

# Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2023

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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 May 8, 2023.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Clerk VanBelle made a motion to amend the agenda to add as item #6 under New Business two Fireworks Permits and add to the Wastewater Fund in the Consent Agenda check # 6779 in the amount of \$1,000. Motion second by Trustee Christensen. All in favor motion passed. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Trustee Bolock. All in favor, motion passed.

**Public Comment:** Dawn Randall and Carl Marker, both residents of Redfield Street 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, 7 ayes 0 nays.

**Commissioner's Report:** Commissioners Roseann Marchetti and Sam Barrera: The Commissioners passed a resolution opposing Michigan entering the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. The Courthouse will have an open house on May 25 from 2-9pm.

**Committee Board Reports:**

**Wastewater:** Brigid Forlenza: JCP1 was completed in April. Gravity sewer cleaning is complete.

**Zoning:** John Hanson: Short term rental inspections are almost complete.

**Ambulance:** Trustee Stutsman: No report.

**Police:** Meryl Christensen: Planning ahead, because it will take a year to get delivery, the department is wanting to purchase another vehicle.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Trustee Stutsman: No bids were received for the landscaping project.

**Planning Commission:** Trustee Bolock: Plans were finalized for a veterinary clinic on M62. The developer of Eddies Market Place has until August 2<sup>nd</sup> to present his plans, or the process may need to start over.

**Township Roads:** Trustee Kozinski: Trustee Kozinski made a motion to purchase 2 "Do Not Litter" signs for Lane Road using ARPA funds at a cost of \$275 each, second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays, Clerk VanBelle was absent.

**Fire Board:** John Hanson: No report.

**Parks Board:** Trustee Kozinski: Fencing for Ferndale Park will be installed in June.

**Adamsville Cemetery Board:** Trustee Christensen: No report.

**Old Business:**

**Elkhart Road Project:** The grant has been applied for and if approved a 5-member committee will need to be established for the project. Trustee Kozinski proposed 3 members from the township and 2 from the Village. He made a motion to appoint Sandra Seanor and Linda Weaver, in addition to, himself from the township. Motion second by Trustee Stutsman, all in favor, motion passed.

**New Business:**

**Audio Video Equipment for Ontwa Township:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to accept the proposal from James DeJong to purchase and install audio/visual equipment at the township hall, at a cost not to exceed \$8,000. Second by Trustee Kozinski, motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays. Clerk VanBelle was absent.

**Grain Depot Mural:** Trustee Bolock made a motion to use \$10,000 from ARPA funds to help fund the mural being done by Brett Whitacre of Rockford IL, second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Clerk VanBelle was absent.

**Police Car Purchase:** Trustee Christensen made a motion to use ARPA funds in the amount of \$33,011 for the purchase of a new police vehicle to replace the 2018 Ford Explorer. Second by Trustee Kozinski, Motion approved on a roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Clerk VanBelle was absent.

**Wastewater KSB Quote:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the KSB quote for 2 pumps at JCP1, not to exceed \$20,000, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Clerk VanBelle was absent.

**Wastewater LD Docsa Valves Quote:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the quote from LD Docsa for replacement valves at C1, not to exceed \$82,000, Second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Clerk VanBelle was absent.

**Approval of Fireworks Permits:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve permits from RKM Fireworks for fireworks at Garver Lake on 7/1 with a rain date of 7/2 and Eagle Lake on 7/3 with a rain date of 7/4, second by Trustee Bolock. All in favor, motion approved.

**Announcements:** Next regular Township Board meeting will be June 12<sup>th</sup>, Ambulance Board May 10<sup>th</sup>, Police Board May 11<sup>th</sup>, Wastewater Board My 24<sup>th</sup>, Planning Commission June 7<sup>th</sup>, and Cemetery Board on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Marchetti reported that clean up day was a success noting that 6, 40-yard dumpsters were filled. He expressed thanks to the volunteers, especially 4 high school students who helped.

**Adjourn:** Trustee Christensen made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Stutsman. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

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

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Linda Weaver, Recording Secretary