

# Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2021

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 July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

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

**Public Comment:** Dennis Jordahl of 23665 S. Shore, Linda and Mark Kroeger of 23721 S. Shore, Polly Mitchell and Michael Gugel of 23633 S. Shore, Dorothy Derringer of 23713 S. Shore, Kelli Parrish of 23700 S. Shore, Sandy Hagen of 23708 S. Shore, and Jerry Bolock of 68080 Suzanne all addressed the issue of culvert repair planned for S. Shore Dr. Bob Durm, newly appointed director of transportation for Cass County spoke.

**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, 5 ayes 0 nays.

**Joe Bellina – Culvert Repair:** Mr. Bellina presented the county's plan for a storm collection system for 23691 S. Shore Drive at a cost of \$60,000, half of which the township is responsible for. Mr. Bellina took questions from Board members about the cost, any alternative plan that would cost less, if all neighbors must agree to the proposed solution, and possibility of an issue with construction of the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Bellina replied there is a possibility the previous construction of the sanitary sewer could have been a contributing factor to the drainage problem and if that would be the case the cost to repair would be \$6,560, already included in the preliminary estimate. Mr. Bob Thompson, Managing Director of the Road Commission, stated if that were the case the sewer district would take care of that cost, which would come out of the \$30,000 of the township's contribution. Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to give tentative approval of the plan, up to \$30,000, second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 5 ayes 0 nays.

**Commissioner's Report:** Commissioner Roseann Marchetti: Tours of the Newton House on Marcellus Highway, are available by appointment on August 1<sup>st</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup>, and October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact the Cass County Historical Commission. A hazardous waste collection is scheduled for August 21 from 9-12 at the Road Commission at 340 N. O'Keefe Street. Used passenger vehicle tires will be accepted.

**Committee Board Reports:**

**Zoning Administrator:** LeRoy Krempec: First and final letters have gone out to property owners whose grass/weed growth exceeds the limits in the township ordinance. The last day for owners to take care of the problem is July 20<sup>th</sup>. On July 21 the mowing will begin by the township at the expense of the property owner.

**Wastewater:** Brigid Forlenza: No report.

**Ambulance:** Trustee Stutsman: The ambulance needs medics. There will not be a meeting this month.

**Police:** Trustee Christensen: No report.

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

**Planning Commission:** Trustee Bolock: No report.

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

**Fire Board:** No report.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Resolution to refuse operating drinking water systems:** Clerk VanBelle read Resolution 2021-07-12.1 and made a motion to approve, second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 5 ayes 0 nays.

**ADU Ordinance:** Trustee Bolock presented Ordinance 2021-07-12.2 addressing the permitting and regulating of accessory dwelling units within the township. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve, second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 5 ayes 0 nays.

**Principles of Governance:** Supervisor Marchetti read the document and noted that the MTA requested township approval throughout the State. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve, second by Trustee Christensen. All in favor, motion passed.

**Announcements:** Next regular Township Board meeting will be August 9<sup>th</sup>; Ambulance Board will meet every other month. The next meeting will be held August 11<sup>th</sup>. The Police Board meeting for July has been cancelled. Wastewater Board July 28<sup>th</sup>, Planning Commission August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Christensen. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

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

Recording Secretary

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Linda Weaver, Ontwa Deputy Clerk