

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2019

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 January 11, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Supervisor Jerry Marchetti, Clerk Tina VanBelle, Treasurer Meryl Christensen, Trustees Dan Stutsman, Dawn Bolock, Jeff Kozinski and Jerry Duck.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Trustee Stutsman with addition of Municipal Property Lease and remodeling of living quarters at the Ambulance as item 4 under New Business. Second by Trustee Duck. All in favor motion carried.

Public Comment: Brad Burkett and Kevin Paquette spoke on benefits of medical marijuana facilities

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion to approve by Trustee Bolock with requested addition of check numbers to Special Assessments, Waste Water, and General Checking by Clerk VanBelle, Second by Trustee Kozinski. All in favor motion carried.

Commissioner's Report – Roseann Marchetti –A committee has been established to investigate three options for repurposing of the historic Cass County Courthouse. A final report will be returned by June 30, 2019.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator – Leroy Krempec – working on current year licensing of home businesses

Wastewater – Mike Mroczek – continues to operate under budget

Ambulance – Trustee Stutzman – continues to operate under budget

Police – Treasurer Christensen – statistics are down for the month. Kellen VanHulle was appointed as Village rep on the Police Board.

Buildings & Grounds - Trustee Duck – No report this month

Planning Commission – Trustee Bolock – elected officers at last meeting.

Township Roads – Trustee Kozinski – working on 2019 projects

Fire Board – no report

Old Business: SBS Group Digital Records – Clerk VanBelle asked for input on what the Board would want digitized. It was the consensus of the Board that all documents should be included. A final quote will be presented to the Board at a later date.

New Business:

Ordinance 2019-01-14.2: Prohibition of Recreational Marijuana Establishments. Cass County Prosecutor Fitz and Sheriff Behnke spoke on the impact of the passage of legalizing recreational marijuana and allowing establishments to sell the product will have on our community. They encouraged the Board to take the legal option of passing the ordinance to prohibit recreational marijuana establishments within Ontwa Township. After discussion Trustee Bolock made a motion to table the vote to allow more investigation into the matter, second by Treasurer Christensen. Motion failed on a roll call vote, 3 ayes, Treasurer Christensen, Trustees Bolock and Stutsman. 4 nays Supervisor Marchetti, Clerk VanBelle, Trustees Duck and Kozinski. Followed by a vote to approve the ordinance to opt out on a motion made by Trustee Kozinski, second by Trustee Duck. Motion passed on roll call vote. 5 ayes, Supervisor Marchetti, Clerk VanBelle, Trustees Kozinski, Duck, and Stutsman. 2 nays, Trustee Bolock and Treasurer Christensen.

Resolution 2019-01-14.1: Motion made by Clerk VanBelle, second by Treasurer Christensen, to adjust/amend the budget for FY2018-2019 to move \$3,000 from Park Maintenance to Road Repair as allowed by Public Act 621 of 1978. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes.

Step 1-Township Review –Site Condominium –Dawn Bolock: Trustee Bolock reported the Planning Commission has granted conditional approval for Dock Side Landing. After much discussion with input from all members of the Board of Trustees, Dale Snow, Catherine Kaufman, attorney for the Township, Chris Marbach, and Kevin Jones Jr. of JPR. a roll call vote was taken to approve step 1, with amendment. Motion passed with 7 ayes.

Municipal Property Lease: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve a 5-year agreement between the Township and Edwardsburg Ambulance Authority to lease the south 45 feet of the building housing the Ontwa Township Hall effective January 15, 2019. Second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on roll call vote 7 ayes.

Repair/ Remodel to living quarters to Ambulance Bay: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve Blue Ribbon Builders to proceed with improvements to the upstairs living quarters as allowed in the lease. Current bedrooms will be remodeled to include the addition of doors, an additional 2 bedrooms to be built, electrical updating, emergency exit door to be installed, and a new furnace/HVAC unit, at a quote of \$35,000. Motion second by Trustee Duck, passed on roll call vote, 7 ayes.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting February 11, Ambulance Board no meeting in February, Police Board February 13, Village Board January 21, Waste Water Board January 23, Planning Commission February 6.

Adjourn: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Kozinski. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

Linda Weaver

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2019

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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 7:01pm on February 11, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Supervisor Jerry Marchetti, Clerk Tina VanBelle, Treasurer Meryl Christensen, Trustees Dan Stutsman, Dawn Bolock, Jeff Kozinski and Jerry Duck.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Treasurer Christensen, Second by Trustee Kozinski. All in favor motion carried.

Public Comment: Patty Patzer spoke about future non-motorized paths in the Village

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion to amend and approve by Trustee Bolock with requested addition of check numbers to General Checking by Clerk VanBelle, Second by Trustee Kozinski. All in favor motion carried.

Commissioner's Report – Roseann Marchetti – report included information on the new email system for the county, resignation of Finance Director, change in network providers for the 911 center, and job posting for the new administrator.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator – No report this month

Wastewater – Mike Mroczek – Officers were elected at the February meeting, work to be done at C1, and IAI contract renewal.

