

# Ontwa Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2018

## 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 11, 2018.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

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

**Public Comment:** Laura Kolo, president of the Pleasant Lake Weed Control Association, spoke about the continuing flooding problem some residents of Curtis Drive have experienced for the past two years.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Supervisor Marchetti made a motion to amend the Consent Agenda to include additional checks. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Christensen. **All in favor motion carried.**

Trustee Bolock made a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kozinski. **All in favor motion carried.**

**Commissioner's Report** – Roseann Marchetti – The second Visioning meeting was held. The Council on Aging received a Respite Chore Service Grant to assist seniors (60+) who live in Cass Co. with summer chores at no cost to them Call Bobbie Krynicki at 269-445-8110 for additional information. The federally funded Meet Up & Eat Up program will begin July 9 and run through August 23 for Cass Co. residents. There is no charge for children and a nominal charge for adults.

**Committee Board Reports:**

**Zoning Administrator** – Leroy Krempec – reported on grass cutting regulations within the township. Potential resolution to the junk, untagged car issue. Regulations on used car lots.

**Wastewater** – Scott Swanson – Has presented to the Board a request for additional funding to continue an additional 12-15,000 feet of gravity sewer from South Shore to the b-3 lift station which has not been cleaned since installation.

**Ambulance** – Trustee Stutzman – Ambulance is initiating a new program to have 1 paramedic and 1 EMT on duty rather than 2 paramedics. EMT's will be required to work toward paramedic licensing. Transfer truck 6910 is needing additional maintenance, may need to look into replacement of the vehicle in near future.

**Police** – Treasurer Christensen – The department will be looking in to hiring a new officer as one of the Edwardsburg police officers has resigned.

**Buildings & Grounds** - Trustee Duck – Eves have been replaced. Working on Ferndale Park issues.

**Planning Commission** – Trustee Bolock – Plan Commission meeting for June was cancelled.

**Township Roads** – Trustee Kozinski – no report

**Fire Board** – John Bossler- An additional 3 hydrants will be added in the township and hopefully have a positive effect on fire insurance rates.

**Old Business:** None to discuss

**New Business:**

**Fireworks permit for Juno Lake:** Clerk VanBelle made a motion to approve the permit, second by Trustee Bolock. Fireworks will be on July 3, provided by F&F. **All in favor motion passed**

**Waste Water Gravity Line Cleaning:** Trustee Stutsman made a motion to approve an additional \$20,000 as recommended by the Waste Water Administrator to finish up this year's gravity sewer line cleaning. The work will be done by Clean Earth. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Kozinski. **Motion passed on a roll call vote. 7 ayes, 0 nays**

**Ferndale Park Maintenance:** The Board discussed the condition and needed maintenance of the area including grass cutting, shrub/tree overgrowth, a seawall, and the frontage.

**Announcements:** Next regular Township Board meeting July 9, Ambulance Board July 10, Police Board June 13, Village Board June 18, Waste Water Committee June 27, Planning Commission July 11.

**Adjourn:** Trustee Duck made a motion to adjourn, second by Trustee Stutsman. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

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

Recording Secretary

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Linda Weaver