

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2023

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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 August 14, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Supervisor Marchetti, Clerk VanBelle, Treasurer Leist, Trustees Stutsman, Kozinski, Bolock and Christensen were present.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to amend the agenda by adding Zoning Department Appointment as item 7 under New Business, second by Treasurer Leist. All in favor motion passed.

Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended, second by Treasurer Leist. All in favor motion passed.

Public Comment: Dale Snow of Scott Street, Viki Lints of S. Shore, Charmane Daly, owner of Eagle Lake Marine, Catherine Otis of Eagle Lake Rd., and Tom Harris of N. Shore all spoke on issues with the public use of the east end of Eagle Lake.

Jeff Brown, 68695 Oak Springs Rd, spoke on access points for subdivisions. JP Wielgos of Seven Diamonds spoke on Eagle Ridge. Supervisor Marchetti spoke on ordinance 2018-09-10.5 which is on the current agenda for approval.

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 Sam Barrera: The commissioners are working on the 2024 budget and welcome public input. A meeting will be held on Thursday August 17th at 5pm at the County Building.

Commissioner Marchetti: The commissioners recommended passage of resolutions to establish an opioid advisory panel and use of opioid funds for a family event. A grant has been accepted to do extensive renovations at Lawless Park.

Committee Board Reports:

Wastewater: Trustee Stutsman: There are two proposals on the agenda for approval. 11,874,000 gallons of wastewater was generated in July. The outage at JCP2 was resolved.

Zoning: John Hanson: Continuing to work on ongoing violations.

Ambulance: Trustee Stutsman: All equipment is in good shape and the department is fully staffed and underbudget.

Police: Meryl Christensen: Approval was given for the purchase of a new police car.

Buildings & Grounds: Trustee Stutsman: Continuing to work on audio/visual project for the township hall.

Planning Commission: Trustee Bolock: The attorney for Eddies Marketplace was given an extension until October 4th. They are waiting on a traffic study.

Township Roads: Trustee Kozinski: Working through scheduled projects for 2023.

Fire Board: John Hanson: In addition to the regularly scheduled meetings, there will be a meeting held on the 1st Tuesday of every odd month to review the results of the staffing study.

Parks Board: Trustee Kozinski: Positive input on Kraus Park.

Adamsville Cemetery Board: Trustee Christensen: No report

Old Business:

Eagle Ridge Site Condominium – Brady Rd & US 12-Update: JP Wielgos asked for extension until March 2024 as they are waiting on permitting from EGLE. Trustee Bolock made

a motion to approve the extension for six months, second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Elkhart Road Project: Anticipating response regarding the grant application in September.

New Business:

Resolution to Adjust/Amend FY 2023-2024 Budget: Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-8-14.1 in the amount of \$58,555.14 in ARPA revenue, second by Supervisor Marchetti. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Amend Ontwa Ordinance 2018-09-10.5 (Tents, Tables or Canopies): Supervisor Marchetti gave an overview of the proposed amendment and noted he has spoken to the Road Commission regarding the additions, which applies to only the right-of-way. After discussion Trustee Kozinski made a motion to approve the amendment, second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Wastewater-Selge Proposal for Concrete Driveways B1 & B2: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the bid from Selge Construction not to exceed \$21,000, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Wastewater-Perceptive Controls -C1: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 PLC's for C1 not to exceed \$6,000. This includes the cost of an electrician to install. Second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Eagle Lake Fireworks: Trustee Kozinski made a motion to approve the permit from RKM for September 3rd fireworks at Eagle Lake, second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion approved on a roll call vote.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment (small animals): Trustee Bolock reviewed the proposed changes to Ordinance 80-2, as amended. This amendment addresses the keeping of chickens, rabbits and ducks as subsection C, and section 3.21 Accessory Buildings and Structures, and section 3.22 Swimming Pools and Section 4 Lot dimensions and Access. These changes were approved last week by the Plann Commission. Treasurer Leist second the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Zoning Administrator & Code Enforcement Appointment: Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to appoint John Hanson, who currently serves as deputy zoning administrator, to replace LeRoy Krempec who recently retired as Zoning Administrator. Discussion followed on the salary for the position and that there will not be a deputy zoning administrator. Trustee Christensen second the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting will be September 11th, Ambulance Board September 13th, Police Board September 14th, Wastewater Board August 23rd, Planning Commission September 6th.

Adjourn: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn, second by Treasurer Leist. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Linda Weaver, Recording Secretary