

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

December 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 7:00 pm on December 12, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

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

Public Comment: None

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

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Roseann Marchetti: One of Cass County's K-9 Patrol retired. Said goodbye to Commissioner File. Rules of procedure were updated. Former leader publications personnel Ambrosia Neldon now in charge of Cass County's website and Facebook. Lawless Park received a grant for \$428,600 for updating the park. Thanksgiving food give-a-way a big success, Christmas one to take place December 19th.

Committee Board Reports:

Wastewater: Brigid Forlenza: routine maintenance taking place, things going smoothly.

Zoning Administrator: John Hanson: Short term rental renewals need to be done by January 1, 2023. Inspections taking place. 15 rentals total.

Ambulance: Trustee Stutsman: Looking to purchase a new gas ambulance. Jen Weed received a plaque for 20 years of service. Things are running smoothly.

Police: Trustee Christensen: No report.

Buildings & Grounds: Trustee Stutsman: Looking to get Landscaping Quotes to clean up township yard.

Planning Commission: Trustee Bolock: A special land use approved at meeting for a veterinarian office on M62. Davis postponed. The open house went great.

Township Roads: Trustee Kozinski: Went out with Supervisor Marchetti, Bob Thompson and Joe Bellina to tour roads, looked at boat ramp on Brady Road to see about improving in 2023.

Fire Board: John Hanson: No report

Parks Board: Trustee Kozinski: No report

Old Business: Elkhart Road Project: Trustee Kozinski reported on progress of the Elkhart Road bike path. Estimated costs were discussed. Positive response from Open House. Trustee Kozinski made a motion to proceed with the Elkhart Rd project, Second by Trustee Stutsman, Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

New Business:

Board of Review re-appointments: Patricia Bellaire, and Michael Mroczek were re-appointed to a 2-year term. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to re-appoint, seconded by Trustee Kozinski. Roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

2023 Ontwa Township Poverty Guidelines: Trustee Bolock made a motion to adopt the 2023 poverty guidelines, second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

Ferndale Fencing: Trustee Kozinski made a motion to make improvements to Ferndale Park, including a fence, not to exceed \$10,000.00. Second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 6 ayes 1 nay by Supervisor Marchetti.

Appointment to ZBA: Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to appoint Bill Mahaney to the ZBA board, with the resignation of Sandy Senior, a replacement was needed. Second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes 0 nays.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board Meeting will be January 9th, Ambulance Board Meeting cancelled, Police Board Cancelled, Wastewater Board December 27th, Planning Commission January 3rd.

Adjourn: Trustee Christensen made a motion to adjourn, second by Treasurer Leist. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Date Approved: _____

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk