

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

February 8, 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 7:00pm on February 8, 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 were present.

Approval of Agenda: Trustee Christensen made a motion to approve the agenda second by Treasurer Davis-Leist. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment: Richard Elliott spoke on behalf of some Ontwa Township residents regarding Airbnb.

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

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Roseann Marchetti – Cass District Library is seeking input on the needs of the library as part of their planning process. To participate in the survey, go to surveyMonkey.com/r/casslibrarymasterplan. The next rabies clinic will be held February 20th from 10am-2pm.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator: Leroy Krempec – Working on Airbnb issues and noted Ontwa is not in favor of this.

Wastewater: Trustee Stutsman – C1 work will commence weather permitting. Some lane closures will be necessary.

Ambulance: Trustee Stutsman –The department has two full time ambulances now.

Police: Trustee Christensen – No meeting this month.

Buildings & Grounds: - No report

Planning Commission: Trustee Bolock – There will be a public hearing on Christiana Lake regarding R1 to LR zoning.

Roads: Trustee Kozinski – Continuing work on potholes and possible sink hole on May near Martin Rd.

Fire Board: John Bossler –The second fire truck has been sold.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

MBOR Taxpayer Petition Resolution: 2021-02-08.1 regulates method by which residents may submit an appeal of their assessed valuation. Motion to accept made by Trustee Bolock, second by Treasurer Davis-Leist. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7ayes, 0 nays. March BOR is video only.

Resolution Extending Poverty Tax Exemption: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02-08.2, with an amendment to change the length of exemption from three years to one year, second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7ayes, 0 nays.

Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve the application, second by Treasurer Davis-Leist. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7ayes, 0 nays. Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to adopt option #3, second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7ayes, 0 nays.

Board Reappointments: Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to approve Chris Marbach and Shane Szalai to the Planning Commission, Steven Foster to the Zoning Board of Appeals, John Bossler and Mike Mroczek to the Wastewater Board, and Jacqueline Tighe to the Fire Board. Second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7ayes, 0 nays.

Conflict of Interest/Incompatible Office: Following discussion it was decided this topic will be postponed until the March Board of Trustees meeting.

Announcements: The next regular Township Board Zoom meeting will be held March 8th, Ambulance Board meeting will be held February 10th, Police Board February 11th, Wastewater February 24th, Planning Commission meeting March 3rd. There will be a Budget Workshop, via Zoom, on February 23rd at 6pm.

Adjourn: Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to adjourn, second by Clerk VanBelle. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

Linda Weaver