

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2021

Minutes

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The meeting was conducted via Zoom. The Public was invited. Information on joining the meeting is posted on the website each month.

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 10th, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

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

Public Comment: Shannon Longo of 24343 Seaside Court, Attorney Jordon Florian representing Tim Lemman, Kyle Freeman of 23870 S. Shore, Lynn Vandy of Seaside Court, Jim Solarek of 26654 Deer Path, Brock Squire of 68645 Oak Spring, Jack Lemman of 24267 High Street, and Tim Lemman of 24267 High Street all addressed the issue of short-term rentals within the Township.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Trustee Bolock made a motion to approve the consent agenda second by Trustee Christensen. Passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Roseann Marchetti: A contract has been signed to begin work on the 1899 courthouse. Anyone who is homebound and wants to be vaccinated can decide with the COA by calling Lisa at 269-228-5519. Cass County Clinic is also offering vaccinations to anyone. Call 269-445-3874 for an appointment.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator: LeRoy Krempec – working with Plan Commission on short term rental ordinance.

Wastewater: Brigid Forlenza- Gravity line sewer cleaning has been completed and 43,000 feet and 3 lift stations were cleaned. C1 work to begin in 2-3 weeks.

Ambulance: Trustee Stutsman- All ambulances are in good running order. Unit 6910 is a transport ambulance.

Police: Trustee Christensen- No report.

Buildings & Grounds: Trustee Christensen – Looking into having the driveway and parking area at the Township Hall resurfaced.

Planning Commission: Trustee Bolock- One land division was approved, and the commission has been working on a short-term rental ordinance.

Township Roads: Trustee Kozinski- Continuing work on 2021 projects.

Fire Board: No report

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

Manhole Castings: Selge Construction provide a quote to raise 11 manholes along Elkhart Road at a cost of \$855 each. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the quote at a cost not to exceed \$10,000, second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

Short Term Rentals: The draft ordinance regulating short term rentals in Ontwa Township was presented. After lengthy discussion with input from members of the Plan Commission, Zoning Ordinance Review Committee, Board of Trustee members, and attorney Florian, Trustee Kozinski made a motion to postpone a vote until the June Board meeting, giving the Plan Commission time to review and clarify several issues. Clerk VanBelle second the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 5 ayes, 2 nays (Supervisor Marchetti, Trustee Bolock.) Trustee Stutsman made a motion to form a 5-member ad hoc committee to review the draft. After discussion motion was withdrawn. Trustee Stutsman made a motion

to return the draft to the Plan Commission for additional review on several specific issues, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting will be June 14th, Ambulance Board cancelled for May, Police Board meeting cancelled for May, Wastewater Board May 26th, Planning Commission June 2nd. Clean up days for Ontwa Township residents was a big success. Nine dumpsters were filled, and enough donations were given to pay for two.

Adjourn: Trustee Kozinski made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Stutsman. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

Linda Weaver, Ontwa Deputy Clerk