

Oronoco Town Board
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2026

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Oronoco Town Board held on **Monday, June 8, 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 presented.

Ordinance Enforcement

Commissioner Paige Collins would like to have concerns from TCPA addressed as to ordinance enforcement for Oronoco Township. There will be a special meeting held on June 15, 2026 at 5pm, at Oronoco City Hall to discuss ordinance enforcement and the quote from Rochester Sand and Gravel.

Road Report

Scott Schumacher noted that chloride has been applied. Not much blading has been done because it is so dry.

11th Ave NE

Treasurer Lind noted that 11th Ave NE is wash boarding terribly. Schumacher will address this.

Round About at Cty Rd 12 and Hwy 63

Supervisor Matzke asked Scott Schumacher if he will work with MNDot to address concerns with traffic in 11th Ave NE when the road about at Couty Road 12 and Hwy 63 starts next year.

Speed on Cedar Beach Road

Supervisor Mergen received an email from a resident regarding vehicle speeds on Cedar Beach Road. Supervisor Mergen contacted Olmsted County Sheriff Adam Rinn regarding the concern. Sergeant Rinn will conduct a traffic study to monitor vehicle speeds in the area.

Tree overhanging Cedar Beach Road

Supervisor Mergen received an email from a resident regarding a dead tree overhanging Cedar Beach Road. Supervisor Mergen contacted Arborists of Rochester, who advised that the tree should be removed. In addition, there is a pine tree on Sunset Bay that also needs to be taken down. The approximate cost to remove the trees is \$5,000-\$6,000.

Supervisor Johanningmeier noted the importance of being mindful of the tree maintenance budget. Supervisor Mergen informed Scott Schumacher that Tom Rathmann should contact him for approval prior to any tree trimming work being performed.

There was a motion made by Supervisor Mergen to have Arborists of Rochester remove trees on Sunset Bay Road and Cedar Beach area, seconded by Supervisor Matzke. The motion was carried unanimously.

85th St Illegal Dumping

There was discussion of installing cameras off of the 85th St Bridge. Supervisor Johanningmeier would like to install signs on 85th Street stating that the area is under surveillance in an effort to reduce illegal dumping. Scott Schumacher will look into available options and report back. Supervisor Mergen stated that only 2 signs should be needed, 50 yards from the bridge on both sides.

Speed Signs on 11th Ave NE

Supervisor Mergen would like to have Scott Schumacher install 45mph signs on 11th Ave NE.

There was a motion made by Supervisor Mergen to approve Schumacher Excavating to install 45mph road signs on 11th Ave NE, 100ft North of 75th St and 100ft South of County Road 12, seconded by Supervisor Johanningmeier. The motion was carried unanimously.

Supervisor Mergen noted that maybe in August or September Olmsted County Sherriff Seargent Rinn would be willing to do a traffic study on 11th Ave NE. That way we can get a base line of speed before traffic is rerouted from the roundabout construction on Cty 12 and Hwy 63 next year.

Weed Spraying

Supervisor Johanningmeier has begun reviewing areas of concern related to noxious weeds. He noted that he has been impressed with the improvements resulting from the summer and fall spray applications. He would like Ryan's Bay Road to be treated this year and plans to contact North Star Companies in the near future.

Supervisor Matzke noted that the residential lot owned by LZFI has not been mowed. The spring noxious weeds have already gone to seed. Supervisor Johanningmeier will contact members of LZFI regarding noxious weeds.

Lake Zumbro Park

Lake Zumbro Park users continue to park on Blakely Court, and residents are concerned about the ongoing issue. Supervisor Matzke noted that the current parking ordinance prohibits parking in the right-of-way for more than 24 hours.

Supervisor Johanningmeier suggested that "No Trailer Parking" signs may be needed. The Board agreed that this was a good idea.

Supervisor Matzke will contact TCPA to determine whether an amendment to the parking ordinance can be made. The proposed amendment would include a \$500 fine for illegal parking on Blakely Court.

Parking in Cul-de-sac at 105th St

There are two residents who are parking in the cul-de-sac (bulb) at the end of 105th Street off King's Park Road. Their vehicles are blocking access and limiting turnaround space for residents and service vehicles that travel through the area.

Supervisor Mergen will speak with both residents, remind them of the parking ordinance, and inform them that their vehicles are obstructing traffic.

Seal King

Supervisor Mergen reported that Seal King has a small amount of patching work remaining on Lyons Court and Ridge Crest.

Two invoices were emailed to Supervisor Mergen; however, they were not paid this month because they were received after the payment deadline.

Rochester Sand and Gravel

Rochester Sand & Gravel submitted a quote for work on 18th Avenue NW, 85th Street NW, and Halloran Lane NW. After discussion, the Supervisors agreed that work should instead be completed on 18th Avenue NW, King's Park Drive, Halloran Lane NW, and Hyland Court. This is intended to minimize staging costs.

