

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
October 10, 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 October 10, 2022.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Agenda: Trustee Bolock made a motion to amend the agenda and add Ferndale Park under Old Business, second by Trustee Christensen. All in favor, motion passed. Trustee Bolock made a motion to approve the amended agenda, second by Treasurer Leist. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment: Justin Dominique representing The Green Door spoke on requesting the Board to consider a dispensary in the township. Shane Shidler spoke on behalf of the school bond proposal on the November ballot.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Trustee Stutsman 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: Commissioner Roseann Marchetti: The County approved the purchase of a ten-unit camera system for the Sheriff's Department. County Dispatch will soon be able to receive videos to 911. County paving projects are scheduled to end this week. Completion of the Courthouse renovations are projected to be complete in late 2023.

Committee Board Reports:

Wastewater: Brigid Forlenza: Late fees have been assessed on St. Joe County (South Bend) regarding delinquency on the wastewater invoices.

Zoning Administrator: John Hanson: Working on short term rental renewals; currently there are 12 in the township. The dump site issue at the intersection of May and M62 will soon be resolved.

Ambulance: Trustee Stutsman: The meeting for October has been cancelled. The Department is overbudget due to substantial vehicle maintenance/repair issues, however service was never interrupted.

Police: Trustee Christensen: No report.

Buildings & Grounds: Trustee Stutsman: No report

Planning Commission: Trustee Bolock: The Eagle Ridge project will have a private road application at the next meeting.

Township Roads: Trustee Kozinski: A request to pave Lane Road was received and will be considered. This would be a major project if approved.

Fire Board: John Hanson: A new fire truck has been delivered. The full-time feasibility study is ongoing.

Parks Board: Trustee Kozinski: The retaining wall at Ferndale has been completed. Trustee Bolock said the lot line needs to be defined.

Old Business: Ferndale Park- The township needs to meet with **EGLE** to determine what can be done with the overgrowth.

New Business:

Cemetery Board Appointments: Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to approve the following residents to the Board: Brigid Forlenza, Meryl Christensen, Burton Morgan, Gordon Carr, and Heather Carter. Trustee Kozinski second the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays. A Board meeting will be scheduled.

Resolution to Adjust/Amend the Budget: Clerk VanBelle made a motion approve Resolution 2022-10-10.1 to move \$10,000 from Repairs/improvements to Cemetery. Second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays

Trick or Treat Hours: Trustee Kozinski made a motion to make Trick or Treat hours on Monday October 31, from 5:30-7:30pm. Second by Trustee Christensen. All in favor, motion passed.

Wastewater Franke Environmental Systems Meter: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to purchase a flow meter for the Sports Complex, to be installed by the Sports Complex, at a cost not to exceed \$7,000. Second by Trustee Kozinski, motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

Wastewater Infrastructure Alternative Systems Contract: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to renew the current contract for another 5 years with IAI, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

Wastewater Reliable Generator – B2 and JPC 2: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve Reliable Generator and Electric, LLC, to install a stationary generator and automatic transfer switch at JPC-2 lift station, not to exceed \$53,400.

Wastewater Selge-JCP1 Chemical Feed Lines: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve Selge Construction to install a 1-1/2” or 2” inch PVC buried conduit at JPC-1 at a cost not to exceed \$4,100. Second by Trustee Kozinski, motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

Wastewater Selge-Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve Selge Construction to adjust 4 manhole castings along Elkhart Road at a cost not to exceed \$7,588. Second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting will be November 14th, Ambulance Board cancelled for October, Police Board October 13th, Wastewater Board October 26th, Planning Commission November 2nd.

Trustee Kozinski noted that he has spoken to residents along Elkhart Road regarding plans for the walking path and has received much positive feedback.

Adjourn: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn, second by Treasurer Leist. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

Linda Weaver, Recording Secretary