

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

March 8, 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 March 8, 2021.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

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

Public Comment: No public comment

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

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Roseann Marchetti – The Board of Commissioners voted to resume in person meetings on March 5. There will be three sites available for vaccinations, two in Dowagiac and one at Edwardsburg Fire Department. Anyone 65 and older who needs a vaccination should call COA at 269-445-8110.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator: Leroy Krempec – No report

Wastewater: Brigid Forlenza – Rate study will be done, and the Wastewater budget is done.

Ambulance: Trustee Stutsman –An exploratory committee has been formed to work with the ambulance service.

Police: Trustee Christensen – No meeting last month.

Buildings & Grounds: - No report

Planning Commission: Trustee Bolock – At the last meeting rezoning and land splits were approved, and there was discussion on bubblers.

Roads: Trustee Kozinski – Contracts from the Road Commission will be coming as soon as the 2021-2022 budget is approved.

Fire Board: John Bossler –A dry hydrant was installed at the Redfield/ Christiana Creek boat launch.

Old Business: Conflict of interest/incompatible office: Supervisor Marchetti withdrew the motion and will take no further action.

New Business:

Resolution 2021-03-08.1 to appoint professional service providers: Clerk VanBelle made a motion to adopt the resolution, second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution 2021-03-08.2 to adopt the annual exemption option: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adopt the resolution, option 3, second by Treasurer Davis-Leist. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7ayes, 0 nays.

Resolution 2021-03-8.3 to establish Ontwa Township Board of Trustees regular scheduled meeting dates for 2021-2022 fiscal year: Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve, second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7ayes, 0 nays.

Sewer Rate Study-Wastewater Budget: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to allow review by Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors not to exceed \$12,500, second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7ayes, 0 nays. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to accept the Wastewater budget of \$1.5

million, second by Trustee Kozinski. A rate increase for St. Joe County, Indiana, went in to affect this month and another one is scheduled for January 2022.

Lawn Bids: Clerk VanBelle opened two bids for lawn service for 2021; McCall's Outside Chores and Do-Rite Lawn Service. After comparison and discussion Trustee Bolock made a motion to accept McCall's Outside Chores, second by Treasurer Davis-Leist.

Trustee Stutsman made a motion to hire Lawn Tech for lawn fertilizing as they did last year, second by Clerk VanBelle. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7ayes, 0 nays.

Announcements: The next regular Township Board public meeting will be held April 12th, Ambulance Board meeting cancelled, Police Board March 11th, Wastewater March 28th, Planning Commission meeting April 7th, there will be a budget public hearing special meeting on March 25th at 6pm on Zoom.

Adjourn: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Christensen. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

Linda Weaver