

# 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 20<sup>th</sup>.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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:

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Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

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

Recording Secretary

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Linda Weaver