Ambulance – Trustee Stutzman – Ambulance will be \$56,000 in the black at the end of the fiscal year, no plans to purchase a new ambulance at this time, work will begin on the ambulance living quarters by end of the month.

Police – Treasurer Christensen – No meeting this month

Buildings & Grounds - Trustee Duck – No report this month

Planning Commission – Trustee Bolock – There was no meeting this month. Budget will be approved by Planning Commission prior to being presented to the Board of Trustees.

Township Roads – Trustee Kozinski – No report this month

Fire Board – Supervisor Marchetti- New truck to be delivered in April, the Board has received a quote to purchase 17 new face masks

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

2019 Poverty Exemption: Motion to approve by Clerk VanBelle, second by Trustee Kozinski. This document is available at the Township Hall and on the website. Motion approved on a roll call vote.

Resolution to adjust/amend FY 2018-2019: Motion to approve by Supervisor Marchetti, second by Clerk VanBelle. After discussion Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to rescind the first motion which died from lack of support. The resolution was amended to decrease both 101-722 and 101-811 by \$500 each. Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve the amended resolution, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, and 0 nays.

IAI Contract Renewal: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the renewal of a 3-year contract with Infrastructure Alternatives, Inc. to provide operations and maintenance of the utility. Second by Treasurer Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, and 0 nays.

CT New Panel at C1: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve electrical work to be done at C1 by CT Electrical Services, not to exceed \$30,000. Second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, and 0 nays.

New Board Appointments: Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to approve reappointments through 2020 to the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Wastewater Board. Second by Trustee Stutsman. All in favor motion passed.

Koorsen Fire & Security System: Trustee Duck made a motion to approve a quote from Koorsen Fire & Security, and not to exceed the quoted purchase price of \$1,343.95, to replace the existing alarm system at the Township Hall and add fire protection. Second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes, and 0 nays.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting March 11, Ambulance Board no meeting in February, Police Board February 13, Village Board February 18, Waste Water Board Cancelled, Planning Commission March 6. A Budget workshop will be held on Wednesday February 20 at 10am at the Township Hall. A Chamber banquet will be held March 13 beginning at 5:30 at Lady of the Lakes Church. Troy Clay will be the speaker.

Adjourn: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn, second by Treasurer Christensen. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

Linda Weaver

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2019

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 March 11, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Trustee Stutsman, Second by Treasurer Christensen. All in favor motion carried.

Public Comment: State Representative Brad Paquette spoke.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion approve by Trustee Bolock, Second by Trustee Kozinski. All in favor motion carried.

Microsoft 365 email: Cass County IT Director Kerry Collins spoke on the benefits of the Microsoft 365 package. Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to purchase the software for the township at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. Per year, second by Treasurer Christensen.

Commissioner's Report – Roseann Marchetti – the first Edwardsburg Visioning Session, attended by 128 people, was a success and a second meeting will be set at a later date.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator – LeRoy Krempec reported progress on blight cases, 3 of which will be decided in court.

Wastewater – Trustee Stutsman – generators are in and the department continues to run under budget

Ambulance – Trustee Stutzman – Due to unexpected repairs needed on #6910 a decision was made to purchase a new ambulance. #6910 will be kept for a backup. The department will continue to be under budget.

Police – Treasurer Christensen – Working on 2019-2020 budget. Rain jackets and reflective vests for the officers will be purchased through a grant.

Buildings & Grounds - Trustee Duck – No report this month

Planning Commission – Trustee Bolock – There was no meeting this month.

Township Roads – Trustee Kozinski – projected budget for road repair will be \$290,000.

Fire Board – John Bossler- No meeting last month

Old Business: Scanning of Township documents is in progress.

New Business:

Resolution 2019-03-11.1: Appointment of Professional Service Providers for FY 2019-2020: Motion to approve by Clerk VanBelle, second by Trustee Stutsman. Approved on roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays, Trustee Duck was absent.

Resolution 2019-03-11.2: Annual Exemption Option as Set Forth in 2011 Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act: Motion to approve by Clerk VanBelle, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion failed on a roll call vote. 3 ayes, Supervisor Marchetti, Trustee Kozinski and Trustee Stutsman. 3 nays, Clerk VanBelle, Treasurer Christensen, and Trustee Bolock. Trustee Duck was absent.

Resolution 2019-03-11.3: Establish the Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Regular Schedule of Meeting Dates for FY 2019-2020: Motion to approve by Clerk VanBelle, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion approved on roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays, Trustee Duck was absent.

Resolution 2019-03-11.4: Cass County Hazard Mitigation Plan: Motion to approve by Supervisor Marchetti, second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes, and 0 nays. Trustee Duck was absent.

Estimate to Replace Furnace at Township Hall: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to accept the proposal submitted by D.E. Duck Heating & Cooling, pending warranty information, at a cost of \$12,350. Second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes, and 0 nays. Trustee Duck was absent.

