

ANNUAL ORONOCO TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2017 8:15 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The annual Oronoco Township meeting was called to order on March 14, 2017 at 8:15 PM by clerk, Judy Haglund. There were 26 people present. Ron Haglund presided as moderator.

The **Minutes** were read from the March 8, 2016 Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Theda Lyke to accept the minutes as read. Brett Jenkinson seconded, motion carried.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented in written form. Treasurer, Kim Stanton, went over the 2016 Financial Report explaining some of the significant activities & accomplishments. The township has Special Assessments for Shorewood Lane Paving, and Kings Park Septic, and Cedar Beach Septic beginning in 2017. Some of the accomplishments include; continued support of the Oronoco Food Shelf and Oronoco Cemetery. The Township spent \$134,200.00 on chip/crack repair and chloride on the township roads and \$137,590.00 on additional road maintenance and repair. The Kings Park Septic Project has been completed and have now turned on the Cedar Beach Septic Project. The new township web site is up and running thanks to Kim Stanton. Ken Mergen made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Sandy Blume seconded, motion carried.

The **Proposed Budget** was discussed. The "*Money Raised by Tax upon Taxable Property*" was appropriated as follows: **General Revenue:** After much discussion Ken Mergen made a motion to increase by 5%, making it \$63,000.00 from the previous \$60,000.00. Sandy Blume seconded, motion carried. **Road & Bridge:** After much discussion, Ken Mergen made a motion to increase by 10% in anticipation of unexpected expenses making it \$440,000.00 from previous \$400,000.00. Mark Thein seconded, motion carried. **Fire and First Responders:** After discussion, Ken Mergen made a motion to increase by 5% making it \$84,000.00 from previous \$80,000.00. Sharon Erickson seconded, motion carried.

The **election results** are as follows: 38 voters. **Supervisor**, three year term – Charles Lacy 28 votes and Ted Kottem 9 votes. **Clerk**, one year term – Lucy Shonyo 34 votes. **Treasurer**-two year term Kim Stanton 35 votes. Rachel Stanton made a motion to accept the election results. Ken Mergen seconded, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Thein to set the **voting hours** for the Annual Election and Meeting year **2018; election from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM with the meeting following at 8:15 PM.** Theda Lyke seconded, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Thein to **publish all legal ads** in the Post Bulletin and continue to post on the Township web site and city hall. Kim Stanton seconded, motion carried.

Ken Mergen made a motion to leave the **bounty** at 1.50 for Pocket Gophers, Striped Gophers at .75 and Moles at .75. Theda Lyke seconded, motion carried.

On behalf of the Oronoco Cemetery, John Tilford expressed his gratitude for the previous donations the township has made for maintenance. After discussion, Mark Thein made a motion to dedicate \$2,500.00 to the **Oronoco Cemetery for repairs, maintenance, and restoration.** Ken Mergen seconded,

motion carried. After discussion, Mark Thein made a motion to approve the contract for the **Oronoco Food Shelf** for \$50.00 per day with a maximum of 25 days, equaling a maximum of \$1,250.00 the same as 2015. Kim Stanton seconded, motion carried.

Richard Lyke reported that there were only four **OPAC** meetings in 2016. Three of the four meeting were discussing the Cedar Beach Septic Project and the forth meeting was for a Conditional Use Permit for Ryan Siding & Windows. OPAC expects there will be more future activity. Ken Mergen made a motion to accept the OPAC report and Rachel Stanton seconded. Motion carried.

The **Townboard Wages** were discussed and a motion was made by Jamie Judish to leave the same as 2016. Ken Mergen seconded, motion carried.

Supervisors: *\$200.00 per month stipend for phone calls, conversations, stress and thought spent managing township issues. \$150.00 per monthly town board meeting attended and \$15.00 per hour (portal to portal) to meetings and checking out sites during the month. Supervisors would not collect for being at the Annual Meeting.*

Clerk: *\$300.00 per month stipend for work performed on behalf of the township. \$150.00 per monthly town board meeting attended and \$15.00 per hour portal to portal to meetings.*

Treasurer: *\$300.00 per month stipend for work performed on behalf of the township. \$150.00 per monthly town board meeting attended and \$15.00 per hour portal to portal to meetings.*

Election Judges: *Hourly pay at \$15.00 per hour.*

After discussion a motion was made by Ken Mergen to keep **Pine Island Bank** as the township banking institution. Jamie Judish seconded, motion carried.

There was discussion about initiating a "Road and Ice Policy". Ken Mergen made a motion to develop a committee (town board members) to check further into the "policy" before initiating one. Brett Jenkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor:

- Ken Mergen along with several Ryans Bay residents would like to see the Ryans Bay Road a priority for 2017. Zumbro Township is being cooperative in this joint venture at this time.

Ken Mergen made a motion to adjourn, Brett Jenkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Haglund, Clerk