

**ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017  
AT 315 QUARTZ STREET, ONTONAGON**

**PRESENT: President Waldrop** Trustee: **J. Hamm, T. Smydra, E. Marks, B. Seid, D. Chastan, M. Mogan 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 Hamm, (CARRIED) to approve the Agenda.**

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:**

A citizen gave his opinion of the Blight Ordinance

A citizen discussed vendor soliciting in the community.

Items of the floor were closed at 6:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT MINUTES OF:**

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Seid, and (CARRIED) to approve the minutes of the Village Council of September 11, 2017; Marina Commission of September 12, 2017; Planning Commission of September 20, 2017 and Recreation Commission of September 20, 2017.**

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

1. Lansing – The state has been pushing for asset management by local units. The SAW grant program is doing this for storm and sanitary sewers, and water system will soon follow. I have been keeping up to date with MDOT program and I am requesting registration and lodging to attend the Transportation Asset Management Conference in Marquette on October 5<sup>th</sup>.
2. Updates –
  - a. Paddle Craft Landing: The concrete work is done and the site was dressed to grade for seed and mulch. The Building will be finished shortly. The parking

- lot is prepped for paving. The only thing that won't be installed this year is the EZ launch system, since it will be too late in the season.
- b. River Street Garage – The trusses are up and the sheeting is completed. Metal roofing should be installed this week pending weather.
  - c. Marina Dredging – The contractor is working away at the dredging, it is about 30 % complete.
3. RICC Park – The project got started this morning with RICC volunteers setting pavers. They have been working hard and made good progress.
  4. Sewer Cleaning and Video scanning – Tunnel Vision is in the Village to clean and video scan our sewer system. This project is part of the SAW Grant and will clean and video-scan most of our sewer system. There have been incidents of “blow back” while they are cleaning the sewer lines. When this happens the water in the traps “blows back” thru the drains and toilets as the air pressure in the lines equalizes from cleaning. Usually the venting system in a houses plumbing prevents this. The best way to guard against a blow back is to place a towel over the toilet and close the lid. The contractor, Tunnel Vision, does have protocols in place to assist homeowners with clean up if necessary.
  5. Tree Planting – the Lake Superior Watershed Project has offered to plant 1000 trees in the Village. One location looked at was along the fence line of the paper mill site near River Road. I talked to Pat Tucker and he is okay with planting trees outside of the fence in this area. The trees, Red Pines or White Pines will help create a wind break and reduce blowing snow near the west bridge approach. (We had a few complaints about this last winter). Also the trees will help to be a screen between and industrial area and our parks. This planting could be done this year. The Rec Commission will be looking at other planting locations.
  6. Junk Ordinance – The hearing has been rescheduled to October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
  7. Meetings Attended – Housing Comm. 9/11, Marina Comm. 9/12, RPI (Hancock) 9/13, WUPPDR 9/18, Planning Comm. 9/20, Rec Comm. 9/20

**A motion was made by Hamm, second by Mogan, (CARRIED) to approve the Village Manager to attend the Transportation Asset Management Conference in Marquette on October 5<sup>th</sup> and cover expenses.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at the meeting**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**ABSENT: None**

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

**BUSINESS:**

A. **OLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Hamm, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to appoint T. Smydra, J. Hamm and D. Chastan to the Old Elementary School Committee.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** All present at the meeting

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**ABSENT:** None

A motion was made by Smydra, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to accept Bill Chabot as the Township representative to the Old Elementary School Committee.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** All present at the meeting

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**ABSENT:** None

A motion was made by Chastan, second by Hamm, (CARRIED) to accept Bruce Johanson as the Ontonagon Historical Society representative to the Old Elementary School Committee.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** All present at the meeting

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The resident at large and the DDA member for the Old Elementary School Committee will be tabled at this time.

### **B. REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITY RESOLUTION**

Resolution ~~2017-08~~ 2017-10 will formally declare the Village of Ontonagon to participate in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Redevelopment Ready communities program. The Village must be engaged in the process to be eligible for any MEDC grant programs.

**A motion was made by Mogan, second by Marks, (CARRIED) to approve Resolution ~~2017-08~~, after reviewing, the resolution number should be changed to 2017-10, Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Redevelopment Ready Communities program.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES: All present at the meeting**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**ABSENT: None**

### **C. ISLAND & PARKING LOT PAVING**

We received a bid from Pestka Construction for the paving of Island Road and the Paddle craft Landing parking lot. Subcontractor Angelo Luppino Inc. will be doing the paving. The bid price is \$57,920.00. \$63,500 is budgeted for this project.

**A motion was made by Marks, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to approve the proposal for Pestka Construction for the paving of Island Road and the Paddle Craft landing parking lot for the amount of \$57,920.00.**

**Roll Call:**

**AYES: All present at the meeting**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**D. STREET PATCHING QUOTE**

We received a quote from Norman Pestka for HMA blacktop patches. These are places over the past year where culverts have been replaced and/or water repairs were made. The quoted price is \$8,500.00 to \$9,000.00.

**A motion was made by Hamm, second by Mogan, (CARRIED) to approve Norman Pestka Construction for HMA blacktop patches not to exceed \$9,000.00.**

**Roll Call:**

**AYES: All present at the meeting**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**E. RESIGNATION FROM THE MARINA COMMISSION**

Gerald Mattson has resigned his seat from the Marina Commission. He term has expired and he will not be renewing his seat.

**A motion was made by Smydra, second by Seid, (CARRIED) to accept the resignation of Gerald Mattson from the Marina Commission.**

**Roll Call:**

**AYES: All present at the meeting**

**Nays: None**

**Abstain: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

- The Blight Committee will meet on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Village Council Chambers.
- The Building Development Committee will meet on Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers.
- Councilman Mogan commented on the incorrect Blight Committee Appeals Board information published in the local newspaper.

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- Councilman Marks discussed the DPW Garage Roof
- Councilman Smydra discussed progress at the RICC Park, issues at Rose Island and barricades at Wiesen property.
- Councilman Smydra complimented the Flower Ladies on the Halloween theme by the Ontonagon sign on M38.
- Councilman Mogan suggests the Village Manager notify the Village Council of any Blight citation he has issued.
- Councilman Chastan suggested sending Aspirus Hospital a letter of their involvement in the Community and their 10 year anniversary. The Village Manager suggested a formal Resolution.

**ADJOURN:**

**At 7:09 p.m. a motion was made by Seid, second by Chastan, (CARRIED) to adjourn the meeting.**

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**Marcia Aho-Black - Village Clerk**

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**Date approved**