

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2017

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on October 2, 2017 by Chairman Neil Stolp. Supervisors Neil Stolp, Richard Lyke and Charlie Lacy, and Treasurer Kim Stanton were present. The meeting was held at the Presbyterian Church due to a gas smell at the Community Center.

Charlie Lacy made a motion to approve the September 5, 2017 minutes, Richard Lyke seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The order of agenda was changed to put Metes & Bounds #OR2017-003MB as the first item, followed by the Yanish fence viewing discussion.

The Treasurer's report in written form showed the monthly "Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances" as of September 31, 2017: Receipts \$410,778.55 and Disbursements \$794,537.74 with an ending balance of \$162,302.85. Reports are off by \$7.00 due to a bank fee. This will self-correct next month. Neil Stolp made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

There was no OPAC report as the meeting was cancelled.

Charlie Lacy attended the Pine Island Community meeting. Elk Run is being renamed Pine Meadow, with a new business / development planned, yet to be announced.

First Responder runs: September had 6 runs, 3 City and 3 Township.

Scott Schumacher reported Cedar Beach and Kings Park work was complete or will be completed soon.

The bills were presented for payment, totaling \$33,488.79. The Claims List for Approval is short \$7.00 due to a bank fee. This will self-correct next month. Charlie Lacy made a motion to approve the September bills. Richard Lyke seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Metes & Bounds #OR2017-003MB - Applicant Steve Zeldenrust, 13229 Postier Drive NW, Oronoco, proposed “to split approximately 5.83 acres from his property for sale to the owner of adjacent property to provide permanent access to Lake Zumbro”. This split would not reduce the Zeldenrust property to smaller than 2 acres as required by the Oronoco Zoning Ordinance. Richard Lyke made a motion to approve this proposal. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Yanish fence viewing discussion – Neil Stolp and Charlie Lacy inspected Mr. Yanish’s fence and his neighbor’s adjacent property on September 14, 2017, at Mr. Yanish’s request. Neil Stolp and Charlie Lacy found “(1) Many parts of the fence have been damaged by brush sitting on or pushing through the fence, (2) The potential for future problems is high, and the brush on the neighboring property should be cleaned up in a timely matter.” The board indicated they have no enforcement authority and, if discussion with the neighboring land-owner isn’t productive, legal action would be the next step.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cedar Beach Septic:

Resolution #OR10217, Resolution Setting the 2018 Service Charge for the Cedar Beach Waste Water Subordinate Service District. [Service charge is commonly referred to as O&M, Operation and Maintenance] This resolution maintains the service fee at \$475.00 per property for 2018, and keeps it at this amount until the Board acts by resolution to change it. Charlie Lacy made a motion to adopt Resolution OR10217. Richard Lyke seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Change Order #4 was received from Wenck Associates, Inc. This covered additional restoration work at three Cedar Beach properties with steep slopes. A motion to accept this Change Order was made by Neil Stolp. Richard Lyke seconded, motion carried 3-0. Change Order #4 was signed by Chairman Neil Stolp.

Pay Estimate No. 8 (Final Payment) Oronoco Township paid Wenck Associates, Inc \$24,751.78 on October 2, 2017. Neil Stolp made a motion acknowledging final payment. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0. Pay Estimate No. 8 (Final Payment) for the Cedar Beach Community Wastewater Collection and Treatment System was signed by Chairman Neil Stolp.

First Amendment to the Contract for Operation and Maintenance Services (Cedar Beach Wastewater System): This is an agreement between Oronoco Township and Gopher Septic Service, Inc to provide mowing services on the Cedar Beach drainfield area. Neil Stolp made a motion to accept this First Amendment. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0. This Amendment was signed by Pat Loomis, President, Gopher Septic Service, Inc [before the meeting] and Chairman Neil Stolp.

First Amendment to the Contract for Operation and Maintenance Services (Kings Park Wastewater System): This is an agreement between Oronoco Township and Gopher Septic Service, Inc to provide mowing services on the Kings Park drainfield area. Neil Stolp made a motion to accept this First Amendment. Richard Lyke seconded, motion carried 3-0. This Amendment was signed by Pat Loomis, President, Gopher Septic Service, Inc [before the meeting] and Chairman Neil Stolp.

Cedar Beach Establishment Resolution – Sheila Craig is in conversation with an attorney about the course of action if this original resolution cannot be located.

Cedar Beach letter to homeowners – Sheila Craig will write a letter to homeowners addressing (1) seasonal absences, (2) electrical issues, (3) monitoring and reporting unpleasant smells. Septic issues relating to seasonal absences or problems with a home's wiring will be the financial responsibility of individual homeowners. Some homeowners have reported unpleasant smells. They are to note specifics (date, time) and report them to Gopher Septic.

Kings Park O&M Review – A motion was made by Neil Stolp to keep the Kings Park O&M charge the same as last year, \$425.00 per property. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0. [OR111014A - Resolution Setting the Annual Service Charge for the Kings Park Wastewater Subordinate Service District]

Letter to Kings Park homeowner wanting to disconnect – Sheila Craig noted that a letter was sent to the homeowner wanting to disconnect from the Kings Park service district from an attorney representing Oronoco Township. The letter indicates that disconnecting is not possible.

Sunset Bay Septic - Sheila Craig notes that the engineers are "ready to go", waiting for PFA signoff. Most homeowner surveys are in.

Sandy Point – Sheila Craig got inquiries about the possibility of a septic project from two Sandy Point area residents. She will contact Olmsted County.

Sunset Bay Road - State funding requests are due Dec 1. Oronoco Township has a sponsor in Olmsted County Commissioner and Oronoco Township resident Mark Thein. We are waiting for word from Zumbro Township / Wabasha County that they are ready to move forward.

River Hill Court Special Assessments - Treasurer Kim Stanton provided a preliminary amortization table based on \$15,235.86 per resident, at 3.75% interest over 10 years. Kim Stanton got a question from a homeowner about paying half the assessment, then amortizing the other half. The Board decided this was not possible due to the challenges of having one homeowner on a different schedule.

18th Ave Extension Special Assessments - Treasurer Kim Stanton provided a preliminary amortization table based on \$19,878.65 per resident, at 3.75% interest over 10 years.

Yanish fence discussion was moved up on the agenda.

Town Board Pay – Neil Stolp made a motion to adopt **Resolution Establishing a Policy for the Compensation and Reimbursement of Town Officers, OR10217B**. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Election Judge, OPAC members, Annual Meeting Moderator pay – Charlie Lacy made a motion to affirm current payrates of \$15.00 an hour for election judges, \$45.00 a meeting for appointed OPAC members, and \$45.00 a meeting for the Annual Meeting Moderator. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Metes & Bounds #OR2017-003MB was moved up on the agenda.

Presbyterian Church usage – Charlie Lacy made a motion to pay the Presbyterian Church \$50. for the use of their building for our meeting. Neil Stolp seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Comments from Board and Public:

- There were no new residential building permits issued in August for Oronoco Township.
- There is no “forfeited land” in Oronoco Township per a report from Olmsted County.
- We have some roads that need mileage recorded.
- Charlie Lacy agreed to attend the next Fire District meeting in Pine Island.
- Neil Stolp plans to have preliminary 2018 needed blacktop and road projects in November.
- Lucy Shonyo will contact Rochester / Olmsted County Planning about Metes & Bounds packets not being sent to Board members via email or mail.

A motion to adjourn was made by Neil Stolp, seconded by Charlie Lacy. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Neil Stolp, Chair