

Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

October 14, 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 7pm on October 14, 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to approve the agenda with a revision to remove item #3 under New Business, second by Trustee Kozinski. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment: No public comment

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

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Marchetti: The commission approved Special Assessments for five drains, 3 lake levels, one dam and one lake. The renovation of the 1899 historic courthouse has been completed.

Committee Board Reports:

Wastewater: No report

Zoning Administrator: Currently there are 13 closed files, 9 remain open, and 10 are in progress.

Ambulance: Currently the department is fully staffed. Runs were up for the month at 147. Fencing has been completed.

Building & Grounds: No report

Planning Commission: No report

Township Roads: Pothole work is on-going. The RR crossing at May Street will be a complete rebuild and scheduled to be completed by the end of November.

Parks: Grant application Scores came back from MDNR. Ontwa was awarded 300 out of possible 500, which keeps the township in the running for receiving grant money. That decision will be made sometime in December.

Police: No report

Adamsville Cemetery Board: Fencing and a new gate are in place. New signage is coming.

Fire Board: No report.

Old Business:

Elkhart Road Project: Update given under parks report. Next meeting will be February 4 at 6pm.

New Business:

Resolution to Adjust/Amend the Budget: Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve Resolution number 2024-10-14.1 to decrease fund 3900 balance by \$15,000 and increase fund 101-722-810 by \$15,000. Second, by Trustee Stutsman.. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays. Trustee Christensen was absent.

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

Deputy Zoning Administrator: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to appoint Jermiah Jones Deputy Zoning Administrator, second by Treasurer Leist. Motin passed on a roll call vote, 5 ayes 0 nays. Zoning Administrator Trustee Bolock abstained; Trustee Christensen was absent.

Adamsville Cemetery Rates: Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve updated rates, second by Trustee Kozinski. Motion passed on a roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays. Trustee Christensen was absent.

Announcements: The next regular Township Board meeting will be Thursday November 7th, Ambulance Board will be November 13th at 6:30, Police Board November 14th, Wastewater Board October 23rd , Planning Commission November 6th.

Adjourn: Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Stutsman. Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved: _____

Linda Weaver, Recording Secretary