

MINUTES
MONTHLY ORONOCO TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 3, 2019 5:30 PM

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

The monthly Oronoco Town Board Meeting was called to order on September 3, 2019 by Chair Neil Stolp. Supervisors Charlie Lacy and Ken Mergen were present as well as Treasurer Kim Stanton and Clerk Lucy Shonyo.

The **order of agenda** was changed to place the PIFD discussion first, the road report second, followed by the rest of the agenda.

Kristi Gross, Olmsted County Planning, informed the board that OR2019-005VAR, applicant Nelson, could not be held tonight due to an error in the notification process. The board set a special meeting for Monday, September 16, 6:30pm at the Oronoco City Hall, to hold this public hearing.

Minutes Approval – Ken Mergen made a motion to approve the August 5 meeting minutes. Charlie Lacy second, motion carried 3 – 0.

Agenda Topics

PIFD Fire Truck purchase – Brandon Sather, Fire Chief, and Kyle Dessner were present to tell of PIFD's need to purchase a new fire pumper truck that services townships in the fire district. The existing pumper has mechanical issues, being out of service more than in service. An estimated \$150,000 - \$200,000 has been spent on repairs. Another issue is that six firefighters cannot fit in the current truck. This is a safety issue and not consistent with firefighting protocol. There is about \$350,000 in the new equipment fund. The new truck with necessary equipment would be about \$635,000. Chief Sather estimated a 2% increase would be necessary in fire district members fire fund levies. The manufacturer will finance on a 5-, 7- or 10-year term at 4% interest. The board thanked them for being present and for the work they do.

Road Report – Scott Schumacher, Neil Stolp

Charlie Lacy and Tom Rathmann fixed the drainage issue on Evergreen Drive. Reflectors will be placed on road edges.

#OR2019-004VAR, applicant Graner – [The complete staff report issued by Olmsted County Planning can be found at <https://www.co.olmsted.mn.us/yourgovernment/twp/oronoco/Pages/tb.aspx> Go to the bottom of the page and select #OR2019-004VAR. A paper copy is available from the clerk]. Chair Stolp opened the public hearing.

Kristi Gross, Olmsted County Planning, outlined the variance requested and background.

#OR2019-004VAR, applicant Graner – continued

The following is a portion of the Planning Staff Report for #OR2019-004VAR. The public hearing remarks follow the staff report.

- Request:** Oronoco Township Variance #OR2019-004VAR by Kevin Graner to build a dwelling with reduced setbacks and closer than the required setback to the ordinary high-water mark.
- Location:** The property is zoned R-1 Low Density Residential district and is located in the Kurth's Subdivision. The address is 13419 Sunset Bay Lane, Zumbro Falls MN. That part of the NW 1/4 Section 2 T108N R14W, Oronoco Township.
- Zoning:** R-1 Low Density Residential zoning district

ACTION ITEMS

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| <p>Board Action Summary:</p> <p>The request is for a variance to build a dwelling and attached garage that does not meet setbacks</p> | <p>Planning Staff Recommendation:</p> <p>Based on the findings of fact and conclusions Planning Staff recommends the Oronoco Town Board approve the variance to build a dwelling and attached garage according to the site plan in the staff report.</p> |
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Background

The property covers a few parcel lines and is zoned both R-1 and A-2. Due to the property being in shoreland and contiguously owned, the parcels will have to be combined in order for the new dwelling to be built on the property. The current dwelling is located about 45 feet from the ordinary high water mark (OHWM). The proposed new dwelling will be located further from the OHWM than the current dwelling is located.

Criteria for Granting a Variance

According to Section 4.08 in the Oronoco Township Zoning Ordinance, a variance from a provision of this zoning ordinance may be granted by the Board of Adjustment in those cases where the zoning ordinance is found to impose unnecessary hardship to a property owner. The Board of Adjustment may not permit as a variance any use that is not permitted for the property in the district where the affected person's land is located.