Approval of Pier Permit Applications: Zoning Administrator LeRoy Krempec recommended the Board vote to allow 2 permits from residents on Eagle Lake so applicants can take township approval to the MDEQ for final approval. Trustee Bolock made a motion to approve, Second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes, and 0 nays. Trustee Duck was absent.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting April 8, Ambulance Board March 12, Police Board March 13, Waste Water Board March 27, Planning Commission April 3. A public hearing for the Township Budget will be held Thursday March 21, at 10:00am. Township clean up days are Friday April 26 from 12-4pm and Saturday April 27 from 9am-12pm. A meeting will be held on Monday March 25, at the School Administration Building to discuss the connector path from Clair Street to the Sports Complex expected to begin on April 1, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

Linda Weaver

2019 Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

April 08, 2019

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 7:01pm on April 8, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Agenda: Treasurer Christensen made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment made by Clerk VanBelle to change check number 7233 to 7232 in General Checking and add check numbers 5667-5673 to Waste Water Fund. Also to correct Plant to Plan under New Business item #8. Second by Trustee Stutsman. All in favor motion carried.

Public Comment: Don Delong spoke on traffic safety concerns following the US 12 construction and road conditions in and around the township. Dave Szynki spoke on blight issues of 3 properties. Mary Maynard spoke on concerns regarding health issues brought on by burning in her neighborhood

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion approve by Trustee Bolock, Second by Trustee Duck. All in favor motion carried.

Commissioner's Report – Roseann Marchetti – The 2020 Census is underway. Workers are needed and may apply on line: 2020census.gov/jobs. Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on Saturday May 11 from 9am-12pm at the Cass County Fairgrounds.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator – LeRoy Krempec gave updates on blight cases, home occupation permits, and his concerns regarding excessive burning going on in the Township outside the limits of the ordinance.

Wastewater – no report

Ambulance – Trustee Stutzman – The Ambulance will end the FY 2018-2019 in the black \$66,841. The Ambulance Board approved \$14,000 in the new budget for new furnishing and necessities for the ambulance living quarters.

Police – No report

Buildings & Grounds – No report

Planning Commission – Trustee Bolock made motion to approve the Planning Commission Annual Report. Second by Treasurer Christensen... All in favor motion carried.

Township Roads – Trustee Kozinski – Will talk to Joe Bellina regarding road conditions and possible ideas to resolve financing issues brought to the Boards attention by Don Delong.

Fire Board – No report

Old Business: Scanning of Township documents is completed. Scanning of future documents will be made on a regular basis.

New Business:

Resolution 2019-04-08.1: Resolution to Adopt the Annual Exemption Option of Publicly Funded Health Insurance. Motion to approve made by Clerk VanBelle, second by Trustee Duck. After much discussion and options on how to resolve the issue a roll call vote was taken. 4 ayes (Marchetti, VanBelle, Duck, Stutsman) 3 nays (Christensen, Bolock, Kozinski) Motion passed.

Budget Information: Adjustments to the 2018-2019 Fire Department budget and a summary of the 2019-2020 budget were presented, along with approval of the budgets for Ambulance, Waste Water, and Police. Motion to approve made by Trustee Bolock, second by Trustee Stutsman. All in favor motion carried.

Lawn Care Bids: Bids from Affordable Lawn Care and Do-Rite Lawn Service were opened and reviewed by the Township. After discussion Trustee Stutsman made a motion to award the job to Do-Rite, second by Clerk VanBelle. All in favor motion carried.

Complete Streets Corridor Path: Supervisor Marchetti presented a document showing the total estimated cost breakdown between the federal grant, the ESC and the Township to construct the 10' bike and pedestrian walkway from Claire St to the ESC. The Township portion is 23% of the total cost in the amount of \$60,000. Motion to approve by Supervisor Marchetti, second by Trustee Bolock. All in favor motion carried.

Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies: The Michigan Department of Transportation requires this resolution for the purpose of issuing permits to municipalities for the use of a state highway right of way. Motion to approve by Trustee Bolock, second by Treasurer Christensen. Motion approved on a roll call vote. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Non Partisan Election Bill Resolution: The MTA has requested townships to discuss and decide if Michigan townships should have the option of holding township board member elections on the nonpartisan ballot. Clerk VanBelle made a motion to remain partisan, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion approved on a roll call vote. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Fireworks Permits for Eagle Lake and Garver Lake: Motion to approve by Trustee Bolock, second by Trustee Stutsman. All in favor motion carried. Eagle Lake will hold fireworks on July 3, with a rain date of July 4. Garver Lake will hold fireworks on July 6 with a rain date of July 7.

Resolution for Par Plan Grant: This grant is available through the Michigan Township Participating Plan to be used to assist with reduction of specific risk exposures. Motion to approve by Treasurer Christensen, second by Trustee Bolock. All in favor motion carried.

Clean Earth Gravity Sewer Cleaning: Motion to approve Clean Earth to continue with the remaining footage around Eagle Lake and the north end of Pleasant Lake, including 4 lift stations at a cost not to exceed \$30,000. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve, second by Trustee Duck. Motion approved on a roll call vote. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting May 13, Ambulance Board will not meet this month, Police Board April 10th, Waste Water Board April 24th, Planning Commission May 1st. Township clean up days are Friday April 26 from 12-4pm and Saturday April 27 from 9am-12pm.

