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**NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR** - This is the first edition of our Township Newsletter designed to share important news and information with property owners and residents of our beautiful township. We hope to issue this Newsletter three or four times a year so you will have timely information about Township operations.

**The November election of 2014** resulted in a significant change for Ontwa Township government. Four of the existing members of the board of trustees were replaced including the Supervisor, the Clerk, and two Trustees. The new members took the Oath of Office during the Board of Trustee Meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Our township website** [www.ontwatwp.org](http://www.ontwatwp.org) is being expanded to include more information for residents and property owners. It will serve as the most current source for what you need to know about township issues and events.

**Boards, Commissions, and Committees** are where township-related decisions are made and where future directions are established. We have established four ad-hoc committees to address urgent, short-term problems faced by the township. These committees are to focus on Finance and Accounting, Policy and Procedures, Human Resources and IT Technology. We have a need for more citizen help. If you would like to be involved in local government, please send me your resume and state your area of interest. Some commissions only meet once a month.

**The proposed waste water treatment plant** near Cobus Creek has been formally cancelled by a resolution presented by Trustees Jerry Marchetti and Jerry Duck at the November 10 meeting of the Board of Trustees. The engineering firm, Cass County, and the Michigan DEQ have been notified that no further work should be done on the project. The decision to cancel was based on many factors. The current processing contract we have runs through 2031, and that legal issue was one of the main reasons taken into account.

**Foundation drain-tile sump pumps** hooked directly to a sewer line are against township ordinances and could cause serious environmental problems. More information will be shared about this in the future.

**We're open to suggestions!** We will install an old fashion suggestion box in the township hall. We hope you use it. All concerns will be addressed. Stop in and talk, as we are friendly and interested in your concerns.

John F. Bossler, Township Supervisor

# ONTWA TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

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