#OR2019-004VAR, applicant Graner – continued

Criteria for Granting a Variance: A variance may be granted only when the applicant for the variance establishes that there are practical difficulties in complying with the official control. Economic considerations do not constitute practical difficulties. The Oronoco Board of Adjustment must find evidence that all the following facts and conditions exist:

1. **The existing dwelling is located closer to the OHWM than the proposed structure. The applicant is utilizing the size of the lot to the fullest by bringing the structure close to the road right of way and keeping as big of a setback as possible to the water.**
2. **There is not a way to replace the existing dwelling while meeting required setbacks to both the water and the road. The proposed location minimized the OHWM setback as much as possible while preserving a location for an on-site sewage treatment system.**
3. **The proposed should not have any detrimental effects to adjacent property.**
4. **The request is not general or recurrent in nature. The request is common amongst small lots located within the shoreland district, however shoreland rules are derived from Minnesota State Statutes, which municipalities and jurisdictions are required to be compliant with.**
5. **The request is the minimum variance that allows for replacement of the dwelling.**

Subdivisions 6-8 do not pertain

When deciding a variance to the Shoreland District or the River Corridor District regulations, the following additional factors shall be considered:

9. **The use is not prohibited in the district nor is it allowing a lower degree of flood protection.**
10. **Development does not exist on both sides of the proposed building site.**
11. **The property does not contain unusual topographic or substantial elevation above the lake level.**
12. **The applicant is proposing a pre-treatment sewage treatment system. Therefore this would allow the OHWM setback to be reduced to 70 feet.**
13. **Since the proposal is for a new dwelling a compliant sewage treatment system is required for all new dwelling construction.**

#OR2019-004VAR, applicant Graner – continued

Staff Recommendation

Based upon all the above findings being met staff recommends approval of the following variances:

1. A variance to build a dwelling approximately 60 feet from the ordinary high water mark according to the site plan provided in the staff report.
2. A variance to build a dwelling 15' from the township road right of way instead of the required 30 feet setback in accordance with the site plan provided in the staff report.

Board and public comments:

The board had no questions for Ms. Gross or the applicant.

Chair Stolp asked three times for comments for or against the variance.

The applicant, Kevin Graner, spoke in favor of granting the variance. The new home and garage will be a big improvement to the current structures and will raise the township tax base. The new structures will be higher above the ordinary high water mark than current structures.

A neighbor indicated he "had no problem with it."

With no others wanting to speak Neil Stolp made a motion to approve #OR2019-004VAR based on the facts, staff findings and staff recommendations. He noted there was no neighborhood opposition. Charlie Lacy second, motion carried 3 – 0.

#OR2019-005VAR, applicant Nelson could not be heard tonight due to an error in notification. It will be heard Monday, September 16, 6:30pm, Oronoco City Hall.

#OR2019-006VAR, applicant Astorino [The complete staff report issued by Olmsted County Planning can be found at <https://www.co.olmsted.mn.us/yourgovernment/twp/oronoco/Pages/tb.aspx> Go to the bottom of the page and select OR2019-006VAR. A paper copy is available from the clerk.]

Chair Stolp opened the public hearing.

Kristi Gross, Olmsted County Planning, outlined the variance requested and background.

Ms. Gross noted that previous variance request #OR2019-003 held July 15, 2019 was denied by the Oronoco Town Board. Since then the applicants have cleaned up their property and have submitted a plan with the proposed storage building in a different location on their property, not visible from the road and farther away from their nearest neighbor to the south. County staff has verified cleanup. Staff supports approval of OR2018-006VAR with eight conditions. The board could modify these conditions per Ms. Gross. The current variance request, if approved, expires in two years.

#OR2019-006VAR, applicant Astorino – continued

There was discussion among the board and Ms. Gross about the language in Oronoco Township Zoning Ordinance Section 10.02 relating to employees and the difference between employees being on-site or off-site.

The following is the Planning Staff Report for #OR2019-006VAR. The public hearing remarks follow the staff report.