Adjourn: Trustee Duck made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Stutsman. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

Linda Weaver

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2019

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 May 13, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

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

New Fire Truck: Fire Chief Bruce Stack displayed the new Ontwa Township Fire Truck prior to the meeting and gave a short synopsis of the truck's attributes. This truck replaces the previous truck, which is 20 years old, at a cost of \$548,626.

Public Comment: No public comment

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion to approve by Treasurer Christensen, Second by Trustee Bolock. All in favor motion carried.

Commissioner's Report – Roseann Marchetti – Jeff Carmen is the new County Administrator. The hazardous waste disposal that was held at the fair grounds on Saturday May 11 was a great success. In August a tire drop off will be held, date to be determined, at the fair grounds. Tires may be disposed of at no charge.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator – LeRoy Krempec- Petition for abandonment for an alley off of High Street by abutting property owners was presented. The Board will review the documentation and this will appear on the June Board of Trustees agenda.

Wastewater – Brigid Forlenza- Gravity sewer cleaning begins this week. The first phase will be in the area of Island Drive and US 12 thru Lakeview and North Shore Dr. Curtis Drive will be done on May 20th.

Ambulance – Trustee Stutzman – The Ambulance Board will meet Tuesday at 6:30.

Police – Treasurer Christensen- Ashley Meyer was sworn in as a new officer on Friday May 10. A new 3 year police contract has been ratified.

Buildings & Grounds – Trustee Duck - No report

Planning Commission – Trustee Bolock- The commission approved a land division in the last meeting.

Township Roads – Trustee Kozinski – Will meet with Joe Bellina to discuss the condition of the May Street and Garver Lake Road intersection.

Fire Board – John Bossler - The budget for 2019/2020 was approved. New headsets have been purchased for the new fire truck, along with four gas monitors, and two 800 MHz radios.

Old Business: Clerk VanBelle updated the Board on a proposal from SBS Portals to provide easy access of public records on the township website.

New Business:

Grundfos Pumps: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the purchase of 6 pumps from KSB Dubric, not to exceed \$42,000. Second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion approved on a roll call vote. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Trustee Duck was absent.

C1 Site Modifications: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the purchase of an emergency shower, eye wash, and drench hose system from Core Engineered Solutions at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 to be installed at the C1 lift station. Second by Treasurer Christensen. Motion approved on a roll call vote. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Trustee Duck was absent.

Land Division Ordinance Amendment: Trustee Bolock made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-05-13.2 to comply with all requirements of the State Land Act. Second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion approved on a roll call vote. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Trustee Duck was absent.

Man Holes –US 12- Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve a proposal from Selge Construction to raise two manhole castings at a cost not to exceed \$3,350. Second by Treasurer Christensen. Motion approved on a roll call vote. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Trustee Duck was absent.

Resolution Krause Park: Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-05-13.1, to reduce the risk of injury from playground falls at Krause Park. Second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion approved on a roll call vote. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Trustee Duck was absent. Discussion followed regarding budgeted upgrades to the park at an estimated \$19,000. Trustee Kozinski made a motion to allow an upgrade to Krause Park up to \$25,000. Second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion approved on a roll call vote. 6 ayes, 0 nays. Trustee Duck was absent.

Local Purchase of Tax Reverted Properties: The Board voted unanimously to decline the purchase of any of the properties on the foreclosure list provided by the Cass County Treasurer. Motion made by Trustee Stutsman, second by Treasurer Christensen. All in favor, motion passed.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting June 10, Ambulance Board May 14, Police Board June 12, Waste Water Board May 22, Planning Commission June 5th. Township clean up days was a big success. Twelve 40 yard dumpsters were filled as well as one 50 yard and one 40 yard that were filled with metal. \$700 in tips was donated to the township. Supervisor Marchetti expressed his gratitude to the Sheriff's department for donating some help. Memorial Day parade will begin May 27th at 11am. The Chamber will host a luncheon on Friday May 17 from 11:30-1pm with the topic being Marketing Basics.

Adjourn: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Kozinski. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

Linda Weaver

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2019

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 June 10, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Agenda: Treasurer Christensen made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Trustee Stutsman. All in favor motion carried.

Public Comment: No public comment

Approval of Consent Agenda: Supervisor Marchetti made a request to approve agenda with an amendment to add as item 4 under New Business Waste Water Legal Appointment and Clerk Van Bell made a request to amend the Consent Agenda with the addition of check #559 in the amount of \$5,458 for Eagle Lake Weed Treatment. Trustee Stutsman made motion to approve with amendments, Second by Treasurer Christensen. All in favor motion carried.

Commissioner's Report – Roseann Marchetti – At the last Commissioners Meeting they honored the law enforcement and the Valedictorians and Salutatorians of the graduating class of 2019. The Second Visioning Session will be held on Tuesday, June 25th at 5:30 pm at Our Lady of the Lake Social Hall.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator – LeRoy Krempec- he will meet with the Planning Commission Rules Committee on June 11 to discuss grass cutting and burning issues. He has received many calls regarding flooding due to excessive rain. There has not been any communication from the DEQ regarding pier permits that have been submitted. Regarding the bike track in the area of Redfield and M62; the owner has stated that if the neighbors have any event at their home planned on a Sunday there will be no activity at the bike track, and he acknowledges that there is an 8pm curfew already in place.

