

# Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

May 13, 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 May 13, 2024.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the agenda, 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 Treasurer Leist. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays. Trustee Christensen was absent.

**Commissioner's Report:** Commissioner Marchetti: Two millage requests will be on the August 6<sup>th</sup> ballot: the senior services millage and the drug enforcement millage. These are renewals of current millages. Commissioner Marchetti presented the annual Going to Court book that children from Cass County compose with drawings they make about their experiences with the court system.

**Library Update:** Barbara Gordon, Cass County Library Director, gave an update on the new library construction project to be completed mid-summer 2025. The new library will be 9,500sf with 2 parking lots and outside amenities. At her request the township has waived the sewer permit fee.

**Committee Board Reports:** No committee board reports this month. From now on reports will be given every other month. Brigid Forlenza reported that gravity line sewer cleaning from Island Drive to N. Shore has been completed.

**Old Business:**

**Elkhart Road Project:** The Parks Board will meet June 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the reapplication of the grant and a report to the Board at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be given.

**New Business:**

**Zoning Updates re: Section 326:** The Master Plan is finished, and work has begun on revisions to the zoning book. Before the Board, for approval, is the revision to section 326, pertaining to building codes which have been removed from the book. This revision was previously approved by both the township Plan Commission, and the County Plan commission. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays, Trustee Christensen was absent.

**Fire Board Appointment:** Supervisor Marchetti asked for a motion to appoint Clerk VanBelle to the Fire Board to replace John Hanson who has resigned. Trustee Kozinski made the motion, seconded by Treasurer Leist. All in favor, motion passed.

**Announcements:** The next regular Township Board meeting will be June 10<sup>th</sup>, Ambulance Board, June 12<sup>th</sup>, Police Board June 13<sup>th</sup>, Wastewater Board May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Planning Commission June 5<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Marchetti announced Garver Lake will hold it's annual meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the township hall. A public hearing will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, prior to the Board of Trustees meeting, regarding the rezoning of Eddies Market Place.

**Adjourn:** Trustee Kozinski made a motion to adjourn, second by Clerk VanBelle. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

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

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Linda Weaver, Recording Secretary