

# Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 8, 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 7:01pm on August 8, 2022.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Roll Call:** Supervisor Jerry Marchetti, Clerk VanBelle, Treasurer Leist, Trustees Meryl Christensen, Dan Stutsman, Dawn Bolock, and Jeff Kozinski were present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Trustee Christensen made a motion to amend the agenda to add Cemetery/Parks to Old Business, second by Treasurer Leist. All in favor, motion passed. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the amended Agenda, second by Trustee Bolock. All in favor, motion passed.

**Public Comment:** Karee Krause, Director of Cass County Veterans Affairs spoke. She noted numerous benefits available to veterans who are residents of Cass County. Dental benefits and free rides to appointments were among them. She can be contacted at 269.445.4472 or email [KareeK@cassco.org](mailto:KareeK@cassco.org).

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

**Commissioner's Report:** Commissioner Roseann Marchetti: The Annual Tax Sale will be conducted on-line from now through August 18. For more information go to [casscountymi.org](http://casscountymi.org) There are openings on several boards. For more information and to apply online go to [casscountymi.org](http://casscountymi.org) and search Boards and Commissions.

**Committee Board Reports:**

**Wastewater:** Brigid Forlenza: Garver Lake and Island Drive repairs are complete. The fence at Garver Lake will be erected this week.

**Zoning Administrator:** LeRoy Krempec: Forms are now available on the Township's website to report violations. The Zoning and Building departments have requested a technology upgrade, to be approved tonight, to provide more efficient departments.

**Ambulance:** Trustee Stutsman: The auditor will be at the next meeting, Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup>, to present the financial status of the department.

**Police:** Trustee Christensen: A new reserve will be going to the Academy this fall. Thursday's meeting is cancelled.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Trustee Christensen: No report

**Planning Commission:** Trustee Bolock: US 12 and Adamsville Road has been rezoned to residential. Phase 1 of Eagle Ridge will be on the agenda for September.

**Township Roads:** Trustee Kozinski: No report

**Fire Board:** Supervisor Marchetti: John Hanson will replace John Bossler on the Fire Board.

**Old Business: Cemetery/Parks:** A title search and survey are in process in preparation for the Township to assume management of the Adamsville Cemetery. Trustee Christensen said a second person is needed to authorize checks and a Cemetery Board need to be established. Trustee Christensen made a motion to make Trustee Kozinski a liaison from the Parks Board to the Board of Trustee's, second by Trustee Stutsman. All in favor, motion passed.

**New Business:**

**Police – 2 Radar Signs:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to accept a purchase of 2 portable radar (speed) signs to be used in the township not to exceed \$7,500, second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays. ARPA money will be used for the purchase.

**Eagle Lake Fireworks Permit – Labor Day Weekend:** Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve the permit for September 4<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of September 5<sup>th</sup>, second by Treasurer Leist. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

**Edwardsburg Ambulance North Bay Door:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the quote from Overhead Door to replace the damaged door, second by Trustee Kozinski. The cost will be covered by township insurance, and the deductible will be covered by the ambulance. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

**Building and Zoning Technical Upgrade:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the purchase of one computer, one laptop, updated software, and a printer at a cost not to exceed \$5,000, second by Trustee Kozinski. ARPA funds will be used for the purchase. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

**Announcements:** Next regular Township Board meeting will be September 12<sup>th</sup>, Ambulance Board August 10<sup>th</sup>, Police Board cancelled for July, Wastewater Board August 24<sup>th</sup>, Planning Commission September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn:** Trustee Bolock made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Christensen. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Recording Secretary

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Linda Weaver, Recording Secretary