Wastewater – Brigid Forlenza- Gravity sewer cleaning project is finished. The repair of two manholes on US 12 will be done within the next two weeks.

Ambulance – Trustee Stutzman – Renovations in the Ambulance building has been completed. Concerns were stated by Trustee Stutzman regarding potential plans by the director of Medical Control wanting to use Edwardsburg Ambulance for transfers outside of the County.

Police – Treasurer Christensen- Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 12th has been cancelled.

Buildings & Grounds – Trustee Duck - No report

Planning Commission – Trustee Bolock- The meeting for June 5th was cancelled and because of the holiday the meeting set for July 3rd may be moved.

Township Roads – Trustee Kozinski – The Road Commissioner will be looking into the condition of the May Street and Garver Lake Road intersection.

Fire Board – John Bossler – A new exhaust fan has been purchased for venting buildings in case of gas, or any type of fumes, leak. Approximately \$4,500 was raised for the department in the Ford Drive for Community event.

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

Fireworks Permits for Juno, Pleasant and Shawn Ashbaugh: Trustee Bolock made a motion to approve the permits second by Duck. All in favor, motion passed

Chemical Feed Pump: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the purchase of a Qdos 60 pump for C1 at a cost not to exceed \$2,900. Second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion approved on a roll call vote. 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Petition for Abandonment of Right-of-Way: After much discussion **Trustee** Kozinski made a motion to not abandon the property second by Treasurer Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 4 ayes (Kozinski, VanBelle, Bolock and Christensen), 2 nays (Marchetti, Duck) and 1 abstain (Stutsman)

Waste Water Legal: Supervisor Marchetti suggested consideration of hiring attorney Mark Nettleton of Mika Meyers, Attorneys at Law, out of Grand Rapids, on an as needed basis only and for Waste Water matters only. Trustee Duck made a motion to approve, second by Trustee Kozinski. All in favor, motion passed.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting July 8th, Ambulance Board July 9th, Police Board July 10th, Waste Water Board July 24th, Planning Commission July 3rd with a possible change of date.

Adjourn: Treasurer Christensen made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Duck. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

Linda Weaver

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2019

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 8, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

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

Public Comment: Pat Makielski, Lorie Morczek, Dale Snow, Bill Ullmer, and Tom Beres spoke of concerns regarding the east shore public beach on Eagle Lake. Tom Kendall spoke on his concerns with fireworks. Lynn Cook and Janet Knight spoke of the ongoing blight condition at 70873 Ridgewood Drive.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Clerk VanBelle made a motion to amend and approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of check numbers 7364-7372 to General checking, 5739-5746 to Waste Water and 571 to Special Assessment, second by Trustee Duck. All in favor motion carried.

Commissioner's Report – Roseann Marchetti –The Commissioners approved the purchase of twelve AED-Cardiac pads, an increase in the DHS Foster Care budget, and the purchase and installation of a fire alarm system for the Law and Courts Building. The next Visioning Session will be held at the end of August or early September.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator – LeRoy Krempec- assured the Ridgewood Drive residents work continues to be done on the property on Ridgewood. Landlord/tenant properties can be more troublesome and time consuming, and take longer to complete. Also proceeding with clean up of properties on US 12, and the property on Raymond Street is being turned over to the Legal Department. He requested the Board members send any suggestions for revision to the IPCM ordinance to Trustee Bolock.

Wastewater – Brigid Forlenza- C1 work has been completed.

Ambulance – Trustee Stutsman – 6910 is in need of extensive repairs and at the Ambulance Board meeting to be held July 9 there will be discussion of the purchase of a new ambulance.

Police – Treasurer Christensen- There was no meeting last month.

Buildings & Grounds – Trustee Duck - No report

Planning Commission – Trustee Bolock- There was no meeting last month.

Township Roads – Trustee Kozinski – Clerk VanBelle will post the list for road repairs on the website.

Fire Board – John Bossler – He and Trustee Duck will be meeting with Chief Stack to discuss response time of the volunteer fire department.

Old Business:

Township Hall Gate and Culvert: Trustee Duck will meet with Joe Bellina this week to discuss the culvert, so a gate can be installed at the back of the parking lot.

New Business:

Ontwa Township Approved Fees: Trustee Duck made a motion to approve the State Standards for Building Permits second by Trustee Stutsman. All in favor, motion passed

Clerk VanBelle stated a request has been made from a resident to clarify the location of the property that was discussed at the June 2019 meeting regarding abandonment of the right of way. The location is the easement on High Street near the end of 3rd Street, and following discussion the Board voted to not abandon the easement.

