

## Ontwa Township Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes

January 08, 2018

### Final Minutes

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**Call to Order:** Supervisor Jerry Marchetti called the regular monthly meeting of the Ontwa Township Board to order at 7:00 pm on January 08, 2018.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Waste Water Administrator Scott Swanson.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Meryl Christensen, Second by Trustee Duck. All in favor and motion passes.

**Public Comment:** Karen Crelling of South Shore Drive spoke in opposition of rescinding the Ferndale Park License Agreement. She claimed they have kept the area clean, welcomed fishermen and can see no reason why the lease should be rescinded.

Vicki Anders claimed she is a 15-year resident of the area and has been told she could utilize Ferndale Park since 1993 when she moved there.

Ryan Molnar of North Shore Drive was told by his realtor when he bought his property he had legal access to the lake. He wonders if with the new road end law property taxes will be adjusted.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Trustee Bolock made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented and Treasurer Christensen supported the motion. All in favor and motion carried.

Treasurer Christensen made the motion to write three checks, one each to Fire, Police and Ambulance Departments for the total of \$148,816.62. These are taken out of the tax account and then deposited to the General Account to be approved by the Board of Trustees during the monthly meeting. This is because of the audit change in the tax law and will be a monthly occurrence. Trustee Duck seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. All in favor and motion carries.

**Commissioner's Report:** Rosanne Marchetti was absent from the meeting due to illness. Supervisor Marchetti read her prepared report as follows;

January 2018 Report to District 4. This month the Board of Commissioners has two projects that we are asking for community participation. One is the survey for the strategic plan and the other is the visioning session on January 31, 2018 at the COA beginning at 6:00 and lasting until 8:00pm. Refreshments will be served. You may reserve a spot at the visioning and take the survey by going to the county website: [casscountymi.org](http://casscountymi.org). When you go to the county website scroll down past Smart911 although we would like participation in that also, but it is not as immediate as the other two projects. First is the visioning session, click on that and scroll down to the evite link. You can reserve a spot because we need to set up the tables and other refreshments.

We are asking all county residents to take the survey. After the visioning link is the survey link, click on the community survey and you can take the survey on line. Your answers are

completely confidential. The survey deadline is January 15, 2018. The survey may either be mailed to address on the last page of the survey or dropped off at the administration building in Cassopolis.

### **Committee Board Reports:**

**Zoning Administrator** – Leroy Krempec – Report distributed to Board Members showing the close of 2017. There was no ZBA activity this year. Issues were solved within avoiding the use of the ZBA Board. Projects taking time were the new pier permits laws, Master Plan Updates were concluded and approved, Zoning Board updates approved and Ferndale Resolutions. The issue of leaf and trash burning were addressed last month. While investigating records within our police department only 1 report was found. In the future a new system will need to be implemented to create a balance. There is no “rain date” concerning burn days.

**Wastewater** – John Bossler – No report this month.

**Ambulance** – Trustee Stutsman – 92 runs completed in reasonable time. It was requested to take on four additional Townships but feel this is too costly and would consider half of Jefferson Township to bring in additional revenue. It is being considered to eliminate Transfer Runs because they continue to be unprofitable.

**Police** – Treasurer Christensen – At the police board meeting Chief Westrick introduced Ben Clark with Clark Antique Boats who generously donated the funds to purchase 4 body cameras for the police department. Calls were up and tickets were down. Received a Grant from Enbrige for \$1,000.00 to be used toward the purchase of Thermal Monocular (Night Scope). Police Board Resolution to allow Medical Insurance to be taken out of payroll pre-tax. The OTEPD received a \$500.00 snowmobile grant to be used this season.

**Building & Grounds** - Trustee Duck – Work not started yet for front entry of Township building. No bids have been received on drywall work. Lawn mowing bill and snow plowing bill are both due this month because of weather conditions. The eave above the ambulance door is leaking and will have fixed as soon as possible.

**Planning Commission** – Trustee Bolock – No meeting occurred.

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

**Fire Board** – John Bossler – no report due to illness

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Ferndale Park License Agreement –Resolution Terminating License for Ferndale Park; Resolution 2018-1-9.1, Ontwa Township, Cass County, Michigan**

Clerk VanBelle read the proposed Resolution. This resolution offered by Treasurer Christensen and supported by Trustee Duck. Discussion followed. Motion passed on a roll call vote. 5 Ayes and 2 Nays. Motion passes.

**Environmental Sales** Trustee Stutsman makes the motion to approve a charge for AP 500 Mixer including shipping for a total cost of \$2650.00. Seconded by Trustee Kozinski. Discussion follows. Motion passes with a roll call vote. 7 ayes and 0 nays

**Pumps for Lift Station JPC1** –Trustee Stutsman made the motion to approve the purchase of two Grundfoss pumps for JPC1 not to exceed \$14,200.00 includes pumps and shipping. Trustee Kozinski seconds the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote. 7 ayes and 0 nays.

**Resolution to Adjust/Amend FY 2017-2018** – Resolution 2018-1-9.2, Ontwa Township, Cass County Michigan. **Resolution to Adjust/Amend the FY2017-2018 BUDGET AS REQUIRED BY PUBLIC ACT 621 OF 1978 (MCL 141.421-141.440)**

Motion made by Clerk VanBelle. Seconded by Trustee Bolock. Discussion follows.

Motion passed on a roll call vote, 7 ayes 0 nays.

**Announcements:** Next regular Township Board Meeting will be February 12, 2018, Ambulance Board Meeting January 9<sup>th</sup>, Police Board Meeting January 10<sup>th</sup>, Village Board Meeting January 15<sup>th</sup>, Waste Water Board Meeting January 24<sup>th</sup>, Planning Commission Meeting February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Supervisor Marchetti announced Ontwa Township Trash Days would be Friday, April 27 and Saturday April 28, 2018.

**Adjourn:** Trustee Duck made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Kozinski. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Tina VanBelle, Ontwa Township Clerk

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Recording Secretary

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Lori Mroczek