

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING / JOINT MEETING
ORONOCO & ZUMBRO TOWN BOARDS
DECEMBER 3, 2018 6:30PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A Special Meeting / Joint Meeting of the Oronoco and Zumbro Town Boards was called to order on December 3, 2018 by Oronoco Town Board Vice Chair Charlie Lacy. Present were Oronoco Supervisor Ken Mergen, Treasurer Kim Stanton and Clerk Lucy Shonyo; Zumbro Town Board Supervisors Ed Jostock, Jerry Siems, and Mark Fjelstad, and acting clerk Bonnie Bofma. Oronoco Supervisor Neil Stolp was absent. Sheila Craig, Community Sewage Treatment Facilitator was also present. The meeting was held at the City Hall in Oronoco.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue the discussion about the potential Ryan's Bay road project and Sunset Bay & Ryan's Bay community septic projects. There was no written agenda.

A letter to landowners from Oronoco Township inviting them to get their own appraisal was presented. Attorneys Kennedy & Graven thought that this, rather than starting eminent domain procedures, was the next step. The letter outlined the conditions under which the landowners would be reimbursed for the appraisal expense. It is hoped a negotiated purchase is still possible. Ken Mergen, Oronoco Township, made a motion to send this letter to landowners. Charlie Lacy, Oronoco Township, seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Kennedy & Graven notes that a survey is needed regardless of whether the property is acquired by negotiated purchase or condemnation (eminent domain). This cost will be the Townships' expense, reimbursable per Sheila Craig.

The Wabasha County engineer will need to work with Wenck at the time of the survey to parcel out what is needed for the road.

Zumbro Township has held their public hearing authorizing the creation of their Subordinate Service District. They also mandated that all property owners join the community septic system. Oronoco Township will discuss their public hearing at their upcoming meeting tonight. Oronoco Township has made no commitment in requiring septic system participation.

At 7:15pm it was agreed that this Joint Meeting would be continued until completion of the regularly scheduled 7pm Oronoco Town Board Meeting.

At 8:20pm the Joint Meeting was reconvened by Vice Chair Charlie Lacy.

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Zumbro Township supervisors spoke of citizens' long-term concern of Ryan's Bay Road safety. They have received a citizen petition requiring that something be done.

There was discussion among the boards of how to equitably split non-reimbursable expenses. Each Township must know what their expense "ceiling" is.

There was discussion and clarification about the "dead zone", the area included in what landowners want to sell but that is not needed for the joint Ryan's Bay Road or community septic projects.

Mark Fjelstad, Zumbro Township, did a very preliminary calculation estimating that each township's share of Ryan's Bay Road expense would be approximately \$200,000.00.

This joint meeting focused on the legal advice received from Kennedy & Graven as to how the land acquisition process should proceed, and discussion on points that will need to be decided between the two Townships. No binding agreements were made by either township at this Joint Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Shonyo, Oronoco Township Clerk

Charlie Lacy, Vice Chair, Oronoco Town Board