Resolution 2026-05, Appointing Election Judges for the Primary Election on August 11, 2026

There was a motion made by Supervisor Matzke to approve Resolution 2026-05, Appointing Election Judges for the Primary Election on August 11, 2026 seconded by Supervisor Mergen. The motion was carried unanimously.

Minutes Approval

April 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

There was a motion made by Supervisor Johanningmeier to approve the April 13, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Mergen. The motion was carried unanimously.

Road Tour Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2026

There was a motion made by Supervisor Mergen to approve the Road Tour Meeting minutes for April 13, 2026, seconded by Supervisor Matzke. The motion was carried unanimously.

May 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes

There was a motion made by Supervisor Matzke to approve the May 11, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Supervisor Johanningmeier. The motion was carried unanimously.

Special Meeting Minutes, May 26, 2026

There was a motion made by Supervisor Mergen to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for May 26, 2026, seconded by Supervisor Johanningmeier. The motion was carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report-Brandi Lind

The YTD Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances as of June 8, 2026, shows: receipts \$504,238.99, disbursements \$489,607.79 and an ending balance of \$668,120.73.

There was a motion made by Supervisor Mergen to approve the treasurers report for June 8, 2026, 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 June 8, 2026, seconded by Supervisor Johanningmeier. The motion was carried unanimously.

Clerk Notes

There was an error in Supervisor Mergen's payroll for January 12, 2026, in which Social Security tax was incorrectly withheld. The error was corrected by Hemann and Grover during the May 11, 2026, payroll processing.

Due to differences in reporting requirements, CTAS does not allow this correction to be reflected in its records. Clerk Schroeder contacted Mark Albarado of CTAS and was advised to document the discrepancy.

As a result, the records maintained by Clerk Schroeder and Treasurer Lind will not reconcile with those of Hemann and Grover by \$37.20 for the remainder of the year. Supervisor Mergen has been reimbursed for the incorrect withholding, and his year-end W-2 will accurately reflect the correction.

Notice is hereby given that the filing period for the 2026 Township Election will open on **Tuesday, July 14, 2026, and close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2026.**

The Notice of Filing will be published in the Post Bulletin on Saturday, June 27, 2026.

Affidavits of Candidacy will be accepted for the following offices:

- Supervisor A – Four-Year Term
- Clerk – Four-Year Term

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from Clerk Schroeder.

For additional information, please contact the Township Clerk.

On May 18, 2026, HF 4239 was signed into law. This legislation modifies the classification of data related to candidates for public office. As a result, residential addresses contained in campaign finance reports, statements, affidavits of candidacy, and other candidate filing documents submitted to the Township are now classified as private or nonpublic data. To ensure compliance with the new law, all campaign finance reports, affidavits of candidacy, and other candidacy-related documents have been removed from the Township website.

Individuals seeking access to public information contained in these records may contact Clerk Schroeder for assistance.

Oronoco Township will host the OCTOA meeting on September 24, 2026, in conjunction with Orion Township. The meeting location has not yet been determined.

Board Member Comments

Lake Zumbro Park

Supervisor Matzke reported on the Olmsted County Board of Commissioners meeting held on June 2, 2026, regarding Lake Zumbro Park Phase 2. The County Commissioners indicated that they would like to see the proposed picnic shelter either relocated or reduced in size. Further discussion on this matter has been tabled until August.

Oronoco Waste Water Treatment Facility

A public open house regarding the Phase 1B Sewer and Water Improvement Project will be held on June 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Oronoco City Hall. The City of Oronoco is seeking to annex residents of Oronoco Township in the Elm Street and 1st Avenue Addition into the city in order to connect properties to the Oronoco Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Pine Island Fire Department Meeting

The Pine Island Fire Department Meeting will be July 8, 2026 at 5:30pm.

OCTOA

Supervisor Johanningmeier attended the OCTOA meeting on May 28, 2026. Topics of discussion included:

- The MAT District meeting will be held at the Adams Legion Club on
- Olmsted County distributed a map identifying bridges and culverts that may require replacement. A bridge or culvert must have a Local Priority Index (LPI) rating of 60 or lower before it is eligible for replacement.
- ROCCOG is conducting a reassessment of collector roads versus other roads. This review applies only to County roads.
- The Soil and Water cover crop program will be expanded to include additional counties.
- There was discussion regarding illegal solid waste dumping. Supervisor Johanningmeier will obtain the appropriate contact information. This may be helpful in addressing the illegal dumping issues on 85th Street.
- A pilot program for food waste collection is being developed. Collection would take place at the Olmsted County Recycling Center.

Supervisor Mergen may not be able to attend the Oronoco Township Board meeting on July 13, 2026.

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 7:36pm.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Clerk Jody Schroeder

Tammy Matzke

Ken Mergen

Joel Johanningmeier