

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

January 18, 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 January 18, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Agenda: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Trustee Kozinski. All in favor, motion passed. 6 ayes 0 nays. **Absent:** Trustee Christensen

Public Comment: Scott McCall and Jill Meuninck both spoke about the safety issues concerning ice retardant systems.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Treasurer Leist made a motion to approve the consent agenda, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes 0 nays. **Absent:** Trustee Christensen.

Commissioner's Report: Free Covid Testing still available on Mondays from 7:00 am – 3:30 pm and Wednesdays from 1:00-7:00 pm in Dowagiac at Ascension Borgess Lee. Edwardsburg Food Panty gave out 137 Thanksgiving boxes and 157 Christmas boxes of food to families in need. Winter nights have begun at Lawless Park from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. The County has three openings on the EDC board which meets 4 times a year. The next BOC meeting is January 20, 2022, at 5:00 pm.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator: LeRoy Krempec: John Hanson, Deputy Zoning Administrator updated the Board that they are working on Short Term Rentals.

Wastewater: Brigid Forlenza: Had several Emergency call outs in the last month. Attended a Public Works meeting because WW was out of spec, fined \$300.00. Putting in new generator at C2 – May St.

Ambulance: Trustee Stutsman: Bylaws need updated. Need Incorporation papers, re writing interlocal agreement. 125 runs, 45 were emergency runs, the rest were transfers.

Police: Trustee Christensen: Brigid Florenza stated Chief applying for grant. Getting new Body Camera and New Modem for Police.

Buildings & Grounds: Trustee Christensen: No Report.

Planning Commission: Trustee Bolock: Approval of Annual Report. Land Division on Sherman Rd. Interest in Rezoning near the Sports complex in beginning stages.

Township Roads: Trustee Kozinski: January 27th at 6:00 pm informational meeting with Road Commission Joe Bellina on Elkhart Rd connector path. Potholes getting bad due to weather.

Fire Board: John Bossler: No Report.

Old Business: Ferndale Park Sea Wall: Two Bides. Bouldermand Landscaping, McCall's Outdoor Chores. Trustee Bolock made a motion to go with lower bid of Bouldermand Landscaping. Seconded by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes 0 nays. **Absent:** Trustee Christensen.

New Business:

Wastewater Fence Quotes C2 & B3: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve C2-May St Custom Fence Quote not to exceed \$10,500, seconded by Clerk VanBelle. Passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve B3-Island Drive Fence Quote J.C. Fencing Quote not to exceed \$13,500, seconded by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes 0 nays. **Absent:** Trustee Christensen.

Planning Commission Annual Report: Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve the Planning Commission Annual Report, seconded by Trustee Bolock. Motion Passed 6 ayes 0 nays. **Absent:** Trustee Christensen.

Wage Committee: A non-agenda item was brought up by Trustee Bolock concerning the wage committee. Discussion concerning wage committee was had. Supervisor Marchetti suggested discontinuing this year's wage committee with an across the board percent increase. Jeff Kozinski made a motion to continue this year with a wage committee, seconded by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a

roll call vote, 4 ayes Trustee Kozinski, Trustee Bolock, Trustee Stutsman, Treasurer Leist. 2 nays Clerk VanBelle and Supervisor Marchetti. **Absent:** Trustee Christensen.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting will be February 14th, Wastewater Board Meeting January 26th, Planning Commission February 2nd.

Adjourn: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn, second by Treasurer Leist. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Date Approved: _____

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk