

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2022 5:30 PM

The monthly Oronoco Town Board meeting was called to order on February 14, 2022 by Chair Charlie Lacy. Present: Supervisors Charlie Lacy, Ken Mergen and Tammy Matzke; Clerk Lucy Shonyo and Treasurer Kim Stanton.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

The **agenda** was changed to place Kristi Gross, Olmsted County Planner, first on the agenda.

Agenda Topics

Text Amendment Initiation – Kristi Gross – Planner Gross requested the board initiate a text amendment to the Oronoco Township Zoning Ordinance based on a decision made by the Olmsted County Board related to composting and material storage on site, O2021-002TA. Articles 2, 5, 7, 8 and 10 of the Olmsted County Zoning Ordinance are affected. The changes take effect March 31, 2022. Planner Gross noted that changes do not affect backyard composting and place no burden on farmers or property owners. **Supervisor Mergen moved to initiate text amendment O2021-002TA incorporating changes to Oronoco Township Zoning Ordinance. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.**

Road Report – Ken Mergen, Scott Schumacher

Supervisor Lacy contacted Sargeant Chambers about barriers placed in the township ROW inhibiting snow removal on Fitzpatrick Ln and Ridge Crest Ln. Sargeant Chambers indicated he would take care of it.

Providentia Drive – Core sampling has been completed but results are not yet available. This was done at township expense.

Driveways – Access Management – It is hoped Widseth will help construct a driveway policy that melds with Olmsted County ordinances.

Oronoco Auto Parts – Supervisor Matzke noted the court hearing scheduled for today has been moved to March 28th. Supervisor Matzke expects to be present.

Broadband Update – Bevcomm installation is complete for 330 households, mostly in the northern and western parts of the township. It is expected to go live in spring. The \$40,000 invoice was paid from the Broadband fund, not ARPA. There is about \$10,000 remaining in the fund, targeted for hard-to-connect households. Supervisor Matzke will find out who services Oronoco Estates.

Administrative Business

Minutes Approval –

Supervisor Mergen moved to approve the January 10th minutes. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Stanton

The YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of February 1, 2022 shows: receipts \$17,109.09; disbursements \$43,319.26 with an ending balance of \$1,249,120.14. The bank statement matches CTAS.

The Broadband project with Bevcomm is done.

The Shorewood Lane project is done. **Supervisor Matzke moved to close this fund and transfer the balance of about \$6,000 to the General Fund. Supervisor Mergen second, motion carried 3-0.**

The Ryan’s Bay Road project with Zumbro Township is done. **Supervisor Mergen moved to close this fund and transfer funds to Road and Bridge. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.**

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

Approval to Pay Bills

January net payroll (paid in February) totaled \$2,037.51. Claims totaled \$73,141.98. Clerk Shonyo will invoice Kevin Graner for additional legal expenses incurred with the vacate action. **Supervisor Mergen moved to approve payment of claims and payroll. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.**

OTPAC Report – There was no January meeting.

Supervisor Lacy told of a conversation with Bill Tointon from WSB Associates. Mr. Tointon is representing the Catholic Diocese of Winona and is asking the board to consider talking with the City of Rochester about an orderly annexation agreement. The diocese-owned land is in the vicinity of the Arne Nelson property in the area of 18th Ave and Hwy 63. It was previously understood that Rochester has a minimum acreage threshold for annexation. As previously stated, the board will discuss annexation with no commitment at this point.

Execute Resolution 2022-02, Vacate Portion of Sunset Bay Lane NE – The board executed this document. Clerk Shonyo will record the document with Olmsted County.

Annual Meeting – The preliminary PIFD increase for Oronoco Township is +17%. Due to ARPA funds received it's believed the total levy change can be kept to +2.5%.

The Reorg Meeting will be held at 5:00 April 11, before the regular monthly meeting.

County notice of the **Local Board of Appeal and Equalization** meeting was received. It will be Monday, April 18, between 4:30 and 5:00 at City Hall.

Supervisor Matzke moved to adjourn at 8:20pm. Supervisor Lacy second, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Charlie Lacy, Chair