

Oronoco Town Board
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2025

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Oronoco Town Board held on **Monday, August 11, 2025**, at 5:30pm at the Oronoco Community Center, located at 115 Second Street SW, Oronoco, Minnesota.

Supervisor Ken Mergen called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

The agenda was accepted as presented.

River Corridor Overlay District

The final approval for the River Corridor Overlay District will be added to the agenda for September. OTPAC approved the review in July. Olmsted County is currently reviewing the River Corridor Overlay District.

Road Report

Scott Schumacher placed a new stop sign at 85th St. The stop sign was damaged on August 8, 2025. On Monday, August 11, the stop sign and post were completely gone.

Supervisor Mergen stated that MNDOT will be blading 11th Ave today, August 11, 2025. Once the roundabout project is complete, MNDOT will rock and blade 11th Ave.

Kruisle Ln NW and Fitzpatrick Ln NW

Supervisor Mergen stated that the staging fee for Kruisle Ln NW and Fitzpatrick Ln NW would be between \$1,500-\$2,000 if not done at the same time as Frederich's Dr.

Supervisor Mergen received an estimate of \$84,624.15 for Kruisle Ln NW and Fitzpatrick Ln NW on June 13, 2025. The work for Kruisle and Fitzpatrick would be done when Frederich's Dr is done. The estimate for Frederich's Dr was \$224,062.60 and was approved at the August 12, 2024 meeting.

There was a motion made by Supervisor Johanningmeier to accept the quote from Rochester Sand and Gravel for paving of Kruisle Ln NW and Fitzpatrick Ln NW, seconded by Supervisor Matzke. The motion was carried unanimously.

LRIP Funding

Supervisor Mergen received a cost estimate from Brian Malm, Bolton and Menk, about Local Road Improvement Program Funding, LRIP. The funding project includes Ryan's Bay Rd, Cedar Beach, and Sunset Bay Rd. The funding will cover anywhere from 30-80% of the projects.

Supervisor Mergen stated the work would begin in 2027.

Scott Schumacher suggested replacing culverts before the paving projects begin.

Supervisor Johanningmeier is concerned that the Township will not be able to complete all road projects at once. Supervisor Mergen will ask Bolton and Menk if work can be done over the next 4-5 years or if residents can be assessed for road projects.

Supervisor Mergen will ask Brian Malm, Bolton and Menk, to attend the September 8, 2025, meeting to answer questions moving forward with these LRIP funding projects.

There was a motion made by Supervisor Matzke to move forward with the estimate from Bolton and Menk, for \$9,800, for the LRIP funding application, seconded by Supervisor Mergen. The motion was carried unanimously.

Assessments for Road Work

Supervisor Mergen contacted Julie Hackmann, Olmsted County Assessor, to ask how to add assessments for road work for homeowners. Ms. Hackman stated for new developments and homes, Oronoco Township needs to make sure they are assessed for road improvement projects.

18th Ave NW and Postier's Drive NW Resurfacing

Supervisor Mergen will contact Rochester Sand and Gravel to get an estimate for resurfacing of 18th Ave NW and Postier's Drive NW. This will be added to the 2026 spring road tour for discussion.

Olmsted County Maintenance Agreement

There was a motion made by Supervisor Johanningmeier to sign the Olmsted County Maintenance Agreement for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, seconded by Supervisor Matzke. The motion was motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025-07, Deactivate the Rural Broadband Fund

There was a motion made by Supervisor Matzke, to sign Resolution 2025-07, Deactivate the Rural Broadband Fund, seconded by Supervisor Mergen. The motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025-08, Accepting Roads for Aspen Ridge Development

There was a motion made by Supervisor Mergen, to sign Resolution 2025-08, Accepting Roads for Aspen Ridge Development, seconded by Supervisor Matzke. The motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025-09, Accepting Roads for Boelter Estates Development

There was a motion made by Supervisor Mergen to sign Resolution 2025-09, Accepting Roads for Boelter Estates Development, seconded by Supervisor Johanningmeier. The motion was carried unanimously.

Minutes Approval

There was a motion by Supervisor Matzke to approve the minutes for Monday, July 14, 2025, seconded by Supervisor Mergen. The motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report-Brandi Lind

The YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of August 11, 2025 shows: receipts \$876,343.05 disbursements \$690,075.38 with an ending balance of \$1,179,009.91.

There was a motion made by Supervisor Mergen to approve the treasurers report for August 11, 2025, in written form, seconded by Supervisor Matzke. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approval to pay payroll and claims including electronic transfer

There was a motion made by Supervisor Mergen to approve the payroll and claims, including electronic transfers for August 11, 2025, seconded by Supervisor Johanningmeier. The motion was carried unanimously.

OTPAC

The next OTPAC meeting is August 18, 2025.

Clerk Notes

Clerk Schroeder purchased more stamps, \$73, and paid for the Post office box rental fee of \$72 for a year.

Clerk Schroeder sent a letter to Gold Rush Crossings on July 17, 2025. As of August 11, 2025 no response has been received.

Board Member Comments

Treasurer Lind ordered more checks, from Eagle Rock Bank. They will be mailed to Clerk Schroeder.

Treasurer Lind stated that the interest rate on the money market savings account, at Eagle Rock Bank, will go from 4.5% to 4.2%.

Eagle Rock Bank will no longer offer safety deposit box rentals. Supervisor Matzke recommended a fire safe box to be stored at Oronoco City Hall for all important Oronoco Township documents.

There was a motion made by Supervisor Mergen to purchase a fire safe and water proof storage box for Oronoco Township documents, to be stored at Oronoco City Hall and not rent a safety deposit box, seconded by Supervisor Johanningmeier. The motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Johanningmeier attended the OCTOA meeting on July 24, 2025. Olmsted County is working to establish an agreement with the City of Rochester for animal control.

Supervisor Matzke contacted TCPA about peddler's license for the Township. Jered, TCPA, stated that Olmsted County has an application for a peddler's license. Supervisor Matzke will ask Jered if a resolution is needed to use Olmsted County's application for a peddler's license. Treasurer Lind will post the Olmsted County application for a peddler's license on the Township website.

Supervisor Matzke sent an email to Lake Zumbro Forever in regards to noxious weeds in King's Park. Supervisor Matzke requested that the noxious weeds be taken care of and a maintenance schedule for the land be developed.

There was a motion made by Supervisor Mergen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Johanningmeier. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Clerk Jody Schroeder

Tammy Matzke

Ken Mergen

Joel Johanningmeier