

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

October 11, 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 October 11, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

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. Trustee Christensen was absent.

Public Comment: Don Delong of Beach Drive spoke on various township concerns, Jill Meuninck of N Shore Dr. addressed the pending issue of ice retardant systems. Ann Tideman of Twilight St. inquired about ARP funding.

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

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Roseann Marchetti: Catalytic converter thefts are on the rise in Cass County. Two part time positions are open for dispatchers. A paddle auction will be held Saturday October 16th at the American Legion from 1-4pm to benefit the mural.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator: LeRoy Krempec: Seeing positive results on grass cutting violations and cleaning up of properties. The first Airbnb application was received.

Wastewater: Brigid Forlenza: Reliable Generator has presented a quote to be voted on tonight to provide and install a stationary generator at C-2 lift station.

Ambulance: Trustee Stutsman: There was no meeting last month. An employee will be presented with an award recognizing 20 years of employment.

Police: Trustee Christensen: No report.

Buildings & Grounds: Trustee Christensen: No report

Planning Commission: Trustee Bolock: No report.

Township Roads: Trustee Kozinski: Regal Place resurfacing has been completed. Work will be done at the intersection of May and Garver Lake Roads. A stakeholders meeting will be held to discuss the Elkhart Road multi-purpose connector path project.

Fire Board: John Bossler: No report.

Old Business: Ice-Retardant Systems (bubblers, de-icers, etc.): Resolution 2021-10-11.2 This Resolution has been posted on the website. Discussion among the Board members resulted in two amendments to the resolution. Section 3 will be amended to read the permit will be on a biennial basis and there will not be a fee. Section 5.3 will be removed. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve as amended, second by Supervisor Marchetti. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 5 ayes, 1 nay (Kozinski). Trustee Christensen was absent.

New Business:

Trick or Treat Hours: Trustee Kozinski made a motion to have the township Trick or Treat hours on October 31st from 5:30-7:30, second by Trustee Stutsman. All in favor, motion passed.

Snowplow Bids: Clerk VanBelle opened bids received by the township from Real Property Maintenance and McCall's Outdoor Chores. After discussion by the Board Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to accept the bid from McCall's, second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Christensen was absent.

Resolution to Approve Grant Easement of Sewer Scrubber: Trustee Bolock made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-10-11.1 granting St. Joe County, Indiana, an easement at 70222 M 62 at the scrubber site to allow access for maintenance and operation of the scrubber, second by Treasurer Leist. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Christensen was absent.

Custom Fence Quote: Supervisor Marchetti, made a motion to accept the quote from Custom Fence to complete work on the fence on the south side of the Township Hall and install a gate provided by the Fire Department, second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Christensen was absent.

Reliable Generator Proposal: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to accept the quote from Reliable Generator to install a stationary generator and automatic transfer switch at C-12 not to exceed \$30,000, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Christensen was absent.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting will be November 8th, Ambulance Board October 13th, Wastewater Board October 27th, Police Board October 14th, Planning Commission November 3rd.

Adjourn: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Kozinski. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

Linda Weaver, Ontwa Deputy Clerk