

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING / JOINT MEETING
ORONOCO & ZUMBRO TOWN BOARDS
MARCH 18, 2019 10:00am

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A Special Meeting / Joint Meeting of the Oronoco and Zumbro Town Boards was called to order on March 18, 2018 by Oronoco Town Board Chair Neil Stolp. Present were Oronoco Supervisors Charlie Lacy and Ken Mergen, Treasurer Kim Stanton and Clerk Lucy Shonyo; Zumbro Town Board Supervisors Ed Jostock and Mark Fjelstad and Clerk Dori Klein. Zumbro Supervisor Jerry Siems joined the conversation by phone. Jason Fitzgerald from Fitzgerald Excavating and Dietrich Flesch, Wabasha County Highway Engineer were also present. The meeting was held at the Community Center City in Oronoco.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue the discussion about the potential Ryan's Bay road project. There was no formal agenda but a checklist of discussion topics was compiled by Ken Mergen and Lucy Shonyo. Ken Mergen is the Oronoco Town Board's point person for this project.

The Ryan's Bay Road project is now possible because landowners' have agreed to sell only the land needed for the road project to the township(s). Formerly the land needed for the road was tied to purchase of land needed for the potential Sunset Bay joint septic system. The asking price of the land is \$13,500. / acre and must include the "inside corner" of the property. Kim Stanton asked if the landowners would consider a contract for deed, with payment made over a number of years. This remains an open question.

Both townships agreed to pursue this joint road project understanding that many decisions remain to be negotiated.

Both townships agreed to go with the plan previously submitted by Dietrich Flesch which includes taking the hill to a 10% grade and moving where Sunset Bay Road turns off Ryan's Bay Road.

Oronoco Township: A motion was made by Ken Mergen to hire Dietrich Flesch to update the existing engineering plans in order that they become final construction plans that contractors can bid from. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 3 – 0.

Zumbro Township: A motion was made by Mark Fjelstad to hire Dietrich Flesch to update the existing engineering plans in order that they become final construction plans that contractors can bid from. Ed Jostock seconded, motion carried 2 – 0.

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Oronoco Township: A motion was made by Ken Mergen to split final construction plan engineering costs 50 / 50 between Oronoco and Zumbro Townships. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 3 – 0.

Zumbro Township: A motion was made by Ed Jostock to split final construction plan engineering costs 50 / 50 between Oronoco and Zumbro Townships. Mark Fjelstad seconded, motion carried 2 – 0.

Mark Fjelstad noted that Zumbro Township previously agreed to split costs 50 / 50 but that the 50 / 50 split on the land purchase cost is outside of that agreement since the land to be purchased is in Oronoco Township. This requires further discussion.

Deitrich Flesch and Jason Fitzgerald roughly estimate the project will require 30 working days with construction happening fall 2019.

A registered land surveyor will need to be hired by the townships. This must be done before land can be purchased. Getting bids will be discussed in April.

Neil Stolp asked Dietrich Flesch for a rough estimate of the acreage needed.

Dietrich Flesch will contact companies about locating and moving utility lines. Utility companies pay for this. A long lead time is needed.

Temporary easements may be needed from property owners.

A MPCA permit will be needed; the road contractor will manage this.

Straight ROWs are recommended. ROWs will be discussed in April.

A letter will be sent to affected property owners about the timing and scope of work when more is known. There may be times when the road needs to be closed.

It is important that heavy road machinery not be on the potential septic site land. It was asked that this be noted on the final construction plans.

Another joint meeting to discuss this project will be held Monday, April 1, 2019 at 8:30pm at the Oronoco Community Center.

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Oronoco Township: A motion to adjourn was made by Ken Mergen at 11:35am. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3 – 0.

Zumbro Township: A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Fjelstad at 11:35am. Ed Jostock seconded, motion carried 2 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Shonyo, Oronoco Township Clerk

Neil Stolp, Oronoco Town Board Chair