

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017
AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON

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

ABSENT: E. Marks, B. Seid

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 Hamm, second by Smydra, (CARRIED) to approve the Agenda.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

Bill Johnson – Informed the council that earlier that day the power was cut to JJ's Tackle business. He called U.P. Power and informed them the bulldozer from Hilton's Marine, who is dredging, hit the wires. Then he explained that he found out the park lights at the end of the dock are connected to his building and he has been paying the bill for them on his business power bill. He indicated that the Village Manager turned on the power and he shouldn't be able to do what he wants. He also said the Village Council board is unethical.

Village Manager, Joe Erickson stated he was not aware the power to the volleyball field was connected to his building. He also informed the public that an electrician will be making the repairs and the power will not go on until the repairs are completed. The Village Manager informed Mr. Johnson tonight and previously on the phone, that he will be glad to work with Jill to compensate for these expenses. Mr. Johnson stated he did not want reimbursement from the Village and that he just wants to be left alone.

Vicki Perron from the OHS Class of 1967 read a letter saying their class had their 50 years reunion and they raised \$800.00 to purchase a bench for the Lakeshore Park. They asked to have the bench engraved stating "Donated by the OHS Class of 1967". Vicki Perron and Kathy Baird presented a check for \$800.00 to Village President, Ken Waldrop and Councilman Tony Smydra.

Councilman Smydra stated on behalf of the Recreation Commission he would like to extend his sincere thank you and President Waldrop stated on behalf of the Village Council he would

like to say thank you.

Gunnard Kyllonen was present to bring a few items to the council:

- He complimented the nice job on North 7th street paving, however he was informed in the past that Mulock and South 4th Street would be next on the list. He asked that if the Planning Commission consider it in the near future.
- The street sign on the corner of South 4th Street and Mercury needs to be replaced.
- On the corner of Zinc and Mercury streets, there is an ATV trail that has been washed out and he feels is a hazard to even walk in the area and it is very dangerous for ATV's. The Village Manager said he will notify Don Helsel of MITRALE and have the DPW crew barricade the area.

Items of the floor were closed at 6:14 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT MINUTES OF:

A motion was made by Mogan, second by Smydra, and (CARRIED) to approve the minutes of the Village Council of August 14, 2017; Recreation Commission of August 6, 2017; the Planning Commission of August 6, 2017 and the DDA Commission of August 2, 2017.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE MANAGER – JOSEPH ERICKSON:

1. Lansing – The legislature is on summer recess.
2. Updates –
 - a. Paddle craft landing: The site is at a rough grade. The pit for the toilet has been set in place. The concrete work is being scheduled.
 - b. River Street Garage – The project should get started this week.
 - c. Marina Dredging – The contractor is set up and dredging starts this week.
3. Houghton Street Pathway – The Rec Commission discussed what trees need to be removed to make this project work. The Commission recommends to the Council that the residents along Houghton Street be notified of the project and especially about the tree removal. The Rec Commission proposed the following:
 - i. Identify the trees to be removed or remain along the route (completed)
 - ii. Notify property owners along Houghton Street.
 - iii. Mark trees with colored ribbons (remain & remove).

- iv. Homeowners can mail, drop-off or e-mail comments about the project to the Rec Commission
 - v. Rec Commission will review comments at the October meeting.
4. RICC Park – The pavers are here and after Labor Day site work will begin to get the project started.
 5. Dollar General – The site plan has been approved and they are applying for the State permits to get started. The building will be located south of M-38 and west of Heard Street.
 6. Labor Day Festival – Planning for the events is well under way. The Community Picnic starts at 5:00 p.m. this year Aspirus Ontonagon Hospital will co-sponsor the event with the Village. The Rock Skipping starts at 6:00 p.m. and the Community Dance at the new time of 7:00 p.m. The Village crew is getting things prepped for the weekend.
 7. Meetings Attended – Planning Comm 8/16, Rec Comm 8/16, MERC Seminar (MTU), Labor Day Committee 8/25

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

BUSINESS:

A. RIVER STREET GARAGE ROOF – PARTIAL PAY REQUEST

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve the partial pay request of \$25,000 for Jason Pestka of Advanced Spray Foam and Coating to cover a portion of the material cost for the River Street Garage Roof project.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at the meeting

Nays: None

Abstain: None

ABSENT: Marks, Seid

B. RIVER STREET GARAGE ROOF – INSULATION PROPOSAL

Jason Pestka has proposed to apply a 3” sprayed on ridged foam insulation with an R-21 insulation value for \$12,450.00 for the River Street Garage Roof.

