

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2020
Minutes
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Due to the Township being closed the meeting was conducted via Zoom. The Public was invited. Information on joining the meeting is posted on the website each month.

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 14, 2020.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Supervisor Jerry Marchetti, Clerk Tina VanBelle, Treasurer Meryl Christensen, Trustees Dawn Bolock, Dan Stutsman, and Jerry Duck were present. Trustee Kozinski joined at 7:25pm.

Approval of Agenda: Trustee Duck made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Treasurer Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 6 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Kozinski was absent.

Public Comment: John Bossler and Kevin Mast both spoke on the condition of the roads in Regal Place.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Trustee Bolock made a motion to amend the Consent Agenda, second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 6 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Kozinski was absent. Clerk VanBelle amended the Consent Agenda to add checks to the General Checking, Wastewater, and Special Assessment funds. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda, second by Trustee Duck. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 6 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Kozinski was absent.

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Roseann Marchetti: Hazardous waste/tire drop off was held on August 15th at the road commission on O'Keefe Street and was a great success. Lawless Park will host star gazing events on September 18th & 19th until 2am, October 16th & 17th until 12pm, November 13th & 14th until 12pm, and December 18th & 19th until 12pm

Audit Report: Patrick Sage of Kruggel Lawton presented the annual financial status of the Township. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the report, second by Trustee Duck. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 6 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Kozinski was absent.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator: Leroy Krempec- recommended the Board work with the Planning Commission to repeal old ordinances by resolution and enforce the rules withing the IPC. Looking into flooding issues on South Shore.

Wastewater: Brigid Forlenza- issues with a main break at JPC and damage done by drilling into a force main were resolved.

Ambulance: Trustee Stutsman- The audit was approved. A Special Ambulance Board meeting will be held September 15th at 6pm. If more than 10 people attend the meeting will be held outside.

Police: Treasurer Christensen- Audit reported in the August meeting was good. The Police Chief received a 4% raise.

Buildings & Grounds: Trustee Duck-no report

Planning Commission: Trustee Bolock- land division on Roland Drive was approved.

Township Roads: Trustee Kozinski- Regal Place is a proposed project for 2021, working with Road Commission on options for Lakeview, looking into remedies for drainage on South Shore.

Fire Board: John Bossler- No meeting last month, the audit was approved in the previous meeting.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

Public Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes and Resolution: Trustee Bolock made a motion to suspend the Board meeting and enter a public meeting on property taxes, second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to open the public meeting on increasing property taxes, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays. Supervisor Marchetti called for public comment. There was no public comment. Clerk

VanBelle made a motion to approve resolution 2020-09-14, second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 6 ayes 1 nay (Duck). Trustee Stutsman made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Trustee Duck. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to return to the regular Board meeting, second by Treasurer Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes 0 nays.

Resolutions for SAD Districts (Pleasant, Morton, Garver, Eagle, Regal) – Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve resolution 2020-9-14.1 for Pleasant Lake per parcel assessment of \$300. per year for front parcels and \$94.38 per back parcels, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes 0 nays.

Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve resolution 2020-9-14.2 for Morton/Christiana Lake per parcel assessment of \$120. per year, second by Trustee Duck. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes 0 nays.

Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve resolution 2020-9-14.3 for Garver Lake per parcel assessment of \$115. per year, second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes 0 nays.

Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve resolution 2020-9-14.4 for Eagle Lake and channels per parcel assessment of \$109. per year, second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes 0 nays.

Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve resolution 2020-9-14.5 for Regal Place Subdivision per parcel assessment of \$35. per year, second by Trustee Duck. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes 0 nays.

5 Replacement Computers: Treasurer Christensen made a motion to approve the quote to purchase 5 new computers for the Deputy Supervisor, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, Township Secretary, and Township Assessor at a cost not to exceed \$5,000, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes 0 nays.

Cass County Interlocal Agreement for County Designated Assessor: After discussion the Agreement was defeated by a roll call vote. 1 aye (Supervisor Marchetti), 6 nays (Stutsman, Duck, Bolock, Christensen, Kozinski, VanBelle)

Connector Path Final Billing: Trustee Kozinski made a motion to approve invoices from the Cass County Road Commission as final billing for the connector path in the amount of \$51,227.13, second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes 0 nays.

Wastewater closed session Zoom Board meeting: The BOT will hold a special closed session Zoom meeting on September 29th at 11am.

Announcements: Announcements: The next regular Township Board Zoom meeting will be held October 12th at 7pm, No Ambulance Board meeting in October, Police Board will meet October 15th, Wastewater September 23rd, Planning Commission Zoom meeting October 7th.

Adjourn: Trustee Duck made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Stutsman. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

Linda Weaver