

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

June 10, 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 7:01pm on June 10, 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Agenda: Trustee Christensen made a motion to amend the agenda by adding Detroit Pump as item #2 under new business. Second, by Trustee Kozinski, all in favor motion passed. Trustee Christensen made a motion to approve the amended agenda, second by Trustee Kozinski. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment: Jill Meuninck spoke in support of millages that will appear on the August ballot.

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

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Marchetti: The camera system at the Law and Courts Building has been upgraded, and the jail security upgrade is moving forward. The renovation of the courthouse is progressing with the 3rd floor being almost complete. Looking forward to an October grand opening.

Council on Aging – Millage Renewal: Mary Germinder spoke about the many benefits offered by the COA and in support of the millage renewal that will be on the August 6 ballot. The COA offers a free monthly publication, The Messenger, available by calling the COA.

Committee Board Reports:

Wastewater: Brigid Forlenza: The rate study is underway. Effective July 5th there will be a 5% monthly increase to St. Joe (Indiana) County for sewage processing. Gravity cleaning has been completed on the north side of Eagle Lake.

Zoning: Dawn Bolock: No report

Ambulance: Dan Stutsman: The department's license has been renewed. The meeting scheduled for Wednesday June 12th has been cancelled.

Building & Grounds: Dan Stutsman: Trees on the east side of the hall have been removed.

Planning Commission: Trustee Christensen: There were two public hearings prior to the Planning Commission meeting. One was for construction of a church at the corner of May and M62, and the second one was rezoning for Eddies Market Place parcels to be rezoned to C2. Approval was given to both.

Township Roads: Trustee Kozinski: Trustee Stutsman questioned whether the electric company is involved when resurfacing of roads results in a road being raised. This situation did occur and resulted in damage to farm equipment and electrical wires as the resurfacing created an unforeseen hazardous condition. Trustee Kozinski will check into this.

Parks Board: Trustee Kozinski: The June 3rd meeting was cancelled.

Police: Trustee Christensen: New tasers have been purchased for the department. The June 13th meeting has been cancelled.

Adamsville Cemetery Board: Trustee Christensen: The boy scouts were set to repaint the fence at the cemetery but discovered it needs to actually be replaced so they will be doing some clean up at the cemetery as their project.

Fire Board: Clerk VanBelle: The Fire Department covers not only Ontwa, both the township and village, but also Jefferson and Milton Townships. For the months of April and May there were 116 calls.

Old Business:

Elkhart Road Project: The DNR will schedule a site visit at the end of September or first of October.

New Business:

Eagle Lake & Juno Lake Fireworks Permits: Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve the permits for both Eagle and Juno Lakes fireworks, second by Trustee Kozinski. All in favor, motion passed. Eagle Lake will hold fireworks on July 5 and Juno will hold fireworks on July 3rd.

Detroit Pump: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 submersible pumps at cost of \$12,660, second by Trustee Christensen. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays, Trustee Bolock was absent.

Announcements: The next regular Township Board meeting will be July 8th, Ambulance Board for June has been cancelled, Police Board for June has been cancelled, Wastewater Board June 26th, Planning Commission July 3rd.

Adjourn: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Kozinski. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Linda Weaver, Recording Secretary