

# Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

April 10, 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 April 10, 2023.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Clerk VanBelle made a motion to amend the agenda to add under Old Business the changes to PC Ordinance as item 2, Trustee Christensen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Trustee Stutsman. All in favor, motion passed.

**Public Comment:** Jill Meuninck of 24097 N. Shore, both spoke on supporting mow May to encourage pollinators. Kim Egendoerfer 68744 S. Shore Dr questioned the need for a fence at Ferndale Park and would like to see trash picked up at the park.

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

**Commissioner's Report:** Commissioners Roseann Marchetti: Commissioner Marchetti updated the board on the current County information. They are still waiting to resume construction on the old Court House. Amy Heflin is the new Foody Pantry Coordinator.

## Committee Board Reports:

**Wastewater:** Brigid Forlenza: Work will be done on JPC1. Per IAI, JPC2 tree encroaching on lift station.

**Zoning:** John Hanson: Working on land splits, new homes, and short-term rental inspections.

**Ambulance:** Trustee Stutsman: year-end financial 30K in the red. Will be fine for next year.

**Police:** Meryl Christensen: Next meeting April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

**Buildings & Grounds:** Trustee Stutsman: Outside sign repaired. Looking to get quotes for bushes and beautification of township lawn.

**Planning Commission:** Trustee Bolock: Zoning amendments that were sent back have been clarified and approved for township board. Eddies market park pulled from agenda and will be back on May agenda. 11 people spoke against the park, none in favor.

**Township Roads:** Trustee Kozinski: 2023 road contracts signed.

**Fire Board:** John Hanson: Response time needs to be improved for fire trucks. Last fire took 15 minutes for a truck to arrive.

**Parks Board:** Trustee Kozinski: Passed out December meeting minutes for new business.

**Adamsville Cemetery Board:** Trustee Christensen: No meeting, next meeting June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Quarterly meetings now.

## Old Business:

**Elkhart Road Project:** The grant has been submitted, now we are waiting to see if we will get it.

**Changes to PC Ordinance:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the changes, seconded by Clerk VanBelle, all in favor, motion passed. Ordinance changes will go into effect 30 days after publication.

## New Business:

**Planning Commission Appointee:** Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to appoint Todd Haberland to the Planning Commission Board, seconded by Trustee Stutsman, all in favor, motion passed.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Appointee:** Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to appoint Michael Vogel to the Zoning board of appeals, seconded by Treasurer Leist, all in favor, motion passed.

**Ferndale Park Fence Quote:** Trustee Kozinski presented the quote from Custom Fence for the fence to be put up at Ferndale Park for \$9,430.00, no vote was needed because approval had been given at the December 2022 meeting to spend \$10,000 on park improvements. This gives the board \$570.00 to clean up the brush and trash at the park.

**Announcements:** Next regular Township Board meeting will be May 8<sup>th</sup>, Ambulance Board No April meeting, Police Board April 13<sup>th</sup>, Wastewater Board April 26<sup>th</sup>, Planning Commission May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Cemetery Board on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn, second Trustee Kozinski. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk