

**Oronoque Village Tax District  
600 North Trail  
Stratford, CT 06614**

**MINUTES OF  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
January 22, 2019**

**Call to Order**

The Meeting of the Board of Directors was held on the date, time and at the place set forth in the Notice of Meeting fixing such time and place, and attached to the Minutes of this Meeting. Notice of the Meeting was posted at NCB, on the Oronoque Village website ([www.oronoquevillage.com](http://www.oronoquevillage.com)) and sent out by eblast forty-eight hours prior to the Meeting. The President called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

**Calling of the Roll**

A quorum of Board of Directors was established.

There were present the following Board Members:

President Ray Vermette  
Secretary Peter Penny  
Treasurer Tom Becker  
Director Dennis Caffrey  
Director Mel Holson  
Director Linda Libertino

Absent: Vice President Bill Tanski, Director Steve Brieger, Director Jim Irwin

There were present the following Management Representatives:

Fred Rodriguez, Executive Director

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting**

A motion was made by Mel Holson to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Dennis Caffrey and unanimously adopted accepting the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

**Report of Officers, Management and Committees**

The following Officer(s) presented the report(s) as attached to the Minutes of this Meeting.

President Ray Vermette  
Treasurer's Report by Tom Becker  
Executive Director Fred Rodriguez

Charter Committee Report by Lee Shlafer  
Finance Committee Report Tom Becker  
Road Report by Pete Penny  
Tree Report by Pete Penny  
Security Committee Report by Mel Holson

### **Old Business**

**Review of activities related to drainage and water flow issues:** Executive Director Fred Rodriguez reported that talks are ongoing with the Town of Stratford and Oronoque Country Club on this matter. A review is taking place on mitigating these issues.

**Update on exit striping, newly installed signage and security vehicle:** Executive Director Fred Rodriguez reported that striping is scheduled for the parking lots as well as along Midwood Trail and is expected to occur during March or April. Pedestrian-designated walkways for the clubhouses also are planned.

Linda Libertino addressed the signage that has been installed. She does not feel that the signage is helpful in preventing speeding and detracts from curb appeal. Linda Libertino made a motion that the three current recently installed signs be removed and that no new signs take their place. The motion was seconded by Dennis Caffrey. Discussion followed. Pete Penny noted that it would take a referendum from the community to install speed bumps ... a vote was taken at the last OVTD meeting to do something, which was to install the signs. He said that part of the problem is pedestrians walking 2 or 3 abreast and walking with traffic instead of against traffic. He noted that the signs may not be the most effective solution as people who speed will ignore them.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The installation of rumble strips was then discussed.

The status of the security vehicle was discussed. Fred Rodriguez reported that the vehicle is in use and has been met with success.

### **New Business**

**Discussion of use of barrier rail at end of Cayuga Lane:** The barrier is placed in the summer and removed in the winter for snowplowing purposes. However, there are reports of drivers speeding when the barrier is not in place.

A motion that the barrier be placed until the weather deems necessary have it removed for plowing and then replaced was made by Linda Libertino and seconded by Mel Holson.

The motion was approved unanimously.

**Review and plan for security, roads, trees infrastructure, reserve accounts, capital and vehicle equipment:** Road repair was discussed. Executive Director Fred Rodriguez said Osage Lane is in critical need of roadwork. The northside roads are in need of evaluation to be conducted by a consultant. Bids for roadwork on Osage will be put out in the spring.

Walkways: Executive Director Fred Rodriguez said 55 walkways were initially in need of repair: 40 have been remedied; the remaining 15 will be addressed in the spring.

A motion was made by Pete Penny to authorize the expenditure -- not to exceed \$15,000 -- for engineering services for plans and specs to repave the roads on the northside. The motion was seconded by Linda Libertino. The motion was approved unanimously.

The continuation of having the Stratford Police Department perform security detail in the community was discussed. It was agreed that the partnership was going well and will continue.

Two vehicles have been earmarked for possible replacement.

Infrastructure and trees are on course and will be re-addressed in the future.

**Dates for 2019 OVTD Board Meetings:** Ray Vermette made a motion that OVTD will meet quarterly on Tuesdays, January 22, April 23, July 23 and October 22.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Ray Vermette made a motion that the OVTD annual meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 21.

The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Closing Forum**

Bob Krakovich (113A South Trail) spoke about speeding and signage.

John Moser (43A Buckskin Lane) spoke about meeting protocol.

Lee Shlafer (136A Bison Lane) spoke against the Cayuga Lane decision.

Renee Zinn (166A Cayuga Lane) spoke against the Cayuga Lane decision.

Linda Libertino (481A Commanche Lane) asked about the time limit for open and closing forum speakers.

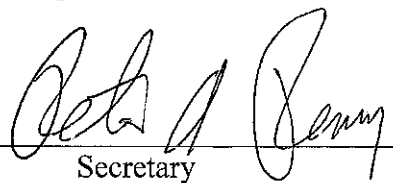
Ray Vermette commented that the decision regarding the Cayuga Lane barrier could be reconsidered in the future.

### **Adjournment**

At the conclusion of comments by Unit Owners, the President called upon the Directors for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Upon a motion made by Ray Vermette, seconded by Pete Penny, and unanimously carried, the President declared the same adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

4/29/2019

  
Secretary