

ORONOCO TOWN BOARD
Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 11, 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 accepted as presented.

Agenda Topics

Road Report

A homeowner on 81st St posted an inappropriate sign relating to ditch and culvert work done by Schumacher Excavating, the township's road maintenance provider. Supervisor Lacy will write and send a letter on behalf of the township providing information about the township's authority in road right of ways, and financial consequences for disrupting, damaging and undoing work done by the township's road maintenance provider. [Supervisor Lacy spoke with the citizen instead of writing a letter.]

A citizen complained about the condition of **Thunderbluff Road**. Supervisor Lacy will check the road.

A citizen asked that large cottonwood trees along **Cedar Beach Dr** be removed fearing they are unstable. Supervisor Lacy will contact The Arborist for a professional evaluation.

There is a dead tree on the north end of **18th Ave NW**, across from the driveway leading to 13141, 13147 and 13153. Also, foliage is blocking the sign that warns of a curve ahead on 18th Ave NW just ahead of the dead tree.

Scott Schumacher reported that repair from damage caused by heavy rain is almost complete with some ditch work remaining. Brush and shrub removal is needed along Oronoco Auto Parts road (1st St SE).

Supervisors decided another application of chloride was not needed.

Road Project Proposals

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.

125th St and 18th Ave NW: Supervisor Mergen moved to request a revised proposal from Fahrner limited to 125th St and 18th Ave NW repairs only. [The proposal amount for repair to eight roads was \$13,500.] Supervisor Lacy second, motion carried 3-0. The board granted authority to Supervisor Mergen to accept and sign the revised proposal.

Road Project Proposals, continued

Ridgecrest Lane, Ridgecrest Dr, Frederich minus the south side of the road at 11th Ave, Hallorean Lane: Supervisor Mergen moved to request a revised proposal from Bargaen limited to Ridgecrest Lane, Ridgecrest Dr, Frederich minus the south side of the road at 11th Ave, Hallorean Lane repairs only. [The proposal amount for repair to seven roads was \$14,600.] Supervisor Lacy second, motion carried 3-0. The board granted authority to Supervisor Mergen to accept and sign the revised proposal.

Administrative Business

Minutes Approval –

Supervisor Matzke moved to approve the June 13th board meeting minutes. Supervisor Mergen second, motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Stanton

The YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of July 1, 2022 shows: receipts \$72,580.64; disbursements \$385,214.82 with an ending balance of \$962,696.13.

Treasurer Stanton noted that the clerk's CTAS, the treasurer's CTAS and the bank balances match.

A second CD of \$100,000 for a 12 month term at .49% interest was acquired.

The second distribution of ARPA funds of about \$125,000 was received July 1. The second distribution of tax proceeds of about \$487,000 was also received. These will show on next month's receipts register.

Treasurer Stanton advised to limit vendors paid from ARPA funds to (hopefully) streamline future reporting.

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

Approval to Pay Bills

June net payroll (paid in July) was \$1,890.09. Claims totaled \$94,851.78.

Supervisor Mergen moved to approve payment of claims and payroll. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.

OTPAC Report – OTPAC granted OR2022-001CUP allowing a mobile home as a second dwelling for reasons of physical or mental health.

There will be a discussion about increasing allowed animal units at a future meeting.

OTPAC By Laws are being revised. There was discussion about conflict-of-interest guidelines, and the differences between the MAT (Minnesota Assoc of Townships) guidelines and those followed by Olmsted County. Supervisor Lacy will contact Ben Griffith, Director of Planning, about this matter.

The August meeting has been cancelled.

Oronoco Auto Parts – Supervisor Matzke noted a June hearing was held. It was determined Oronoco Auto Parts has not sufficiently cleared the property. They have until July 20 to provide a written plan detailing how they will remove remaining debris. Failure to do so will result in a daily monetary penalty. It is expected MPCA will examine the property. Another hearing will be held August 5th.

Tree Quotes – Quotes from Astorino Tree Service and The Arborist were viewed. Astorino Tree Service did not respond to questions Clerk Shonyo asked about their quote. It was noted The Arborists have provided timely and professional service at a reasonable cost.
Supervisor Lacy moved to keep The Arborists as the township’s tree service provider. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.

Resolution 2022-07, Appoint Election Judges for August 9 Primary
Clerk Shonyo presented a resolution noting persons to serve at the Aug 9 primary, pending completion of election judge training. **Supervisor Lacy moved to adopt said motion. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.**

Cedar Beach Septic – Clerk Shonyo told of her conversation with Pat Loomis about a blower being out at the Cedar Beach system. It is on order with no expected date and no cost estimate available at this time. Mr. Loomis noted the system is not operating at design capacity so at this point this is not an urgent situation.

A shop / shed is being built on **Sunset Bay Road in John Kingsley’s development**. Per Kristi Gross no permits have been issued. Supervisor Matzke will call Planner Gross again.

Treasurer Stanton noted no response to his email to Bevcomm about when the 330 households will go live.

Supervisor Mergen moved to adjourn at 8:10pm. Supervisor Matzke second, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Ken Mergen, Chair