

# Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2022, 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 7:00pm on July 11, 2022.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

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

**Public Comment:** Barb Gordon representing the Cass District Library addressed the upcoming Library Millage on the August ballot. Kim Egendoerfer of 68744 S. Shore spoke on building issues.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Trustee Christensen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda second by Treasurer Leist. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 5 ayes 0 nays. Clerk VanBelle and Trustee Bolock were absent.

**Commissioner's Report:** Commissioner Roseann Marchetti: Approved at the last meeting were resolutions for the County to pay 80% of employee's health care premiums, a resolution to oppose a proposed change by congress in the work force development servicing, and a resolution opposing two senate bills regarding mental health services in the community. On August 27<sup>th</sup>, a hazardous waste collection will be held at the Cass County Road Commission. The 911 Millage for Central Dispatch is a renewal, not a new millage request.

**Committee Board Reports:**

**Wastewater:** Brigid Forlenza: Generator for C2 is on the way. The fence at the Island Drive lift station will be completed by end of the month.

**Zoning Administrator:** LeRoy Krempec: The Township does not do property surveys. Sheds over 200sf need permits.

**Ambulance:** Trustee Stutsman: The new power loader, approved at last month's meeting, has been ordered. Millage votes on the August ballot are renewals not new mileages.

**Police:** No meeting last month. Next meeting will be Thursday at 6pm.

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

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

**Township Roads:** Trustee Kozinski: The proposed multi-purpose path will show an extension of the path from Windsor to May Street. The deadline for submitting the grant for this project is April 1, 2023. The signal light project at Section Street has been put off a year.

**Fire Board:** John Bossler: John is retiring from the Fire Board.

**Old Business:** No old business

**New Business:**

**ESC & Ontwa Township DNR Trust Fund Application:** James Simpson, Manager of the ESC, presented information on the Michigan National Resources Trust Fund. This grant would include ADA improvements to the playground, a memorial park, and a pavilion, with phase II featuring a splash pad. The grant requires a governmental agency as the applicant and fiduciary. Trustee Stutsman questioned if there would be a charge to the public to use the facility and Mr. Simpson responded there would not be. The Township would function as the grant applicant, and if approved would require the Township to agree to lease the area for \$1 Per year with ESC providing all the maintenance. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to proceed with the grant application, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 5 ayes 0 nays. Clerk VanBelle and Trustee Bolock were absent.

**Fire Board Appointment:** Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to appoint John Hanson, a retired firefighter, who also works in the Township Zoning Office, to the Fire Board to replace John Bossler. Second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 5 ayes 0 nays. Clerk VanBelle and Trustee Bolock were absent.

**Building Inspector Appointment:** Wayne Hardin, who has worked as Ontwa Township Building inspector since 2009 will be leaving the position effective August 1<sup>st</sup>. Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to appoint Richard Yoder as Building inspector to replace Wayne. Also, effective August 1<sup>st</sup> the Building and Zoning Departments will no longer be open on Saturday mornings. Hours for both departments will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday form 9-2. Trustee Stutsman questioned the pay for Mr. Yoder. Supervisor Marchetti said it would remain the same; 80/20. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 5 ayes 0 nays. Clerk VanBelle and Trustee Bolock were absent.

**Edwardsburg Ambulance Furnace and Air:** Trustee Christensen made a motion to accept a bid from DE Duck Heating and Cooling not to exceed \$5,400 to replace the furnace and air in the ambulance bay. Second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 5 ayes 0 nays. Clerk VanBelle and Trustee Bolock were absent.

**Announcements:** Next regular Township Board meeting will be August 8<sup>th</sup>, Ambulance Board July 13<sup>th</sup>, Police Board July 14<sup>th</sup>, Wastewater Board July 27<sup>th</sup>, Planning Commission August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Adjourn:** Trustee Kozinski made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Stutsman. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

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

Recording Secretary

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Linda Weaver, Recording Secretary