

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on September 5, 2017 by Chairman Neil Stolp. Supervisors Neil Stolp, Richard Lyke and Charlie Lacy, and Treasurer Kim Stanton were present.

Richard Lyke made a motion to approve the August 7, 2017 minutes, Charlie Lacy seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The order of agenda was changed to put Ron Yanish as the first item of New Business, followed by Jon Alness. The Snow & Ice Policy and Board Compensation will be the last items.

The Treasurer's report in written form showed the monthly "Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances" as of August 31, 2017: Receipts \$410,615.55 and Disbursements \$538,665.67 with an ending balance of \$418,011.92. Kim Stanton will research the PILOT payment from Olmsted County. Richard Lyke 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.

First Responder runs: July had 13 runs, 8 City, 8 Township; August had 8 runs, 4 City, 4 Township.

Scott Schumacher reported ditch cleanings and culvert work as well as work at Cedar Beach and Kings Park.

Neil Stolp noted that Clayton Cows, (18th Ave extension road work) is working with the contractor to correct an issue with the edge of the pavement.

The bills were presented for payment, totaling \$253,930.52. Richard Lyke made a motion to approve the August bills. Charlie Lacy seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Ron Yanish spoke with the Board about neighbors' trees on the property line. The Board will do an on-site inspection at Mr. Yanish's property.

Jon Alness from Zumbro Valley Forestry and Prairie Land Professionals was invited by the Board for a Q&A about noxious weeds. Mowing vs spraying was discussed. Mowing at the wrong time will broadcast weed seeds. When spraying using an activator with the chemical is advised. Spraying is best done when the plant is at the rosette stage. Spraying must be done when the air is calm. The herbicide Escort is effective, but is a restricted use herbicide available only to persons with an Applicator's License. The herbicide 24D is readily available to residents who want to control weeds on their property. The possible perimeters of bid requests were discussed in the event the Board decides to go that route. Treatment could be done only where needed, but that makes the process more manual and therefore more expensive. Doing a trial on a limited area is an option. Noxious weed control will be an agenda item for our Annual Meeting in March 2018.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cedar Beach Septic: The Final Inspection Report was received from the MPCA. Ellingson's is working on finishing some items. We will probably have the final invoice for October payment.

Cedar Beach and King's Park Mowing Agreement: An amendment to the O&M contracts with Gopher Septic for mound mowing is work in progress. This is expected to be ready for October signoff.

Sunset Bay Septic: A motion was made by Richard Lyke, seconded by Charlie Lacy to accept the "Agreement between Oronoco Township and Wenck Associates, Inc. for a Community Assessment Report". Motion carried 3-0. Zumbro Township is also doing a septic project for Sunset Bay homeowners in Wabasha County.

Sunset Bay Road: Neil Stolp noted that there is state money available for projects like this. Oronoco and Zumbro Townships will work together to hopefully gain funding.

River Hill Court and 18th Ave Extension paving: At the June 2017 Board Meeting a motion was passed to charge homeowners 4.5% over 10 years. There was concern voiced by owners that this rate was higher than expected. Kim Stanton presented options for the Board to consider. A motion was made by Richard and seconded by Charlie, to charge River Hill and 18th Ave Extension homeowners 3.75% over 10 years. Motion carried 3-0. Kim Stanton will work with Olmsted County in recording and implementing this special assessment.

NEW BUSINESS:

White Birch Court black topping: There is a pothole that needs repair. Neil Stolp will get bids for this and other needed work in anticipation of next year's road projects. This information will be helpful in assessing what our road budget needs to be next year.

Snow & Ice Policy: After discussion, the Board decided not to adopt a Snow & Ice Policy.

Supervisor and Clerk / Treasurer pay: The Board decided: Monthly Stipend: \$300/supervisors, \$350/treasurer, \$400/clerk; Monthly Board Meeting: \$150 for all board members; \$20/hour for meetings and work outside of monthly meetings for all board members. This is retroactive to September 1, 2017. This will be formalized in a Resolution to be passed at our October meeting.

Election Judge, OPAC Members, Annual Meeting Moderator pay: This will be discussed at the October meeting.

Comments from Board and Public:

- Charlie Lacy reported that a feed-lot set-back issue was discussed at the Pine Island Community meeting that requires further research.
- There were 2 building permits for new single-family houses issued for Oronoco Township in July.
- Neil Stolp told of a possible commercial development in the Township.
- There was a discussion about the issue of mobile home communities having poor or no storm shelters.

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