

**Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**September 9, 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 6:58pm on September 9, 2024.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Trustee Christensen made a motion to amend the agenda by adding Cemetery as item #7 under New Business. Clerk VanBelle made a motion to add check numbers 9710-9714 to General Checking and numbers 7143-7147 to Wastewater Fund in the Consent Agenda. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the amended agenda, second by Trustee Kozinski. All in favor, motion passed.

**Public Comment:** Galen Laplace of Laplace Plumbing, addressed the issue of a sewer connection on S. Shore.

Jill Meunnick, 24097 N. Shore Drive, voiced her approval of the action taken on Resolution 2024 L-4029 at tonight's public hearing. Adam Lindley addressed a letter he received from the Zoning Administrator. Two neighbors spoke in support of Adam Lindley. Jimmy Otis 68459 Eagle Lake Road, spoke of continuing excessive noise around the Eagle Lake area.

**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, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Audit Report – Kruggel Lawton:** Allison Allman presented the Annual Financial Report.

**Commissioner's Report:** Commissioner Marchetti: A hazardous waste & tire collection will be held on Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Road Commission on O'Keef Street from 3-6pm. Proof of Cass County residency is required. The Courthouse remodel is expected to be completed in early October. The Fall Festival will take place at the Fire Station on Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am-4pm with many vendors, food trucks and a bounce house. The Committee of the Whole will be held on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and the public is encouraged to attend.

**Committee Board Reports:** There are no Board reports this month.

**Old Business:**

**Elkhart Road Project:** Waiting on word from the DNR.

**New Business:**

**SAD Resolutions:** Resolution numbers 2024-9-9.1 Eagle Lake, 2024-9-9.2 Pleasant Lake, 2024-9-9.3 Garver Lake, 2024-9-9.4 Morton Dr/Christiana Lake, 2024-9-9.5 Regal Place and 2024-9-9.6 Christiana Lake Dredge Project were all approved on a combined roll call vote. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Custom Fence – Ambulance:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve a quote submitted by Epic Maintenance to install fencing at the rear of the Township Hall at a cost of \$1,430, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**National See Tracks – Think Train Proclamation:** Supervisor Marchetti read and made a motion to pass the Proclamation. All in favor motion passed, Supervisor Marchetti also stated he has had discussions with the railroad regarding the repair of May Street crossing. The project has been promised to be done.

Resolution Risk Reduction Grant - Security Camera: **Supervisor** Marchetti made a motion to pass **Resolution** 2024-9-9.7 to apply to the Michigan Township Participating Plan for \$2,998 to assist in funding the security cameras at the township hall, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Master Plan Distribution:** Trustee Bolock made a motion to authorize the Master Plan to go to the Notice Committee, Second by Trustee Christensen. The Village will be voting on it Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>. All in favor, motion passed.

**Wastewater B3 B4 Wet Well Lining:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to accept the quote from Advanced Rehabilitation Technology, not to exceed \$35,000, seconded by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, 0 nays.

**Cemetery:** Trustee Christensen has taken on the responsibility clearing up some problems concerning the Adamsville Cemetery and in doing so has accumulated many hours of work and much more is expected until a sexton can be placed to continue taking care of the cemetery. After discussion Trustee Bolock made a motion to reimburse Trustee Christensen for hours worked, and continue to pay her at a deputy wage, until the sexton position is filled. Motion seconded by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays. Trustee Christensen abstained.

**Announcements:** The next regular Township Board meeting will be October 14<sup>th</sup>, Ambulance Board cancelled for September, Police Board September 12<sup>th</sup>, Wastewater Board September 25<sup>th</sup>, Planning Commission October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Parks & Recreation October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Christensen. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

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

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Linda Weaver, Recording Secretary