- Request:** Oronoco Township Variance #OR2019-006VAR by Jessiah and Shannon Astorino. The request is to allow exterior storage for a home occupation.
- Location:** The property is located in the Safari Estates Subdivision. The address is 7651 11 Ave NW. It is on the west side of 11 Ave NW; North of Highway 63 (75th St NW); in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 Section 34 of Oronoco Township.
- Zoning:** R-1 Low Density Residential zoning district

ACTION ITEMS

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| <p>Board Action Summary: A variance to allow exterior storage for a home occupation.</p> | <p>Planning Staff Recommendation: Based on findings of fact in the staff report the Oronoco Township Board of Adjustment approve the variance to allow for exterior storage associated with tree service home occupation subject to eight (8) conditions</p> |
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Background
The property in question is zoned R-1, Low Density Residential zoning district. The property is currently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Astorino. It is located within the Safari Estates Subdivision. Mr. and Mrs. Astorino have been using their property as a home office for a tree service business and it was recently brought to their attention that a permit was required for such a use and that exterior storage associated with the home occupation was not permitted within the R-1 zoning district.

#OR2019-006VAR, applicant Astorino – continued

The applicants are requesting a variance to this requirement to allow for exterior storage. They are proposing to screen the location of the trucks from the adjacent property owners with a privacy fence.

The applicants made a similar request at a public hearing that was held July 15, 2019. The minutes from that meeting are attached. The discussion of the board focused on the request being unique to the landowner, the current non-compliant status of the property, and the location of the storage being located too close to the abutting neighbor.

Mr. Stolp made a motion to deny variance #OR2019-003VAR based on the following amendments to the staff recommended findings:

- The extraordinary conditions or circumstances are due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner; The conditions requiring the variance were created by the property owners. **The property zoned R-1 was purchased by the landowners without a storage building. The business they started necessitates the storage building. (amended finding)**
- The variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this ordinance; **The variance is not in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this ordinance. (amended finding)**

Mr. Lacy seconded, and the motion carried 3-0. [Stolp: deny, Lacy: deny, Mergen: deny]

The applicant requests the following:

A variance to allow exterior storage of trucks in association with a home occupation.

Zoning Regulations

Section 10.02 of the Oronoco Township Zoning Ordinance provide requirements for Home Businesses:

Section 10.02 **HOME BUSINESSES:**

- A. In any zoning district where home businesses are authorized, a home business shall comply with the following regulations:
 1. Said use shall occupy an area no more than twenty five (25%) percent of the total floor area of the dwelling.
 2. No home business shall require substantial interior or exterior alterations of the dwelling.

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3. No home business shall create emissions, surface or groundwater discharges, odor, dust, noise, electrical disturbances, glare, or vibrations exceeding the standards of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency measured at the source of the emission or discharge, the property line, or within 500 feet of the nearest neighboring dwelling.
 4. Unless prohibited in the district, a business allowed as a conditional use in the RC, CS, HC, or I districts shall be considered for approval as a home business only through the conditional use permit process.
- B. A home business allowed in the R-A, R-1, R-2, or RSD Districts shall comply with the following regulations, in addition to the requirements of Section 10.02 A.
1. No person shall be employed other than a member of the household residing on the premises.
 2. The home business shall be conducted entirely within buildings, including the dwelling and no more than one accessory structure, and may involve the use of no more than one accessory structure exclusively for storage.
 3. Signage shall be limited to one (1) non-illuminated identifying sign measuring not more than two square feet in area.
 4. No business shall be permitted as a home business that is allowed as a conditional use in the RC, CS, HC, or I districts.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

Analysis and Findings

The findings of fact support approval for the variance to allow exterior storage for a home based business with the following conditions:

1. The storage is limited to the three truck types stated in the application
2. No byproducts of the tree business such as tree parts or woodchips can be stored on any part of the property.
3. Vehicles associated with the home business shall not use Safari Ct NW.
4. An E bufferyard is required along the south property line. Figure 1 below show requirements for E bufferyard.
5. Must install a 6' privacy fence per site plan.
6. Must apply for Home Business application.
7. The Home Business exterior storage must be terminated if a detached accessory building is built on the property.
8. The variance will expire in two years on September 3, 2021.

#OR2019-006VAR, applicant Astorino – continued

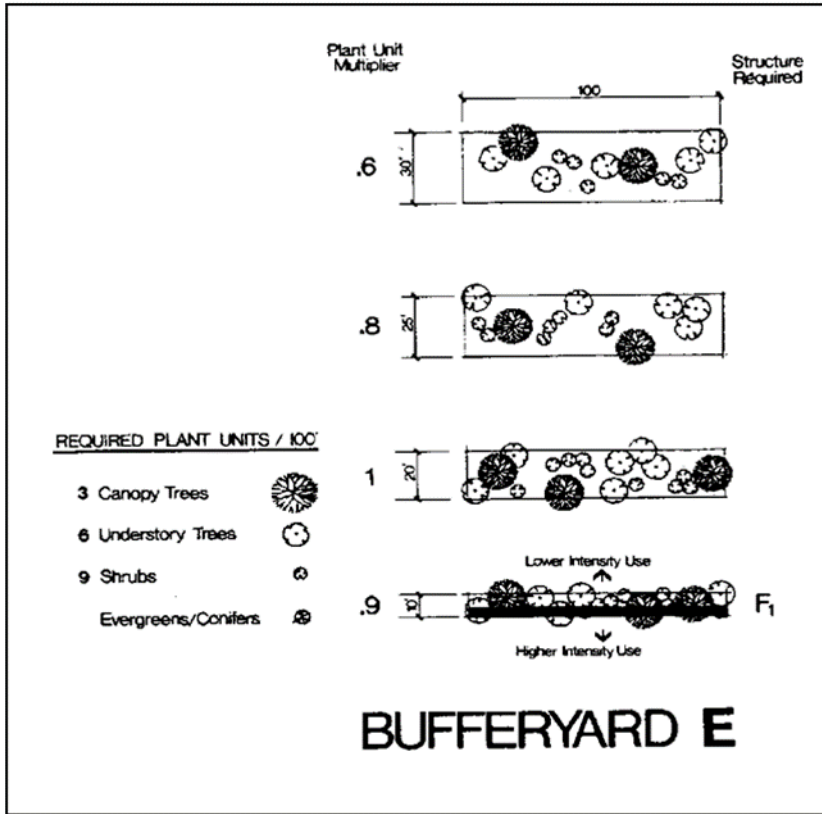


Figure 1

According to Section 4.08 in the Oronoco Township Zoning Ordinance, a variance from a provision of this zoning ordinance may be granted by the Board of Adjustment in those cases where the zoning ordinance is found to impose unnecessary hardship to a property owner. The Board of Adjustment may not permit as a variance any use that is not permitted for the property in the district where the affected person's land is located.

- A. Criteria for Granting a Variance: A variance may be granted only when the applicant for the variance establishes that there are practical difficulties in complying with the official control. Economic considerations do not constitute practical difficulties. The Oronoco Board of Adjustment must find evidence that all of the following facts and conditions exist:
1. There are extraordinary conditions or circumstances, such as irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of the lot or exceptional topographical or physical conditions which are peculiar to the property and do not apply to other lands within the neighborhood or the same class of zoning district; **The property in question is heavily vegetated. The property is adjacent to the agricultural district which would allow exterior storage for a home based business.**
 2. The extraordinary conditions or circumstances are due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner; **The business is created by the landowner, therefore the circumstances have been created by the landowner. However, the fact**

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that there is not a detached accessory building to use for storage is not created by the landowner. There was not a detached accessory building on the property when the current owners bought the property. The applicant was unaware a permit would be required for the business. The property is unique in the fact that it is so heavily wooded that with additional bufferyard requirements, the exterior storage can be accomplished in a manner not to impose any disturbance to the adjacent property owners. Staff recommended conditions that would address the neighbors' concerns on Safari Way.

