d. .
3. MML Convention – The Municipal Leagues Annual Convention will be in Holland, MI on September 13-15. Registration is now open for attendees.
4. Village Attorney – I’ve attached a list of attorneys for the Council to review.
5. MDOT River Street Project – The joint repairs and patching on River Street should be getting started in the next week or so. I have talked to the contractor and asked that they have the project completed by August 25<sup>th</sup>, so we can be ready for Labor Day weekend.
6. Meetings Attended – Marina Comm. 6/13, WUPPDR – RPI 6//14, Town Hall 6/19, Planning Comm. 6/21, Rec Comm. 6/21, Labor Day Committee 6/23.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:****A. LIFE INSURANCE**

Our current Lincoln Life Insurance will not cover the firefighters. Mers Life Insurance plan will cover the Firefighters for life and AD & D along with the Village Employees. A \$5,000 Life Insurance plan and AD & D and \$10,000 coverage were discussed.

**A motion was made by Hamm, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve the Mers \$10,000 Life Insurance Plan and AD&D as presented.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at meeting**

**Nays: None**

**ABSENT: Mogan**

**B. OLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

A draft resolution that was developed by Councilman Smydra was discussed. The purpose was to develop a Commission similar to the Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission that would assist the Council find uses for the Greenland Road school buildings. The Council will continue to review the Resolution and it was tabled at this time.

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to complete the paperwork with the Treasurer to finalize the acquisition of the Old Elementary School and authorize the writing of the check to cover purchasing of the building.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at meeting**

**Nays: None**

**ABSENT: Mogan**

**C. LAKESHORE LIGHTING GRANT**

The Lakeshore lighting project grant has been accepted and approved by MDNR. We can now send out an RFP for engineering service for the project.

**A motion was made by Hamm, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve the RFP for engineering service for the Lakeshore Lighting Grant.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at meeting**

**Nays: None**

**ABSENT: Mogan**

**D. ASPIRUS RICC PARK EASEMENT AGREEMENT**

This easement agreement is between the Aspirus Hospital and the Village of Ontonagon for the use of the property next to the Ontonagon Fitness Center. The property is to be used as a pocket park and will be cared for by the Regional Inclusive Community Coalition.

**A motion was made by Chastan, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to accept the Aspirus-RICC Park Easement Agreement for \$1.00 per year.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at meeting**

**Nays: None**

**ABSENT: Mogan**

**E. LAKESHORE LEASE AGREEMENT**

The final version of the lease agreement was reviewed by Village attorney, Ted Baird, and has already been signed by Jessica Frost of Lakeshore. The lease is for 2 parcels of land (one inside the fence and other outside the fence) with a 7 year mark of when changes could be made to the agreement. If taxes are increased on the property, it will be the responsibility of the Village to pay. The lease agreement is for \$1.00 per year, and is for a total of 4.5 acres of land to be used for public beach recreation access.

**A motion was made by Seid, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) accept the Lakeshore Lease Agreement for \$1.00 per year.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** All present at meeting

**Nays:** None

**ABSENT:** Mogan

**OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

The Council expressed their thank you to Ted Baird for all his service to the Village. He said his final project is the revised Blight Amendment.

**ADJOURN:**

At 6:40 pm a motion was made by Marks, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to adjourn the meeting.

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**Marcia Aho-Black - Village Clerk**

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**Date approved**