

Minutes

Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gosen at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge to the flag was given.

Township Board attendance by roll call was taken; Bill Carey, Karen Carey, Craig Gosen, and Galen Gransden were all present. Lydia Draves was absent due to vacation. Catherine Sias, Deputy Clerk, was present to take minutes in Clerk Draves's absence.

The agenda was amended to add a letter from the Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant Program to the correspondence. Gosen motioned to approve the agenda as amended, Gransden seconded, and after no further discussion the agenda was approved as amended by unanimous voice vote.

B. Carey motioned to approve the minutes from the regular monthly Board Meeting held on January 13, 2015. B. Carey offered amendments to the minutes as proposed, including: New Business Item 3 Zoning Ordinance to be amended to show the full board's support for the change in the Zoning Ordinance Section 16-05; New Business Item 3 Zoning Ordinance discussion also to be amended to include B. Carey's mention of the 2010 Zoning Ordinance Section 18.09; The discussion reported under Old Business Item 2 should show the name of the person B. Carey contacted: Joe Modzar at the Bureau of Construction on Jan. 13, 2015; and New Business Item 4 regarding approving funds should show the amount \$1,876. K. Carey noted two spelling corrections on page 4, Cary should be spelled Carey. C. Gosen offered clarifications regarding the terms of Water District Number 1 appointments. Bill Page will serve a full term through December 31, 2016. Craig Gosen was appointed through his role as Township Supervisor, so his term will be shorter, ending with the end of his term in office which is November 20, 2016. After discussion, B. Carey motioned to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2015 monthly Board Meeting as amended. Seconded by K. Carey. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by K. Carey to pay all Township bills being presented. C. Sias presented the Township bills in Clerk Draves's absence.

General Fund Checks 28665-28688: \$24,767.19

Swanton Checks 21286-21289: \$790.10

Fire Department Checks: 2267-2277: \$2,714.44

Motion was seconded by C. Gosen, a roll call vote was taken: Gransden – yes, Gosen – yes, K. Carey – yes, B. Carey – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer K. Carey gave a financial report, including a written report and a year-end statement on the Swanton Fund from 5/3 Bank, both of which are included on file with the minutes.

The Township Office will be open special hours for tax collections:

- The office will be closed Monday, Feb. 16 due to President's Day.
- The office will be open extended hours on Tuesday, Feb. 17 from 9 am-5 pm for the last day of tax collections without penalty.
- March 2 is the last day to pay taxes at the township office and the hours will be extended to 5 pm-8 pm.

K. Carey made a motion to approve paying the Republic Services Invoice 0237-001370660 for \$7,848.96. The motion was seconded by Gransden and a roll call vote taken: Gosen – yes, K. Carey – yes, Gransden – yes, B. Carey – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

1. *Midland County Road Commission* letter regarding increased funding for roads due to the newly passed millage. The township will receive an additional \$42,384 for roads, which does not require matching funds from the township.
2. *Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant Program* letter declining the Township's application for grant funding for sidewalk and entry improvements at the Township Museum.

Water District No. 1 Rules and Regulations

The board discussed details of interagency cooperation between Water District No. 1 and the Code Authority. They also discussed materials allowed for water installations, in particular service lines which are mandated by Water District No. 1 to be either K copper or SIDR7 Polyethelene. The board also discussed State of Michigan plumbing codes, in particular Table 605.3 of the Michigan Plumbing Code. Gosen explained that the issue between the Code Authority and WD#1 was a result of overlapping jurisdictions at the State Statue level. Gosen said he would meet with the Code Authority Chair and try to work out a lasting solution.

Minutes

Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd.

Discussion also included Gosen's response to an assertion regarding plumbing materials that Bill Carey made during the January Board meeting. Points in Gosen's presentation included:

- During the plumbing inspector discussion at the January Board meeting B. Carey stated his opinion that Edenville should not hire their own plumbing inspector. B. Carey stated his understanding, which he based on a conversation with Joe Modzar at the State Bureau of Construction Codes, that WD#1 was requiring unapproved materials for service lines. He implied that this information came from the State.
- In subsequent emails B. Carey cited Table 605.3 of the Michigan Plumbing Code as the basis for his assertion and said "Any fair-minded individual who reads the document will come to the same conclusion we did." His email statement again implied that the State agreed with his understanding. In these emails, he also questioned the performance of the Water District Board.
- To follow up from these discussions and emails, Gosen, as well as the Water District operators, several Water District Board members, and at least one plumbing inspector reviewed Table 605.3. All found that this table clearly stated that the materials required by WD#1 were included in Table 605.3 and were approved by the Michigan Plumbing Code. The service line materials required by WD#1 are K copper or SIDR7 Polyethylene. Gosen noted that B. Carey's assertion regarding materials was shown to be inaccurate by this table, which B. Carey had initially cited.
- B. Carey acknowledged that his assertion was not correct but, upon request for an apology from Gosen, B. Carey refused. Upon questioning, B. Carey said he could not recall if he specifically asked his contact at the State if the materials in question were approved or not. Gosen asked how B. Carey could repeatedly imply the State agreed with his accusation if he hadn't specifically asked the State if the materials were approved or not.
- Gosen concluded the discussion by stating his commitment to work with the Code Authority to work out a lasting solution to the inspection issues.

