

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2022, Minutes
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Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting of the Ontwa Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Jerry Marchetti at 7:00pm on September 12, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Supervisor Jerry Marchetti, Clerk VanBelle, Treasurer Leist, Trustees Meryl Christensen, Dan Stutsman, and Dawn Bolock were present. Trustee Kozinski arrived at 7:03pm.

Approval of Agenda: Trustee Bolock made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Trustee Christensen. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment: No public comment

Approval of Consent Agenda: Trustee Christensen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda second by Treasurer Leist. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

Audit Report: Patrick Sage of Kruggel Lawton reviewed the Annual Financial Report.

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Roseann Marchetti: The County Budget for 2022-23 was passed by a four to three vote on September 1st. The state has denied 144 Principle Residence Exemptions which could result in an increase of \$50,000 to \$150,000 for county schools. Seventeen of those were in Ontwa Township.

Committee Board Reports:

Wastewater: Brigid Forlenza: Routine maintenance has been conducted, six lift stations were cleaned. Garver Lake generator and fencing completed. Getting bids for installing a meter at the lift station at the Sports Complex.

Zoning Administrator: LeRoy Krempec: A reminder that proper placement of fences on private properties are the responsibilities of property owners. Zoning is required to monitor only the structure. There is a form on the website to make a formal complaint to the Zoning Department.

Ambulance: Trustee Stutsman: The recent accident with the Edwardsburg transport ambulance near Detroit was not the fault of our ambulance driver. There were no injuries to the passengers.

Police: Trustee Christensen: A new officer will be starting on September 19th. The department has received the portable flashing speed signs to record the speed of cars on township roads.

Buildings & Grounds: Trustee Christensen: Bids are being accepted for audio/visual equipment for the Township Hall.

Planning Commission: Trustee Bolock: Approval for a change in zoning at 22451 US 12 is approved pending the requirement that the back building cannot be used as residential.

Township Roads: Trustee Kozinski: An update of the proposed bike path along Elkhart Road was given by Trustee Kozinski.

Fire Board: John Hanson: The audit report was given at the August meeting. The staffing study has begun.

Parks Department: Trustee Kozinski: Work continues at Ferndale Park.

Old Business:

New Business:

Resolutions for Special Assessment Districts (SAD): Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-9-12.1, per parcel assessment amount for Eagle Lake and Channels, second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote. 7 ayes 0 nays.

Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-9-12.2, per parcel assessment amount for Pleasant Lake, second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a roll call vote. 7 ayes 0 nays.

Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-9-12.3, per parcel assessment amount for Garver Lake, second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote. 7 ayes 0 nays.

Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-9-12.4, per parcel assessment amount for Morton Drive/Christiana Lake, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote. 7 ayes 0 nays.

Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-9-12.5, per parcel assessment amount for Regal Place, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote. 7 ayes 0 nays.

DASAS Agreement: Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to continue support of the organization with an annual contribution of \$1,300, second by Treasurer Leist. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes 1 nay (Kozinski)

Adamsville Cemetery Ordinance: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-9-12.6 to maintain and manage the cemetery, second by Treasurer Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote. 7 ayes 0 nays.

Eagle Ridge Step 1 Review: After input from Stephen Studer, attorney for developer, Pat Matthews, Chris Marbach, and Burne Miller, Trustee Kozinski made a motion to approve step 1 with the condition that lots 1 and 2 will be removed as agreed. Motion second by Clerk VanBelle. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes 1 nay (Bolock)

L-4029 Form Approval: Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve the form, second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting will be October 10th, Ambulance Board September 14th, Police Board October 13th, Wastewater Board September 28th, Planning Commission October 5th.

Adjourn: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Kozinski. Meeting adjourned at 8.37 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

Linda Weaver, Recording Secretary