3. The variance is necessary to overcome practical difficulties in complying with the zoning ordinance so that the property can be used in a reasonable manner not permitted by the ordinance; **The practical difficulty in complying with the ordinance is that the applicant would have to build a structure to store the proposed business trucks in. The proposed exterior storage would allow for the least impact to the property. A variance by nature is indefinite. In the recommended conditions staff is recommending a time limit so that it expires and is not an indefinite situation. The applicant may choose to request a new variance at its expiration.**
4. The variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or materially injurious to other property in the area, and will not alter the essential character of the locality; **So long as the required conditions are met the proposal should be an improved impact to the neighbors. The home business is permitted, the exterior storage of the vehicles and storage of the arborist byproducts are not permitted. The variance would permit only the storage of the vehicles only.**
5. The variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this ordinance; and **The variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this ordinance.**
6. The terms of the variance are consistent with the comprehensive plan. The request is consistent with the comprehensive plan. **The Oronoco Township and Olmsted County comprehensive plans support infill development of properties.**

Staff Recommendation

The findings of fact support approval for the variance to allow exterior storage for a home based business with the following conditions:

1. The storage shall be limited to the three truck types stated in the application
2. No byproducts of the tree business such as tree parts or woodchips shall be stored on any part of the property.
3. Vehicles associated with the home business shall not use Safari Ct NW.
4. An E bufferyard shall be required along the south property line.
5. Shall install a 6' privacy fence per site plan.
6. Shall apply for Home Business application.
7. The Home Business exterior storage shall be terminated if a detached accessory building is built on the property.
8. The variance shall expire in two years on September 3, 2021.

#OR2019-006VAR, applicant Astorino – continued

Chair Stolp asked three times for comments for or against the variance.

Neighbors to the Astorinos said they lived there 20 years and appreciate the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. They are economically and emotionally invested in their property. They like the Astorinos and respect their right to make a living, but their business is a deterrent to the neighborhood. The Astorinos bought a residential lot.

A neighbor whose property abuts on the north said he didn't hear the trucks and didn't see them from the road. He supports them being able to make a living.

The Astorinos spoke in favor of granting the requested variance. They showed aerial photographs of their property showing how wooded it was. They have cleaned up the property and will put up a fence. Their camper will be parked sideways to further block the view. The proposed building is now 300' away from their south (nearest) neighbor (was 180'). They received a text message from a neighbor thanking them for cleaning up.

Chair Stolp asked the Astorinos about the conditions the variance would place on them. [See previous page for these conditions.] The Astorinos replied 1. was fine. 2. They do use wood for personal home use; will not keep other by-products on their property. 3. was fine. 4. They feel the bufferyard is already in place given their wooded property. Charlie Lacy noted that trees were mostly deciduous, so only provided a shield in the summer. When asked about planting evergreens Mr. Astorino responded there was not enough light, "you can't plant trees under trees". 6. The home business application is in progress. 7. Ok. 8. Ok, it was 5 years with the last variance application.

There was discussion about the two-year expiration. Ms. Gross said the board could change the length of the condition, and/or make it a review instead of an expiration. Charlie Lacy said requiring the variance expire with reapplication necessary would give the neighborhood voice in the process.

Ms. Gross said Oronoco Township Ordinance would have allowed County Planning to issue a temporary use permit to the Astorinos. [further clarification with Ms. Gross: "I stated that they have a process for a one year application and it's called a temporary use permit and does not require a public hearing."]

Charlie Lacy asked about adding a prohibition against production on their property. Mr. Astorino responded it could be added but they don't do. Wood is cut for personal use only. Lacy noted that using a chainsaw for occasional personal use in a residential area is very different than using it as part of a business in a residential area.

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Mrs. Astorino said she understands why people want to live in the country, there is greater freedom to make a living. Having wood in Safari Ct was a “dumb idea”. They are not up on zoning laws; they cleaned up their property in a week after being asked. The fence plus camper will provide shields. They looked for truck rental, but it’s very expensive in Rochester. We will “do everything we can to make it better”.

Peter Gay, a neighbor to the south, claimed the Astorino’s home business is in violation of Oronoco Township Zoning Ordinance 10.02: they have non-family employees, their business is “inherently external” not done entirely within buildings. Financial benefit of the property owner is not reason to grant a variance (4.08). Their variance application is not just about truck storage; there is other equipment on-site (trailers, stump grinder).

