

# Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2024

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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 8, 2024.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Clerk VanBelle made a motion to amend the agenda, under Committee Board reports to add Fire Board Report item # a, replacing the Wastewater Report. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended, second by Trustee Kozinski. All in favor, motion passed.

**Public Comment:** No public comment

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Trustee Bolock 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 Marchetti: The Board of Commissioner's meeting for April 4<sup>th</sup> was rescheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>. The Cass County Hazardous Waste Collection is April 24<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 pm at the Cass County Road Commission. The renovation and remodel of the Courthouse is going well. There will be a open house to celebrate the Courthouse. It was built in 1899 so the County will be celebrating 125 years. The planning Commission will be having a open house at the Cass County Road Commission. The County Master Plan is being Updated.

## Committee Board Reports

**Fire Board Report – John Hanson:** 75 calls 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The Edwardsburg Fire Department is hosting classes, the latest one was on electric vehicles and how to deal with putting out fires in them. The department has been applying for grants, they recently received \$20,000 for new gear, and received \$9,500 from DUO Form for new helmets. John resigned from the Fire Board.

**Wastewater-Brigid Forlenza:** No Report

**Zoning-Trustee Bolock:** Trustee Bolock passed out 1<sup>st</sup> qtr. 2024 reports, and all of 2023 reports. At the April Meeting there was a land split, public hearing to update Zoning Amendment 3:26, taking out building codes that don't need to be in the ordinance. There will be a meeting to start working on Zoning updates.

**Ambulance-Trustee Stutsman:** The next meeting is Wed. April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Budget ended \$16,000 in the red. The township will give the Ambulance \$60,000 this year so that will help.

**Buildings and Grounds-Trustee Stutsman:** Trustee Stutsman stated there are trees behind the Ambulance building, out by the grill area that need to be taken out and a privacy fence put up. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 to remove trees and put up the fence, second by Trustee Bolock. Passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Planning Commission-Trustee Christensen:** Trustee Bolock updated.

**Township Roads-Trustee Kozinski:** Garver Lake Road is on the list to fix this year.

**Parks Board-Trustee Kozinski:** No Report. Next meeting will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm.

**Police-Trustee Christensen:** No Report. Next meeting is scheduled for Thurs. April 11.

**Adamsville Cemetery-Trustee Christensen:** No Report. Next meeting is scheduled for June 3 at 4pm.

**Old Business:** Trustee Kozinski noted the Trust Fund Grant Application was submitted. The Village gave right of way permission. Trustee Kozinski stated the possibility of him presenting in August to the Grant Board to improve our chance of receiving the grant.

**New Business:**

**Board Appointments:** Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to appoint Bob Thompson as ZBA Board Member, Jeff VanBelle as Board of Review Alternate and Lance Stevenson as Adamsville Cemetery Board Member, second by Trustee Stutsman. All in favor, motion passed.

**Garver Lake Fireworks:** Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve the fireworks permit for Garver Lake, second by Trustee Christensen, all in favor, motion passed.

**Resolution to Adopt Millage Ballot Language:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the Resolution to adopt millage ballot language for the renewal of the fire and ambulance services millage. Second by Trustee Kozinski, Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Resolution to Adopt Millage Ballot Language:** Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve the Resolution to adopt millage ballot language for the renewal of the police department millage. Second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Resolution to Adopt Millage Ballot Language:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the Resolution to adopt the millage ballot language for the renewal of the ambulance service millage renewal. Second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Announcements:** Next regular Township Board meeting will be May 13<sup>th</sup>, Ambulance Board Meeting April 10, Police Board Meeting April 11<sup>th</sup>, Wastewater Board Meeting April 24<sup>th</sup>, Planning Commission Meeting May 1<sup>st</sup>. Township Clean-up Day will be Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm.

**Adjourn:** Trustee Kozinski made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Stutsman. Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk