

# Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2021

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 7:01pm on September 13, 2021.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Roll Call:** Supervisor Jerry Marchetti, Clerk Tina VanBelle, Trustees Meryl Christensen, Dan Stutsman, and Jeff Kozinski were present. Treasurer Leist and Trustee Bolock attended via Zoom.

Clerk VanBelle requested an amendment to the agenda to add signature cards for TCF/Huntington Bank as item #7.

**Approval of Agenda:** Trustee Christensen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended by Clerk VanBelle, second by Trustee Kozinski. All in favor, motion passed.

**Public Comment:** Jeffrey Thomson of N Shore Dr, Gary White of N Shore Dr, Brock Squire of Oak Springs Rd, Jordon Florian, Tim Lehman of High St, Jill White of N Shore Dr, Jill Meuninck of N Shore Dr, Tony Overmyer of South Beach, Darrin Schaap of US 12, Patty Ready of N Shore Dr, Jim Meuninck of N Shore Dr and Mark Makielski of High St. all addressed the pending issue of ice retardant systems. Polly Mitchell of S Shore Dr and Dennis Jordahl of S Shore Dr addressed the issue of drainage on S Shore Dr.

**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: A public hearing will be held Thursday September 16, on the Cass County Budget. Homeowners who were adversely affected by the pandemic may apply for the Home Assistance Grant. Contact Commissioner Marchetti for details.

**Committee Board Reports:**

**Zoning Administrator:** LeRoy Krempec: The Deputy Zoning Administrator is developing computer programs to gain efficiency within the department. Projects being addressed by the department are various complaints, grass cuttings, demo of 3 homes, short term rental apps, fence issues, and land splits.

**Wastewater:** Mike Mrozek: The C1 modification project has been completed, and manholes have been repaired.

**Ambulance:** Trustee Stutsman: The ambulance continues to need medics.

**Police:** Trustee Christensen: No report.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Trustee Christensen: No report

**Planning Commission:** Trustee Bolock: No report.

**Township Roads:** Trustee Kozinski: Regal Place will be done by end of September.

**Fire Board:** John Bossler: August saw an increase in calls.

**Old Business: Ice-Retardant Systems (bubblers, de-icers, etc.) Discussion only:** The Board members discussed the pros and cons of how to determine the best option to follow that will be beneficial for the residents of township lakes where the neighbors are struggling with this issue. After a lengthy debate Trustee Kozinski made a motion to form an ad hoc committee to write some regulations, Second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**New Business:**

**Elkhart Rd Multi-Purpose Connector Path (Jeff Kozinski):** Trustee Kozinski made a motion to proceed with research into the possibility of a connector path from Hope United Church to Gateway Apartments. Board approval would give him permission to talk to residents to gather support for such a project, and at this point would not involve any monetary investment by the township. Motion second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Resolution to Adjust/Amend Budget:** Clerk VanBelle read and made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-09-13.6 to adjust the budget for FY 2021-2022, second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Resolutions for Special Assessment Districts (SAD):** Clerk VanBelle read and made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-9-13.1 (Eagle Lake) second by Trustee Christensen with amendment to change applicable dates to 2021. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Clerk VanBelle read and made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-9-13.2 (Pleasant Lake) second by Trustee Christensen with amendment to change applicable dates to 2021. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Clerk VanBelle read and made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-9-13.3 (Garver Lake) second by Trustee Stutsman with amendment to change applicable dates to 2021. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Clerk VanBelle read and made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-9-13.4 (Morton Drive/Christiana Lake) second by Trustee Kozinski with amendment to change applicable dates to 2021. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Clerk VanBelle read and made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-9-13.5 (Regal Place) second by Trustee Kozinski with amendment to change applicable dates to 2021. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Ferndale Park (Dawn Bolock):** Trustee Bolock made a motion to have a stake survey done, second by Clerk VanBelle. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**DASAS Agreement:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve a contract for services with Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services for FY 2021-2022 in the amount of \$1,300. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Proclamation National Rail Safety Week (Jerry Marchetti):** Supervisor Marchetti read and made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-09-13.7, second by Trustee Stutsman. All in favor, motion passed.

**Signature cards for TCF/Huntington Bank:** Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve signing paperwork by the Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Clerk, and Deputy Clerk, as required by the bank. Motion second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Announcements:** Next regular Township Board meeting will be October 11<sup>th</sup>, Ambulance Board October 13<sup>th</sup>, Wastewater Board September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fire Board October 5<sup>th</sup>, Police Board October 14<sup>th</sup>, Planning Commission October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn:** Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Kozinski. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

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

Recording Secretary

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Linda Weaver, Ontwa Deputy Clerk