Dr. Gay provided the cover page of “Notice of Violation of the Oronoco Township Zoning Ordinance” issued to the Astorinos by Olmsted County Planning on July 17, 2019. Also distributed were a map showing the proposed fence 160’ from the Gay property, a photo of trucks and equipment, a photo looking through a metal fence into the Astorino property showing vehicles, equipment, a camper.

Dr. Gay exhibited sound recordings with video taken early morning and late afternoon of Astorino’s equipment leaving and returning, a “morning and evening caravan”. An Aug 28 measurement at 5:46pm showed an 89dB noise level with him standing in his open garage. Wear and tear to roads is another concern. Off-site storage is needed for trucks and other equipment.

Dr. Gay urged compliance with the Zoning Ordinance, getting the County Attorney involved if necessary. This is not a legal home business in a residential neighborhood. He urged the board to deny the variance.

Chair Stolp asked if anyone else wanted to speak for or against the variance.

With no others wanting to speak Chair Stolp made a motion to close the public hearing. Ken Mergen second, motion carried 3-0.

Chair Stolp noted that the noise was an important consideration and employees were a problem, but the Astorino’s had made improvements to their property when asked, and the variance included conditions of business operations, and other conditions could be added by the board.

Ken Mergen asked about the impact to roads. The most vulnerable time is spring.

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Charlie Lacy noted that the Astorino's and Dr. Gay each showed photographs that exhibit their points of view. He is inclined to back up the zoning ordinances indicating the problem was not fixed by the property being cleaned up and the building moved. This business, given the heavy equipment and noise associated with it, would work in an agricultural zone, but not in a residential zone. Where you buy property is important. Oronoco Township Zoning Ordinances do not support this type of business in a residential zone.

Charlie Lacy made a motion to deny #OR2018-006VAR based on the following amendments to staff recommendations:

- The variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or materially injurious to other property in the area, and will not alter the essential character of the locality; So long as the required conditions are met the proposal should be an improved impact to the neighbors. The home business is permitted, the exterior storage of the vehicles and storage of the arborist byproducts are not permitted. The variance would permit only the storage of the vehicles only. [Original Finding]

The business will alter the essential character of the locality. (amended finding)

- The variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this ordinance; The variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this ordinance. [Original Finding]

The variance is not in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this ordinance. (amended finding).

Ken Mergen second, motion carried 2 – 1. (Neil Stolp dissenting.)

The Astorinos questioned the outcome asking what the point of a variance was if not to allow exceptions to laws. Board members indicated they could talk with anyone individually about an action coming before the board with no promised outcome. Decisions are made by the board at the board meeting after getting input from the public hearing.

#OR2019-001EAW – Goose Rock Quarry EAW - applicant Milestone Materials

Ms.Gross, Olmsted County Planning, provided background information.

Goose Rock Quarry is a 76 acre site north of the Goldberg Quarry located south of 82nd St NE, West of 11th Av and north of Hwy 63 (75th St). This property is zoned A/RC/AER Agricultural, Resource Commercial, Aggregate Extraction Reuse.

#OR2019-001EAW – Goose Rock Quarry EAW - applicant Milestone Materials, continued

The requested action is for the Oronoco Town Board to make a declaration on the EAW (Environmental Assessment Worksheet) adequacy.

Ms. Gross reviewed comments submitted by the MPCA, MN Dept of Administration: State Archeologist, MNDOT, MN DNR.

Based on Olmsted County staff findings and recommendations, and approval by the Oronoco Township Planning Advisory Commission on Aug 19, 2019, it is recommended that the Oronoco Town Board make a negative declaration on the need for an EIS (Environmental Impact Study).

Charlie Lacy made a motion for a negative determination on the need for an EIS based on staff findings and OT-PAC approval. Ken Mergen second, motion carried 3 – 0.

Oronoco Auto Parts - Charlie Lacy has been in contact with Jason Hawksford, the lead MPCA official in this matter. There will be a non-public meeting between MPCA, Olmsted County and Oronoco Township soon. Charlie Lacy will attend this meeting representing Oronoco Township.

