

Oronoco Town Board
Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2026

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Oronoco Town Board held on **Monday, January 12, 2026** 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.

Oak Lodge Lane, Dewitz

Dana Dewitz presented to the Board regarding the Oak Lodge parcel. Olmsted County has confirmed that Oronoco Township is the owner of the Oak Lodge parcel. Ms. Dewitz requested that the land be returned to the original lots, from the water's edge to the road right-of-way.

Supervisor Mergen will contact Township Attorney Ruppe and TCPA to ensure that the Township is completing all required steps.

Supervisor Mergen made a motion to create a resolution, under the guidance of Township Attorney Ruppe, to transfer ownership of Oak Lodge Lane to Drew and Dana Dewitz, property #040380, seconded by Supervisor Matzke. The motion was carried unanimously.

Road Report

Winter Road Maintenance

There has been significant snow and ice, and gravel roads have been in poor condition. Supervisor Mergen has been in contact with Scott Schumacher and Josh Roberson to ensure that rock is applied where needed.

Roberson Lime and Rock Statement of Account

The statement of account from Roberson Lime and Rock indicates that approximately \$2,200.00 remains in the winter prepay account.

Minutes Approval

There was a motion by Supervisor Mergen to approve the minutes for Monday, December 8, 2025, with the correction of a request for six-month report from Pine Island Fire and First Responders, seconded by Supervisor Johanningmeier. The motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report-Brandi Lind

The YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of January 12, 2026, shows: receipts \$436,089.94, disbursements \$47,545.66 an ending balance of \$1,097,412.31.

There was a motion made by Supervisor Mergen to approve the treasurers report for January 12, 2026, in written form, with the correction of the date to December 31, 2025, seconded by Supervisor Johanningmeier. 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 January 12, 2026, seconded by Supervisor Matzke. The motion was carried unanimously.

OTPAC

There was no December OTPAC meeting. OTPAC will begin work on a stormwater ordinance in January. The next OTPAC meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2026.

Supervisor Johanningmeier noted that the review of the letter from Attorney Ruppe to the Olmsted County Commissioners has been approved for distribution. Supervisor Matzke will discuss this with OTPAC Commissioner Paige Collins.

Pine Island Fire and First Response

Pine Island Fire and First Responders submitted a six-month report to the Board detailing the number and breakdown of calls. To date, PIFD has made three referrals for additional support to patients within Oronoco Township.

One patient has been referred to the Fall Prevention Program, which began in November through a collaboration between Olmsted County and PIFD. The goal of PIFD is to provide preventative care and services to residents within the fire district. PIFD collaborates with Pine Island Area Home Services, Olmsted County Fall Prevention, and Age-Friendly Initiatives from Pine Island.

Clerk Notes

Clerk Schroeder attended Election Judge Training on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Olmsted County Elections.

The Board of Audit Meeting will be held on February 8, 2026, following the regular Town Board meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 5:00

There will be no Township Election in March. Residents voted to move Township Elections from March to November. The next Township Election will be held on **Tuesday, November 3, 2026.**

Clerk Schroeder swore in Supervisor Johanningmeier and Treasurer Lind on January 12, 2026, prior to the Town Board meeting. Although both were elected and sworn in during March 2025, MAT Attorney Graham Berg-Moberg advised that they be sworn in again due to the change of Township Elections from March to November.

Board Member Comments

Treasurer Lind reported receiving an email from Kay Kuster, Olmsted County Property Tax Specialist, stating that the 3% special assessment for Cedar Beach Septic approved in 2023 was not added to the assessments from Olmsted County.

Supervisor Matzke made a motion that the 3% special assessment increase for Cedar Beach Septic, approved in 2023, will not be applied retroactively. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Mergen and carried unanimously.

The 3% special assessment for Cedar Beach Septic will be included in assessments moving forward.

Adjourn

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 7:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Clerk Jody Schroeder

Tammy Matzke

Ken Mergen

Joel Johanningmeier