

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2017

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on January 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm by Chairman, Neil Stolp. Supervisor Richard Lyke and treasurer, Kim Stanton were present.

Richard Lyke made a motion to approve the December 5, 2016 minutes. Neil Stolp seconded. Motion carried.

The order of agenda was accepted as presented.

The Treasurer's report in written form showed the year to date "Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances" as of December 31, 2017: Receipts \$1,568,395.13 and Disbursements \$1,455,920.95 with an ending balance of \$546,062.04. Kim will check on opening a CD. Richard Lyke made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried.

There was not an OPAC report. There was not a meeting in December.

First Responders did not have a report.

The bills were presented for payment, a total \$47,225.73. Richard Lyke made a motion to approve the January bills. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried.

Scott Schumacher discussed road maintenance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave Meyer returned with a follow up on the animal noise ordinance. There was discussion on the ordinance that Cascade Township has in place. Dave spoke with supervisor, Cascade Township, Arlen Heathman about their ordinance and how effective it was. He explained that the sheriff issues a warning first and then a ticket if not in compliance. The ordinance seems to be a good deterrent. Neil Stolp made a motion to adopt a similar ordinance and Richard Lyke seconded. Motion carried. The clerk will draft the ordinance for approval at the February 6 meeting.

Utility Permits: Following up – Neil has contacted Geoff Griffin, CEO of G-Cubed, Inc. They will issue the permits and manage them. Neil will let him know that Oronoco Township may be interested in working with him, however, Richard Lyke would like more information on costs, etc.

Cedar Beach Project-Sheila Craig was not available for the meeting, but forwarded Ellingson's payment request #5 for \$30,644.25. Richard Lyke made motion to approve payment of request #5 and Neil Stolp seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was not any new business.

Comments:

- Neil and Richard reported on the joint informational meeting with Zumbro Township.
 - "Wabasha County Engineer Dietrich Flesch was present to go over the preliminary design for Ryans Bay Road that his office had done. He noted that if the project were completed the road would have a 10 percent grade. He stated that the design worked within two constraints: the Windhorst driveway on one end and Sunset Bay Road on the other. Within those constraints, his proposed plan called for relocation Sunset Bay Road as it intersects with Ryans Bay Road" per minutes. Richard and Neil will be meeting with Denny Hornseth and Rob Sawinski, the owners of the property affected by Sunset Bay Road, on January 4, 2017. At the request of Hornseth and Sawinski, Sheila Craig will attend the meeting to explain a potential septic project.
- Olmsted County Sheriff Deputy reported on the icy roads over the Holiday season and who the emergency contact should be for the township roads. Scott Schumacher was available for discussion and gave the deputy his cards with the phone contacts and cell numbers for emergency situations. Neil expressed concern that the township officials should have clearance in disaster situations (like the last flood).
- Neil suggested that OPAC check on what the township has adopted over the years and make sure everything is current. Richard will pass that info on to OPAC.
- Mark had been the township representative at the Pine Island Community Planning Team meetings. Richard Lyke volunteered to attend as he is able.

Neil Stolp made a motion to adjourn, Richard Lyke seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Judy Haglund, Clerk _____