An MPCA enforcement action against Oronoco Auto Parts (OAP) is in progress. Citizens with OAP debris should continue to catalog it and send pictures and information to Mr. Hawksford (jason.hawksford@state.mn.us). There was discussion about debris removal, and the extent to which that might be done. Surface cleanup is the easy part. Could we require OAP to take debris? Terry Leary talked about contacting the EPA. Cleanup by a potential buyer was mentioned. When did OAP stop being in business? Business records could answer that. MPCA has said they will provide updates to Oronoco Township.

Fitzpatrick Driveway – Dan Fitzpatrick has requested approval to add a driveway in the River Ridge Four Subdivision. Ken Mergen and Charlie Lacy will visit the site and talk with Mr. Fitzpatrick. This driveway would be at Mr. Fitzpatrick's expense. Final site plans for the River Ridge Four Subdivision were signed by Neil Stolp and Lucy Shonyo.

Rural Broadband – There are state grants available for underserved areas. Oronoco Township is an underserved area. Grants are for infrastructure funding. Improved internet access will make rural areas and small cities more competitive economically and will boost property values. Per Kim Stanton there is 20 million available in 2020 and 2021. Kim Stanton will investigate.

Ryan's Bay Road – Landowners will be signing the Land Purchase Agreement this week. Rochester Title will do the title search. The Dietrich Flesch / Wabasha County billing received from Zumbro Township was examined. The Board would like more info on the 2016 entries. This project will be discussed at the upcoming meeting between Zumbro and Oronoco Townships to be held Sept 12, 7pm, at the Hammond Town Hall.

City of Oronoco Contractor's Use of Oronoco Township Roads and Private Property was discussed. Lynn Koenig sent a letter to Oronoco City Mayor Ryland Eichhorst and Neil Stolp outlining contractor's use of her property. Lucy Shonyo will revise the Township's statement about prohibited actions in Township Road ROWs and send it to the City of Oronoco.

Administrative Business

Treasurer's Report – Kim Stanton

The YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of August 31, 2019 shows: Receipts \$498,347.06 and Disbursements \$513,564.29 with an ending balance of \$490,803.95. August net payroll (paid in Sept) totaled \$3,196.84, bills totaled \$77,759.00. [Payroll includes voiding and reissuing two lost payroll checks: 6633 from Aug 2018 and 6654 from Sept 2018.]

Receipts included MNDOT reimbursement of 11th Ave NE (\$38,133.47) and State/PFA reimbursement of Sunset Bay Septic expenses (\$6,474.06).

Zumbro Township / PFA reimbursement of other Sunset Bay septic expenses will be discussed at the Joint Meeting with Zumbro Township Sept 12.

Neil Stolp made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Charlie Lacy second, motion carried 3-0.

Approval to Pay Bills - Claims totaling \$77,759.00 and net payroll totaling \$3,196.84 were presented for payment. Charlie Lacy made a motion to approve claims and payroll payments. Ken Mergen second, motion carried 3-0.

OT-PAC Report – Charlie Lacy - The Gooseneck Quarry EAW was approved. The Long Range Plan was discussed.

A motion was made by Ken Mergen to appoint Alice Flood to her first 3-year term on OT-PAC. Charlie Lacy second. Motion carried 3-0. Her past service was to fulfill the unexpired term of a former member. Lucy Shonyo suggested that OT-PAC By-Laws be revised to account for this situation.

A motion was made by Ken Mergen to appoint Rich Albrecht to his second 3-year term on OT-PAC. Neil Stolp second, motion carried 3-0.

MATiT Insurance Review – The board reviewed current township insurance coverage. Kim Stanton and Lucy Shonyo will talk with our insurance agent about possible changes needed.

Cedar Beach Septic – Gopher Septic is working with Wenck on an issue with the mounds.

Antenna Leases – a request for antenna lease info was received from Olmsted County. There are some antenna on private property but none on Oronoco Township property.

Charlie Lacy made a motion to adjourn at 9:15pm. Ken Mergen second, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk

Neil Stolp, Chair

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