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve Jason Pestka of Advanced Spray Foam and Coating to apply a 3” sprayed on ridged foam insulation with R-21 insulation to the River Street Garage Roof for \$12,450.00.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present at the meeting

Nays: None

Abstain: None

ABSENT: Marks, Seid

C. MML ANNUAL CONVENTION – HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Council members to attend the MML Conference to be held in Holland, Michigan on September 13 – 15, 2017 and cover expenses.

Roll Call:

AYES: All present at the meeting

Nays: None

Abstain: None

ABSENT: Marks, Seid

D. OLD ELEMENTARAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

With the purchase of the School, there needs to be discussion about its future uses. The Village Manager would like to work with a committee to apply for a USDA Facilities Grant to help evaluate the use options, and identify project and operational costs. At this time he believes the Village would meet both of the funding priorities, that the Village’s population under 5,500 and is a low income community. With the potential growth of the bio-fuels facility coming to the Village, our window for meeting the grant funding priorities may close in a few years. The committee will have 7 members and the Village Manager.

A motion was made by Chastan, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to accept the Resolution 2017-09 Old School Advisory Committee as presented.

Roll Call:**AYES: All present at the meeting****Nays: None****Abstain: None****ABSENT: Marks, Seid****OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

Councilman Smydra asked to talk about a few topics:

- Inquired if the water fountain on River Street will be working by Labor Day. Manager Erickson said he will review with Jerry Roehm, DPW Supervisor.
- He attended a personnel training in Houghton last week and is requesting a mileage reimbursement.

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to approve the mileage reimbursement to Councilman Tony Smydra to attend the Personnel training in Houghton, Michigan.

- Councilman Smydra informed the council he attended a DDA Commission meeting and a topic of interest was the Best Practice Redevelopment training to be in Marquette on October 17 and 18, 2017. He is asking for authorization to attend the meeting.

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to authorize the Village Council to attend the Best Practice Redevelopment Training in Marquette, MI on October 17 and 18, 2017 and cover expenses.

Roll Call:**AYES: All present at the meeting****Nays: None****Abstain: None****ABSENT: Marks, Seid**

President Waldrop informed the council that Matt and Candace Weisen brought it to his attention that people are crossing the barricades at the boardwalk by their home. The water is

coming onto the boardwalk and he feels it is still unsafe to be in this area. President Waldrop asked them to come to a Village Council meeting to discuss the matter. However, they have yet to attend a Village Council meeting to address the current situation. Village Manager Erickson stated the area is still barricaded and the Village has the liability if something should happen.

Councilman Chastan indicated that Village Housing Commission's President Pam Coey's term had expired on March 31, 2017. Councilman Chastan made a motion to appoint Steven Maass to the Village Housing Commission to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of Pam Coey's term. However, there was not a second to the motion. Councilman Chastan withdrew his motion and it was tabled at this time.

Councilman Smydra suggested that all commission members be sworn in by the Village Clerk in the future.

President Waldrop suggested an open seat position be posted in the local newspaper and after discussion with the Village Council, it was suggested that the ad include all Village Commissions, including the newly advisory committee of the Old Elementary School.

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Mogan, (CARRIED) to approve the expenses of publication of all open seats on all Village Commissions including the Village Housing and the new advisory committee of the Old Elementary School that is being organized.

Roll Call:

AYES: All present at the meeting

Nays: None

Abstain: None

ABSENT: Marks, Seid

Councilman Smydra suggested the Clerk send Pam Coey a letter stating her term on the Village Housing has expired and extend a thank you for her services. He has suggested the practice of sending a thank you note to be continued in the future. He also suggested that the Village website include all the Commission members and the expiration dates of their terms.

Gunnard Kyllonen asked if he could add another comment concerning the geese at the Marina. He talked about a town that used mesh along the water edge and it kept the geese off the grounds. Village Manager, Erickson said we tried this; however a young duckling was caught in the netting so we felt it was too harmful to the animals.

ADJOURN:

At 7:05 p.m. a motion was made by Hamm, second by Mogan, (CARRIED) to adjourn the meeting.

Marcia Aho-Black - Village Clerk

Date approved