

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

January 11, 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 7:04pm on January 11, 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.

Approval of Agenda: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to add as item #4 under New Business, discussion on forming a wage and salary committee, second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes 0 nays.

Public Comment: John Bossler thanked Roseann Marchetti for information on the link to sign up for the Covid vaccine. Trustee Christensen commented on status of a notary at the township and the opening of the township office which is closed in compliance with the Governors' directive.

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

Public Hearing - 5 Year Parks & Recreation Plan Resolution: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to open the public hearing, second by Clerk VanBelle. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays. Trustee Bolock opened discussion stating the Planning Commission has been working on this project with Williams and Works since September 2020. Public input was requested, and the Commission received over 400 responses. Final approval was passed by the Commission on January 6, 2021 as Resolution # 2021-01-06.1 and is now being presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval. Public comment was Dale Snow of 68501 Scott Street, Edwardsburg, concerning the verbiage on pages 16 and 18 of the report regarding public access to the water's edge at east end of Eagle lake. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, second by Trustee Christensen. Motion approved on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to go to regular session, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion approved on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays. Clerk VanBelle read and made a motion to approve Resolution #2021-01-11.1 adopting Resolution #2021-01-06.1 put forth by the Planning Commission, second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion approved on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Roseann Marchetti – Provided information on the availability of the vaccine for Covid for Cass County residents. The link to sign up is vbcassdhd.org. Animal Control will hold vaccination clinics on Saturday, January 23, from 9am to 1pm and again on Saturday, February 23, from 9am to 1pm at a cost of \$20.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator: Leroy Krempec – Business as usual, mostly by way of email communication.

Wastewater: Brigid Forlenza – JPC1 fencing ongoing, as is work on C1, mostly waiting for parts.

Ambulance: Trustee Stutsman – Zoom meeting will be held Wednesday, January 13 at 6pm.

Police: Trustee Christensen – No meeting this month.

Buildings & Grounds: - No report

Planning Commission: Trustee Bolock – No report

Roads: Trustee Kozinski – No report. He asked that anyone noticing or being notified of potholes to please communicate that information to him.

Fire Board: John Bossler – No meeting last month.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

Appointment of Zoning Appeals Board Member: Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to appoint Todd Haberland, second by Treasurer Davis-Leist. Trustee Bolock opened discussion regarding this appointment because, if appointed, 90% of the Board would be comprised of Eagle Lake residents. After discussion the motion passed on a roll call vote: 4 ayes (Marchetti, VanBelle, Davis-Leist, Kozinski) 3 nays (Bolock, Christensen, Stutsman)

Appointment of Building and Grounds Committee Member: Supervisor Marchetti appointed Trustee Christensen to the position.

Planning Commission Annual Report: Trustee Bolock presented and made a motion to approve the Annual Report, second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Wage and Salary Committee for 2021: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to form the committee, second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays. Supervisor Marchetti asked Trustees Stutsman, Bolock, and Christensen to serve on the committee.

Supervisor Marchetti opened discussion on the Township Office being closed due to the Governor's directive effective until January 15th. After discussion Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to return to regular hours on January 19, 2021, second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes (Marchetti, Davis-Leist, Bolock, Christensen, Stutsman, Kozinski) 1 nay (VanBelle)

Announcements: The next regular Township Board Zoom meeting will be held February 8th, Ambulance Board meeting will be held January 13th, Police Board for January is cancelled, Wastewater January 27th, Planning Commission meeting February 3. All are Zoom meetings.

Adjourn: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Kozinski. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

Linda Weaver