Trustee Stutsman said Blake Winstead from EGLE, formerly known as the DEQ, will be at the Township Hall on Thursday July 18 at 6:30 for a Water Task Force meeting to discuss and take questions from residents regarding high lake levels and drainage issues in this area. The public is encouraged to attend.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting August 12th, Ambulance Board July 9th, Police Board July 10th, Waste Water Board July 24th, Planning Commission July 11th.

Adjourn: Trustee Duck made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Stutsman. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

Linda Weaver

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2019

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 August 12, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

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

Public Comment: Chery Anderson of Curtis Drive spoke on her notification of special assessment for Pleasant Lake and the lake level.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Treasurer Christensen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda to exclude General Checking. All in favor Motion passed. Supervisor Marchetti made General Checking item 5a on the Agenda. Discussion followed on check # 7374 and #7384. After discussion Trustee Duck made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, second by Trustee Kozinski. All in favor, motion passed.

Commissioner's Report – Roseann Marchetti – Active shooter training will be available to any townships in Cass County and also any interested individuals. There are multiple openings on County Boards.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator – LeRoy Krempec- expressed concerns regarding the safety of residents attending the US 12 garage sales.

Wastewater – Brigid Forlenza- Ongoing routine maintenance.

Ambulance – Trustee Stutsman – During the special meeting of the Ambulance Board it was decided to purchase a new ambulance to replace 6910 which needs extensive repairs. Delivery will be 3-4 months.

Police – Treasurer Christensen- There have been extra patrols at the east end of Eagle Lake.

Buildings & Grounds – Trustee Duck - No report

Planning Commission – Trustee Bolock- The Commission approved two land splits at the last meeting.

Township Roads – Trustee Kozinski – Ongoing routine maintenance.

Fire Board – Supervisor Marchetti – The old fire truck will be disposed of at Chief Stack's discretion.

Old Business:

Township Hall Gate and Culvert: Trustee Duck is waiting on information on the size of gate needed so it can be determined if a culvert is necessary and what size it will be.

New Business:

Waste Water Generator Replacement: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the proposal from Reliable Generator and Electric to replace the B-1 Seaside Court lift station generator at a cost of \$21,969.50, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote. 6 ayes, (Supervisor Marchetti, Treasurer Christensen, Trustees Duck, Bolock, Kozinski, Stutsman) 0 nays, Clerk VanBelle was absent.

Land Division-amended 1.7 (5): Trustee Bolock made a motion to approve an amendment to the Ordinances and Rules Regulating Land to add to Section 1.7, Standards for Approval of Land Divisions, item 5 regarding non-conforming structures on proposed divisions. Second by Treasurer Christensen. All in favor, motion passed.

Ontwa Township Fireworks Ordinance: Treasure Christensen made a motion to approve Ordinance # 2019-08-12.1 to regulate the discharge and use of fireworks as allowed under the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act MCL 28.451 et seq. Second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote. 6 ayes, (Supervisor Marchetti, Treasurer Christensen, Trustees Duck, Bolock, Kozinski, Stutsman) 0 nays Clerk VanBelle was absent.

Resolution to Adjust/Amend FY 2019-2020: Following discussion of the proposed adjustment to the budget Trustee Duck made a motion to table the vote until September's meeting. Second by Trustee

Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote. 4 ayes, (Treasurer Christensen, Trustees Bolock, Duck, and Stutsman). 2 nays, (Supervisor Marchetti, Trustee Kozinski). Clerk VanBelle was absent.

Pleasant Lake Discussion Drain Commissioner Bruce Campbell: Commissioner Marchetti was informed the Drain Commissioner Campbell will not be attending and she read a prepared statement on his behalf. The statement addressed the M-62 crossing, pumping scheduled to begin August 12, 2019, Eurasian Watermilfoil, and the assessments that will appear on Winter 2019 tax bills of District land owners.

Pleasant Lake Water Quality Discussion: Pleasant Lake resident, Laura Kolo of Curtis Drive, presented information regarding the ongoing issues concerning the polluted condition of the lake due to lack of drainage maintenance, and flooding from the farm field to the north of Curtis Drive. Trustee Duck suggested an ad hoc committee to hold regular meetings with Bruce Campbell. She requested that the Board show support and meet with the farmer if promised relief is stalled and to facilitate regular meetings with Bruce Campbell on progress of drain maintenance.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting September 9th, Police Board August 14th, Waste Water Board August 28th, Planning Commission September 4th.

Adjourn: Trustee Duck made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Kozinski. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

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Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2019
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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 September 9, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Agenda: Clerk VanBelle made a motion to amend the agenda with the removal of item # 6, Mike Layher will present the Township Audit in the October Board of Trustees meeting. Also, to move item #1 under New Business to item #2 under Old Business. Second by Trustee Kozinski. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment: Brad Paquette, State Representative of 78th District, several residents of Pleasant Lake area and Bill Weaver.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Clerk VanBelle made a motion to amend the Agenda with the addition of check #'s 7449-7456 to General Checking and check #'s 5804-5807 to Waste Water Fund. Second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote; 6 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Duck was absent.

Commissioner's Report – Roseann Marchetti – The final Visioning Session will be held on September 23rd at Our Lady of the Lake social hall. Trunk and Treat will be held on October 19th at Lawless Park from 2-5pm. There are multiple openings on County Boards.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator – LeRoy Krempec- Demolition will begin soon on 3 properties in the Township.

Wastewater – Mike Mroczek- Ongoing routine maintenance.

Ambulance – Trustee Stutsman – The new ambulance has been ordered.

Police – Treasurer Christensen- The monthly meeting scheduled for Wednesday September 11 has been cancelled.

Buildings & Grounds – Trustee Duck - No report

Planning Commission – Trustee Bolock- There was no meeting this month.

Township Roads – Trustee Kozinski – Projects for 2019 have been completed.

Fire Board – John Bossler – No report this month.

Old Business:

Township Hall Gate and Culvert: Selge Construction will submit a bid for the project.

Resolution to Adjust/Amend FY 2019-2020: The auditor and MTA approved the language of the resolution. Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote; 6 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Duck was absent.

New Business:

Resolution for SAD Districts (Pleasant, Morton, Garver, Eagle, Regal Place): Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve renewal of the Pleasant Lake SAD, second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a roll call vote; 6 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Duck was absent. Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve renewal of the Morton Dr/Christiana Lake SAD, second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote; 6 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Duck was absent. Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve renewal of the Garver Lake SAD, second by Treasurer Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote; 6 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Duck was absent. Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve renewal of the Eagle Lake SAD, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote; 6 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Duck was absent. Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve renewal of the Regal Place SAD, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote; 6 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Duck was absent.

Waste Water Chemical Feed Tank: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the purchase of a bioxide storage tank for JCP-1 at a cost not to exceed \$2,500. Second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote; 6 ayes 0 nays. Trustee Duck was absent.

Waste Water Board Appointment: Supervisor Marchetti thanked Frank LaPierre for his service on the Waste Water Board and made a motion to appoint Freeman Lambright to the Waste Water Board. Second by Trustee Stutsman. All in favor, motion passed.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting October 14th, Ambulance Board September 10th, Police Board cancelled for September, Waste Water Board September 25th, Planning Commission October 2nd. Volunteers would be welcome to work on Township Cleanup Day on Saturday September 28 from 8am-2pm for an hour or two. Call the Township Hall at 269-663-2347 if you can help.

Adjourn: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Kozinski. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

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Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2019
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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 October 14, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Agenda: Treasurer Christensen made a motion to approve, second by Trustee Bolock. 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 Kozinski. All in favor, motion passed.

Mike Layher – presented the Township Audit. Copies are available at the Township Hall. The audit will be posted on the Website when it becomes available.

Commissioner's Report – Commissioner Roseann Marchetti gave the County report and an update on the Edwardsburg Visioning session.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator – LeRoy Krempec- update on blight issues

Wastewater – Brigid Forlenza- Seaside Court replacement generator to be completed soon

Ambulance – Trustee Stutsman – New ambulance will be here after first of year

Police – Treasurer Christensen- approval of purchase of computer to be used with body cameras

Buildings & Grounds – Trustee Duck – recommended delay of gate/culvert project. He received an estimate but suggested it would be more economical to wait and do the entire parking lot.

Planning Commission – Trustee Bolock- The private road permit for Dockside Landing was approved with conditions submitted by Williams & Works formalizing maintenance, and a land division was approved, with contingencies, at the last Planning Commission meeting.

Township Roads – Trustee Kozinski – will be compiling list of recommendations for 2020 township road repair

Fire Board – John Bossler – plans to donate Firetruck #321 to Elkhart Career Center for training purposes

Old Business: Township Hall Gate and Culvert- as reported above. there was further discussion which included the cleanup days and it was suggested to ask Fire Chief Stack if the township could use the fire station parking lot for these events.

New Business:

Trick or Treat Hours: Trustee Kozinski made a motion to set Thursday, October 31, from 5:30-7:30pm as trick or treat hours, second by Trustee Duck. All in favor, motion passed.

Snow Plow Bids: Clerk VanBelle opened the only bid received by the Township. Trustee Kozinski made a motion to accept the bid from Jacobs Bobcat Service, second by Trustee Duck. All in favor, motion passed.

MACOG Resolution: Clerk VanBelle read and made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-10-14.1 approving funding a traffic count program, second by Trustee Stutsman, not to exceed \$2,250. per year. Motion passed on a roll call vote. 7 ayes 0 nays.

IPMC Code: Revisions discussed and will go to Planning Committee. A resolution to approve will be presented at the November Board of Trustees meeting.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting November 11, Ambulance Board November 12, Police Board November 13, Waste Water Board October 23, Planning Commission November 6. Supervisor Marchetti reported that six 40-yard dumpsters were filled during the township cleanup day and thanked the many volunteers who participated.

Adjourn: Trustee Duck made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Stutsman. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

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Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2019

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 November 11, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Agenda: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve, second by Trustee Bolock. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment: Trustees Kozinski and Duck as well as John Bossler all spoke on the detrimental effects of allowing a marijuana establishment in Edwardsburg.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Trustee Bolock made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Second by Trustee Duck. Motion passed on a roll call vote. 6 ayes 0 nays, Treasurer Christensen was absent.

Commissioner's Report - Commissioner Roseann Marchetti - Various grants were approved by the County Commissioners that will benefit families and residents of Cass County. April 1st is Census Day. Census workers are needed, and information can be found at WWW.census.gov. Update on Visioning project: there is a possibility of obtaining a \$25,000 grant from the Canadian National RR to clean up 1,778 feet along the RR from US 12 south to Elkhart Road.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator - LeRoy Krempec - update on the last of 3 properties scheduled for demolition, update on May Street property.

Wastewater - Brigid Forlenza - Ongoing maintenance, scrubber vent to be installed

Ambulance - Trustee Stutsman - Ontwa Ambulance will not pursue an agreement with Cass County Ambulance Authority.

Police - Supervisor Marchetti - Financials are sound. The Police Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday November 13 has been cancelled.

Buildings & Grounds - Trustee Duck - A new service door at the ambulance bay will be installed.

Planning Commission - Trustee Bolock - Two land divisions were approved and site plans for North American and Duo Form were reviewed.

Township Roads - Trustee Kozinski - Road Commission is looking for an engineering intern for the summer of 2020.

Fire Board - John Bossler – No meeting since the last BOT meeting

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

Approval of Amendments to the IPMC Draft: If approved the 12 amendments would go before the Plan Commission for Resolution. Discussion of the some of the amendments followed. Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to approve, second by Trustee Duck. Motion passed on a roll call vote. 5 ayes, 1 nay (Kozinski) Treasurer Christensen was absent.

Approval of Tabulators for Next Years Elections: Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve the purchase at a cost not to exceed \$11,000, second by Trustee Duck. Motion passed on a roll call vote. 6 ayes 0 nays, Treasurer Christensen was absent.

2020 Ontwa Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines: As in past years the Board passed the Guidelines at \$4,000 over the state recommended amount. Additional information can be found on the Township website or at the Township Hall. Trustee Duck made a motion to approve, second by Trustee Stutsman. All in favor, motion passed.

Wastewater Surcharge Resolution: Resolution #2019-11-11.1 will adjust the surcharge to \$.68 per lb of discharge that does not qualify as normal domestic sewage or exceeds the specified limits of discharge as noted in ordinance numbers 9-01-01 and 9-9-13. Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve, second by Trustee Bolock. Motion passed on a roll call vote. 6 ayes 0 nays, Treasurer Christensen was absent.

LED Streetlights: Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to approve a contract with I&M to upgrade streetlights in Ontwa Township through the PES (Public Efficient Streetlight) Program at no cost to the township. Second by Trustee Duck. Motion passed on a roll call vote. 6 ayes 0 nays, Treasurer Christensen was absent.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting will be December 9, Ambulance Board November 12, ~~Police Board November 13~~-cancelled, Waste Water Board October 27 pending, Fire Board December 5, Planning Commission December 4.

The annual Pancake Breakfast and children's party with Santa will be held on November 30 at the Fire Station from 9am-12pm. Tree lighting ceremony with Santa will take place at the Museum at 5:30pm

Adjourn: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn, second by Clerk VanBelle. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

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Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2019

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 December 9, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

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

Public Comment: Norman Krupp of 27082 Redfield Road

Approval of Consent Agenda: Trustee Bolock made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Second by Treasurer Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes 0 nays.

Commissioner's Report - Commissioner Roseann Marchetti – Census workers are needed. Anyone over the age of 18 could sign up to work. It would be for 6-8 weeks, with paid training. Anyone not counted in the census costs the county \$1800.

Committee Board Reports:

Zoning Administrator - LeRoy Krempec - update on properties in the township

Wastewater - Brigid Forlenza - Update on the shower for JC1, 5 of 7 lift stations have been cleaned.

Ambulance - Trustee Stutsman - Beginning January 1, 2020 Edwardsburg will have two full time ambulances. Trustee Stutsman is new chairman of Ambulance Board.

Police - Treasurer Christensen - Through a risk reduction grant the department was able to purchase additional tasers.

Buildings & Grounds - Trustee Duck - No report

Planning Commission - Trustee Bolock - Two land divisions were approved

Township Roads - Trustee Kozinski - Update on proposal for 2020 road repair in Ontwa Township

Fire Board - John Bossler - Elkhart will not be taking the retired fire truck.

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

IPMC Resolution: Resolution 2019-12-09.2 was passed after discussion. It will go into effect 30 days after publication. Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve, second by Trustee Duck. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

DASAS: Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to approve a \$1,000 contribution as done in previous years. Second by Trustee Stutsman. Motion passed on a roll call vote: 7 ayes 0 nays.

ORV Use on County Roads: Discussion followed on determining if there is interest in joining Cass County to pursue an ordinance allowing ORV use on county roads. This was not an item up for vote.

Announcements: Next regular Township Board meeting will be January 13, 2020, Ambulance Board January 14, Police Board December 11, Waste Water Board December 18, Planning Commission cancelled for January.

Adjourn: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Kozinski. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Recording Secretary

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