

ORONOCO TOWN BOARD
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2022

The monthly Oronoco Town Board meeting was called to order on July 11, 2022 at 5:30 pm by Chair Ken Mergen. Present: Supervisors Ken Mergen, Charlie Lacy and Tammy Matzke; Clerk Lucy Shonyo and Treasurer Kim Stanton.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

The **agenda** was changed to allow visitor Karen MacLaughlin to address the board.

Karen MacLaughlin introduced herself. She will be on the November ballot seeking the office of Olmsted County Attorney. She told of her experience and priorities.

Agenda Topics

Road Report

The Arborists completed cleanup of trees and noxious weeds on **Kings Park Road**. Scott Schumacher noted that construction crews working on the city's sewer project are using the roadbed of **Minnesota Ave**, south of 100th St / Hwy112, as a staging area for fill being used for septic pipe burial. The road bed is being damaged by equipment scooping up this fill. Damage to the road crown and tiles has also occurred. Minnesota Ave was rocked this spring. Per the agreement with the City of Oronoco, the city will bring the road back to its pre-construction condition after construction is complete. Supervisor Lacy will talk with City of Oronoco Mayor Ryland Eichhorst. Having an on-site meeting with the project manager was also discussed.

Supervisor Lacy was contacted by Steve Allen about the township adopting **Providence Road NW** as a township road. Clerk Shonyo will verify the easements are completed and recorded. Scott Schumacher will check on a reported blocked culvert and pothole on **1st St SE**, past Oronoco Auto Parts.

Supervisor Lacy will get an estimate from The Arborists for removing four large cottonwood trees on **Cedar Beach Drive**. These trees are "on the line", with branches overhanging the road. The township will get approval from landowner(s) to remove the trees, noting that stump removal and landscaping will not be done at township expense.

Road Project Proposals

These projects were approved at the July 2022 meeting:

- **Shenandoah Lane:** Supervisor Mergen moved to accept the proposal from Rochester Sand & Gravel, proposal TM22087.6.1, for \$20,979,42, for repair of Shenandoah Lane as detailed in their proposal. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.
- **Frederich area:** Supervisor Mergen moved to accept the proposal from Rochester Sand & Gravel, proposal TM22087.3.1, for \$16,562.70, for repair in the Frederich area as detailed in their proposal. Supervisor Lacy second, motion carried 3-0.

Road Report / Road Project Proposals, continued

Supervisor Mergen met with Jim Johnson from Bergen and signed a proposal to repair **Ridgecrest Lane, Ridgecrest Dr, Frederich minus the south side of the road at 11th Ave, Hallorean Lane.**

Supervisor Mergen met with Jason Pearson from Fahrner regarding repair of **125th St and 18th Ave NW.**

Administrative Business

Minutes Approval –

Supervisor Matzke moved to approve the July 11th, 2022 town board meeting minutes. Supervisor Lacy second, motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Stanton

The YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of August 1, 2022 shows: receipts \$687,123.07; disbursements \$481,956.69 with an ending balance of \$1,480.496.69. Treasurer Stanton noted that the clerk’s CTAS, the treasurer’s CTAS and the bank balances match.

Significant receipts were the second draws of ARPA (about \$125,000) and tax revenue (about \$487,000).

Treasurer Stanton recommended closing the smaller CD (about \$34,685) since interest rates have dropped. **Supervisor Mergen moved to authorize Treasurer Stanton to close the CD of about \$35,000. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.**

Supervisor Lacy moved to approve the treasurer’s report. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.

Approval to Pay Bills

July net payroll (paid in August) was \$2,155.83. Claims totaled \$22,434.76. **Supervisor Lacy moved to approve payment of claims and payroll. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.**

OTPAC Report – OTPAC did not meet in July.

Oronoco Auto Parts – Supervisor Matzke submitted this update: “The MPCA conducted a site inspection on August 3rd. Jason Hawksford from MPCA provided pictures in Ramsey County Court of remaining tires, trash and hazardous waste.

There are two phases of the cleanup: hazardous waste and solid waste.

The owner is making an effort to complete the cleanup, and he has contracted with Braun Intertec for the hazardous waste cleanup.

Oronoco Auto Parts, continued

The owner purchased a special skid loader attachment that will pick up the piles of solid waste and sift out the dirt so the solid waste can be removed.

The next court hearing will be held in November unless a sufficient amount of progress has been made and the MPCA chooses to cancel the hearing. The next step will be to review the work plan for phase 2 which is focused on soil and ground water contamination. This step will be lead by Braun Intertec.”

Clerk Shonyo informed the board of a dog bite report received from Olmsted County Sheriff.

Supervisor Mergen moved to adjourn at 7:10pm. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Ken Mergen, Chair