

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 1, 2020 5:30 PM

This was a teleconference meeting in response to the Peacetime Emergency Declaration issued by Gov Walz to prevent the transmission of COVID-19. The Board adopted Resolution 2020-05, Resolution Establishing the Ability to Conduct Open Meetings by Telephone at the April 6, 2020 meeting.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on June 1, 2020 by Chair Charlie Lacy. Present: Supervisors Charlie Lacy, Ken Mergen and Tammy Matzke, Treasurer Kim Stanton and Clerk Lucy Shonyo. Clay Cows was also in attendance.

The **agenda** was accepted as presented.

Agenda Topics

Ryans Bay Road Update – Per town attorney Bob Ruppe the project does not need to be rebid. Fitzgerald Excavating is okay with a summer/fall project.

The June 15 Public Hearing will be in-person.

Mr. Ruppe has not heard from property owners since they were served with the Petition and Notice of Public Hearing on May 22.

Road Report – Ken Mergen

Blading is in progress. Chloride application is complete. Ken Mergen noted that Scott Schumacher thought we could cut back on rock used if our road budget was strained. Jaguar Communications damaged a culvert on 11th Ave. Scott Schumacher will call them and inspect the repair when completed.

Mr. Cows, 10473 18th Ave NW, remarked that there are an increasing number of vehicles traveling down 18th Ave, a dead-end road, then turning around in peoples' driveways. Ken Mergen will contact the county about placing five reflective dead end signs between 102nd and King's Run.

Road Tour – Supervisors agreed that the #1 concern is Sattre Drive. The chip seal is peeling. There may be a warranty.

Placing a snow fence along 18th Ave to alleviate snow drifting was discussed. Property owner permission would be needed.

The culvert on 28th Ave needs replacing. Charlie Lacy will ask Scott Schumacher to price it out.

Utility Permitting – Tammy Matzke

Last month the board decided to use a simple form with no application, permit fees or bonds collected. The potential repair costs of the culvert damaged by Jaguar came up. Charlie Lacy recommends the board stay with the simple form and change it if needed. Ken Mergen agreed. Tammy Matzke will add some language to the form: contact info of the company doing the work, ROW construction disclaimer, and requiring restoration including seeding of the site when work is complete.

Cedar Beach Septic – Charlie Lacy

Last month the board learned that “cell 2” of the Cedar Beach Community Septic System needs repair. This is being addressed by Gopher Septic, Wenck Engineering and Chad Knutson from Olmsted CO. The board has no new information. Ken Mergen will follow up.

White Bridge Pier parking (former Fisherman’s Inn site)

The board discussed scheduling a public hearing in August to hear neighbors’ concerns and recommendations. Tammy Matzke thought August was too soon and recommends we get through one big summer holiday before holding the public hearing.

Administrative Business

Minutes Approval –

Tammy Matzke made a motion to approve the **May 4, 2020 monthly meeting minutes**. Ken Mergen second, motion carried 3-0. [Lacy – aye, Mergen – aye, Matzke – aye].

Ken Mergen made a motion to approve the **May 11, 2020 special meeting**. Tammy Matzke second. Motion carried 3-0. [Lacy – aye, Mergen – aye, Matzke – aye].

Treasurer’s Report – Kim Stanton

The YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of May 31, 2020 shows: Receipts \$52,200.43 and Disbursements \$261,582.64 with an ending balance of \$389,586.09. May net payroll (paid in June) totaled \$1,955.22, bills totaled \$91,258.92.

The schedule1 is off by \$7.00 due to a bank fee. A claim will be done for that expenditure next month. The CD due in August is available to cover a tax receipt shortfall if needed. Changes have occurred in Oronoco Cemetery management. The township may want to review their financial statement before next year’s donation. Ken Mergen made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as presented. Tammy Matzke second, motion carried 3-0. [Lacy – aye, Mergen – aye, Matzke – aye].

Approval to Pay Bills –

Claims totaling \$91,258.92 and net payroll totaling \$1,955.22 were presented for payment. Kim Stanton noted an error in the 457b withholdings. This will be researched and corrected in July. Ken Mergen made a motion to approve claims and payroll payments. Tammy Matzke second, motion carried 3-0. [Lacy – aye, Mergen – aye, Matzke – aye].

OTPAC Report – Charlie Lacy – There was a ZOOM meeting in May. OTPAC approved OR2020-001CUP, Elcor Construction.

Sealed Bid Opening – Charlie Lacy and Lucy Shonyo will open sealed bids for all-season road maintenance at 10:00 am on June 2 at the Oronoco City Hall.

King's Park / DNR buyout / 2010 flood - Tammy Matzke was approached by Mark Jordahl, 204 105th St NW, about buying the property adjacent to his owned by Oronoco Township. The property (208 105th St NW) was deeded to Oronoco Township in 2012 after the DNR purchased it in a flood buyout program from Samuel and Kylene Allen. Oronoco Township is bound by stringent Flood Mitigation Deed Restrictions in the use of this land. The land is not for sale.

Tammy Matzke made a motion to adjourn at 6:30pm. Ken Mergen second, motion carried 3-0. [Lacy – aye, Mergen – aye, Matzke – aye].

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Charlie Lacy, Chair