

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 9, 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 7:00pm on May 9, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Agenda: Trustee Bolock made a motion to add Ferndale Park to Old Business, second by Trustee Kozinski. Agenda approved as amended. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment: Jerry Duck, 23691 S. Shore, spoke on potential traffic issues on Brady Road. Bert Morgan, 71280 Ebersol Road spoke on the condition of Elkhart Road.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Trustee Bolock made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda second by Trustee Leist. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Kozinski made a motion to approve April Special Meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

Adamsville Cemetery: Dave Christian of 70918 Lakeview, sexton of the cemetery since 2004, and Bert Morgan spoke on the history on the Cemetery and how the maintenance is funded.

South Shore Culvert Repair: Joe Bellina updated the Board on the progress of the project and after discussion Trustee Stutsman made a motion to table the issue until the next Board meeting. Motion second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Roseann Marchetti: She presented to the Board a booklet made by young children, for children, who are victims of violence. Illustrations and messages by the children help in navigating the process they are going through.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator: LeRoy Krempec: Zoning department continues to work on short term rental issues and other violations. Owners of short term rentals are not allowed to advertise unless they have been licensed.

Wastewater: Brigid Forlenza: Letters will be going out to village residents regarding the upcoming gravity sewer cleaning.

Ambulance: Trustee Stutsman: The policy book will be reviewed at the next meeting, May 11th.

Police: Trustee Christensen: The meeting for May has been cancelled.

Buildings & Grounds: Trustee Christensen: Looking for bids on heating/air conditioning for the township hall/ambulance building. Trustee Christensen made a motion to accept the bid from Cass County Road Commission to repave the parking lot at the hall at a cost not to exceed \$32,000, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

Planning Commission: Trustee Bolock: Site plans were reviewed for a retail site, to include a General Dollar on US 12, retail shops and apartments on US 12 east of the Sports Complex, and the Brady Road subdivision.

Township Roads: Trustee Kozinski: Ongoing road issues: potholes and general road maintenance.

Fire Board: John Bossler: No report.

Old Business: Trustee Bolock made a motion, seconded by Trustee Christensen to contact the township attorney regarding a building issue at a property next to Ferndale Park. After discussion by the Board the motion was withdrawn and the issue was tabled.

New Business:

Mowing Bids: Clerk VanBelle made a motion to accept a bid from McCalls Outside Chores to mow properties in violation of the IPMC Code, section 302.4, regarding plant growth, second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

Clean Earth Wastewater: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the bid by Clean Earth not to exceed \$30,000 for sewer line cleaning in the village, second by Trustee Kozinski, motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

Ambulance Articles of Incorporation: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to accept some minor changes in verbiage in the Articles and to add a chairman and co-chair, one representing the township and the other representing the village, second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

Resolution to Establish a Receiving Board for Ontwa Township: Clerk VanBelle made a motion to accept Resolution #2022-05-09.1, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting will be June 13th, Ambulance Board May 11th, Police Board cancelled for May, Wastewater Board May 25th, Planning Commission June 1st.

Adjourn: Treasurer Leist made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Stutsman. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

Linda Weaver, Recording Secretary