

**ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017
AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON**

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

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.

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Seid, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve the agenda with the addition of approval of the CD to be rolled over.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

Ulrike Nolla was present and asked when the water faucet on River Street can be repaired. The Village Manager will check if parts need to be ordered to make the repairs. She also asked about the blight buildings in the town and she was informed about the blight ordinance and the process of the land bank.

James Hitseberger asked if a cross walk could be painted from the Holiday to Connie's Place and another one from Connie's Place to the sidewalk across S. Steel Street. The Village Manager will discuss with MDOT. He also discussed the difficulty to see by S. Steel Street at the intersection of the bridge.

Floor was closed at 6:08 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Council minutes of July 10, 2017 and July 24, 2017.

APPROVE THE CURRENT BILLS:

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve payment of the current bills for August 2017 in the amount of \$221,245.76.

Included in the above total is:

Previous bills paid \$49,852.20

Current Bills - \$70,615.60

Blue Cross Retiree -\$753.39

Mers – General Fund- \$20,648.38

Employee Payrolls (7/27 & 8/10) GROSS- \$79,376.19

Included in the Payroll is:

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

MERS- \$8,708.01

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Chastan, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve the Clerk to roll over CD 13 through 19 at the Gogebic Range Bank in Ewen at the current interest rate.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

MANAGERS REPORT:

1. Lansing – The legislature is on summer recess.
2. Updates –
 - a. Paddle craft Landing: The site is at a rough grade. The pit toilet is expected to be installed by next week, and then the final grade can be completed.
 - b. N 7th Street: The project is complete.
 - c. Minn. & Penn. Culverts - The project is complete.
 - d. River Street Garage – The project should get started this week.
 - e. Marina Dredging – The contractor is getting set up to get started this week.
3. MDOT River Street Project – The contractor has completed the work on River Street, with the exception of one manhole at the Spar Street intersection. The crew will be cleaning up the street over the next few weeks. The extensive repairs have eliminated most of the potholes on the concrete portions of the street. MDOT is working on the issue with the manhole and it is hoped to be completed by Labor Day.
4. Redevelopment Ready Communities – The Planning Commission will be wrapping up the self-evaluations this week. I will get these compiled and get them ready for the MEDC. At the next meeting I will have a resolution of intent for the Council to consider to become engaged in the RRC process.

5. Co. Brownfield Authority – The County Brownfield Authority is working with WUPPDR to map the potential brownfield sites in the County. From these sites each community will be able to identify their top priority sites for more extensive property data collection. The CBA is also collecting information on abandon and blighted residential properties, to assist local governments and the County Land Bank in qualifying for MISHDA blight elimination funds. WUPPDR will include this information in their regional GIS data base.
6. Labor Day Festival – Planning for the events is well under way. The weekend will be full of the usual events. One time change to note is that the Community Dance on Friday night will be from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. rather than from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight. Now the dance will start right after the picnic and rock-skipping contest. The Village crew will be getting things prepped over the next few weeks.
7. Meetings Attended – Ont. Co. Brownfields 8/2, Labor Day Committee 7/28 & 8/11

Tom Hamilton discussed that a manhole along Rose Island is 1 foot under water and he suggested we look into what needs to be done to eliminate the river water from backing up into River Street.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A. APPOINTMENTS TO THE DDA

The DDA appointments are Jacek Olszewski and Ken Portolese.

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve the DDA Commission appointments of Jacek Olszewski.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve the DDA Commission appointments Ken Portolese.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

B. BLIGHT ORDINANCE

A motion was made by Mogan, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to hold a public hearing on the Blight Ordinance to be set for August 28, 2017 and cover publication expenses.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

C. RESOLUTION TO VACATE STREET AND ALLEYS

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Mogan, (CARRIED) to approve Resolution 2017-08 to vacate a portion of 2nd Street and the alley in blocks 6 & 7 of the Fairview Park addition.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting except Seid

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Seid

D. BID AWARD – LAKESHORE LIGHTING PROJECT ENGINEERING

The Village received four bids for the engineering work on the Lakeshore Lighting Project Grant.

Coleman Engineering – Ironwood - \$5,500.00

OHM – Hancock - \$5,900.00

UPEA – Houghton - \$6,200.00

GEI – Iron River – 8,750.00

A motion was made by Mogan, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to authorize the Lakeshore Lighting Project Engineering bid to OHM Engineering for \$5,900.00.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

E. PAY REQUEST NO. 1 – LUPPINO- NORTH 7TH STREET PROJECT

A motion was made by Marks, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve the pay request Number 1 for \$162,946.98 to Angelo Luppino Inc., upon completion of the work. The work was completed last Friday, August 11, 2017, and the punch list has been completed.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Councilman Smydra asked why the North Seventh Street did not have a bike path. Manager Erickson stated it did not meet MDOT specifications but the shoulders were widened by 1 foot that would give enough room for a bike path.

Councilman Smydra asked if the DDA attorney expenses to discuss the lease with Lakeshore Inc. could be covered by the Village General Fund since it is an agreement between the Village and Lakeshore Inc.

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to authorize the Village General Fund will absorb the attorney fees that were covered under the DDA account in the amount of \$756.25.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at meeting

Nays: None

ABSENT: None

Richard Ernest explained that the total cost of the Lakeshore signs need to be paid before they can receive grant refund. The balance due will be discussed in a future meeting.

Tom Hamilton asked when the completion deadline is for the Paddle Craft Landing. Manager Erickson said he hopes by October 15.

Councilman Hamm asked if the sign on the post on River Street pointing to the Township Park

could be replaced. Manager Erickson indicated he will discuss with MDOT as they are looking into redoing their signage.

After further discussion of the Lakeshore Park and the signage that the DDA is asking to be placed along River Street, it was decided to hold off on any sign ordering until it is approved by MDOT. Richard Ernest informed the council TNT Trucking, owner Tom Picotte, will remove and dispose the old fence. The Village will request a 50' chunk of the fencing to be used at the Marina by the new floating docks.

Councilman Chastan suggested forming a committee for the Old Elementary school as explained in Councilman Smydra's draft resolution. President Waldrop indicated it would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

ADJOURN:

At 6:50 pm a motion was made by Marks, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to adjourn the meeting.

Marcia Aho-Black - Village Clerk

Date approved