

Oronoco Town Board
Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2025

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Oronoco Town Board held on **Monday, November 10, 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 drafted.

Lake Zumbro Forever Raffle Permit

There was a motion made by Supervisor Mergen to approve the Lake Zumbro Forever Raffle Permit, seconded by Supervisor Matzke. The motion carried unanimously.

Road Report

Scott Schumacher reported that work has been completed on 85th Street, including replacement of two driveway culverts. Supervisor Matzke noted residents' positive feedback regarding Schumacher's work.

Watch for Children Signs on 11th Ave

There was a motion made by Supervisor Matzke to post two, watch for children signs on 11th Ave NE, one North and one South, seconded by Supervisor Mergen. The motion was carried unanimously.

Google Cost Increase

There was a motion made by Supervisor Mergen to approve the Google cost increase, seconded by Supervisor Johanningmeier. The motion was carried unanimously.

Do Not Buy These Lots Sign on 18th Ave

Karlene Tutewohl, Realtor with RE/MAX Realty, requested Township action regarding a "Do Not Buy These Lots" sign posted by a resident on 18th Ave. Ms. Tutewohl stated the sign negatively impacts the appearance of the Township and lot sales. The resident indicated he would remove the sign if contacted by a Township official.

Driveway on Fitzpatrick Lane NW

Michael Lund (8849 Fitzpatrick Ln NW) requested replacement of concrete removed during road work by Rochester Sand & Gravel. The area was replaced with blacktop, but Mr. Lund requests

restoration with concrete. Mr. Lund will get an estimate and work with Supervisor Mergen to get this completed next spring.

There was a motion made by Supervisor Mergen to find a cement contractor to replace the blacktop approach, with concrete, at 8849 Fitzpatrick Lane NW, seconded by Supervisor Matzke. The motion was carried unanimously.

Fitzpatrick Cartway

Dan Fitzpatrick is developing a green space on Fitzpatrick Ln NW, including a driveway easement. Mr. Fitzpatrick's attorney will work with Township Attorney Ruppe to ensure this is done appropriately.

Minutes Approval

There was a motion by Supervisor Matzke to approve the minutes for Monday, October 13, 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 November 10, 2025 shows: receipts \$1,014,457.75 disbursements \$1,108,754.83 with an ending balance of \$782,045.97.

There was a motion made by Supervisor Mergen to approve the treasurers report for November 10, 2025, in written form, seconded by Supervisor Johanningmeier. The motion was carried unanimously.

Broadband Fund

The Broadband Fund has been removed for 2026 and future years. Small amounts may continue to appear due to delinquent tax payments from Pay Year 2021, the only year funds were levied for broadband.

CD Rates

There was a motion made by Supervisor Johanningmeier to purchase a 12-month CD, with an interest rate of 3.7%, from Eagle Rock Bank, seconded by Supervisor Mergen. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approval to pay payroll and claims including electronic transfer

There was a motion made by Supervisor Matzke to approve the payroll and claims, including electronic transfers for November 10, 2025, seconded by Supervisor Johanningmeier. The motion was carried unanimously.

OTPAC

Cedar Beach Violation

Olmsted County Planning is addressing a resident violation at Cedar Beach.

Camper on King's Park

New owners have placed a camper on bluffland/shoreland property; Olmsted County Planning is investigating. Supervisor Matzke will follow up.

OTPAC recommends Oronoco Township Board Liaison move to non-voting member of OTPAC

OTPAC recommends the Oronoco Township Board Liaison become a **non-voting member** beginning in 2026. A Board member will continue attending meetings.

River Corridor

Supervisor Johanningmeier noted that OTPAC Commissioner Collins, Attorney Ruppe, and Kristie from Bolton & Menk are coordinating a response to Olmsted County.

New shelter at Fisherman's Inn

The new shelter at Fisherman's Inn Park is within the 75' setback and will require a variance before OTPAC. Supervisor Matzke will note this at the November 17, 2025 OTPAC meeting.

Clerk Notes

Late invoices were received from People's Energy Cooperative, Couri & Ruppe, and Rochester Sweeping. These invoices will be paid at the December 8, 2025 meeting.

Board Member Comments

Oronoco Auto Parts

A court hearing was held on **October 23, 2025** for Oronoco Auto Parts. Initial vapor tests on the nearby residential property appear within standards, per OAP's attorney.

MPCA has not yet received test results. The next step includes screening for solid surface cleanup and additional vapor testing.

There was a motion made by Supervisor Mergen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Matzke. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Clerk Jody Schroeder

Tammy Matzke

Ken Mergen

Joel Johanningmeier