Public Comments:

Bill Page, North Water Road, spoke regarding Water District Number 1.

Committee and Appointment Reports:

1. *R&R Assessing:* Kelly Rifembark reported regarding updates and improvements to the township's residential parcel records including correct frontages and depths. Her numbers have been turned in to the county and have balanced. Gosen noted the dates for the March Board of Review at the Swanton Hall:
 - March 9, 2:00-5:00 p.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 - March 10, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
2. *Trustee Reports:*
 - a. B. Carey: Attended Feb. 26 Code Authority Meeting; permits as of that date include: 3 water permits, 1 building permit, 2 mechanical permits, 1 electrical permit. There was no quorum present, so the committee was unable to conduct further business.
 - b. Gransden: There was a meeting of the Planning Commission, but he was unable to attend.
3. *Planning Commission:* Gosen reported on behalf of chair Linda Schultz that there will be a hearing regarding changes to the Zoning Ordinance, to be held before the next Township Board meeting on Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. Public notice will be placed in the newspaper no less than 15 days prior to the meeting.
4. *MTA Conference Reports*
 - a. Gransden reported on sessions he attended that were led by Township attorney Bill Fahey. One regarded issues of trespassing and legal easements and the township's role in disputes between residents. The other session regarded pay scale for township government employees. Advice from the session included establishing job descriptions for elected officials and determining pay scale based on a comparison with similar job duties in the private sector.
 - b. B. Carey attended the conference and discussed one session on business communication terminology.
 - c. Sias attended the pre-conference Grant Writing Bootcamp and also reported on a DNR Grant writing workshop the Board had authorized her to attend earlier in the month. Both workshops provided valuable information on application processes for grants and on new ideas for innovative sources for grants. They also both encouraged developing over-arching plans for the township's development goals to make grant seeking more effective. Her written report was presented to the board and included on file with the minutes.
5. *Fire Department:* Chief Roger Dufresne presented a written report to the board which is included on file with the minutes. The Fire Department completed the following runs in January 2015: Medical – 8, Fire – 2, Mutual Aid – 1, and Investigation

Minutes

Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd.

- 2. The fire runs for the month included one home fire which was discovered to be a methamphetamine lab, so there was brief discussion regarding the logistics of cleaning up the property. Other points in his report included notification of a DNR reimbursement grant received for purchase of six jumpsuits and wildfire gear for \$2,500. The fire department truck payment fund will be closed out this year. The department's radio and walkie talkies will be changing over to a new 800 system, which will require further staff training. He requested raising the pay rate for the Fire Department secretary to \$400 per year, which Gosen said will be added to next month's agenda. Dufresne reiterated the importance of shoveling out fire hydrants throughout the township, particularly noting that the snow removal contractors for the township properties need to be reminded to take care to not plow the township's hydrants in. Finally, he provided a blueprint of the proposed addition to the Fire Barn; the Fire Grant Committee will meet to begin planning for funding.
6. *Parks and Recreation*: Mary Beth Seasholtz reported that an application for bleachers and improvements to Gransden Park has been submitted to the Michigan Baseball Association. She also reported regarding wood preservative for Harper Park: she has been in discussion with the engineer at Lapham regarding proper materials and specifications for a bid on this part of the project. Judy Page has continued working on plans for the native species plantings on the river bank, including work with the Meridian schools for a student project to plant a butterfly habitat garden. Gosen noted that this project will be closed out by the end of the township's fiscal year in June.
7. *Water District #1*: Bill Page reported that officers were appointed for the upcoming year: Craig Gosen will be Chair, Kevin Wray - vice-Chair, Dave Rothman - Secretary, and Laura Grubaugh - Treasurer. Page attended the American Waterworks Association Annual Conference in Lansing and was impressed with how widely respected the staff of Water District No. 1 is within the industry.

Old Business:

There was no old business

New Business:

A motion was made by Gosen to appoint Rebecca Crowder to the Fire Department Grant Committee. K. Carey seconded, and the motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

Motion was made by K. Carey to adjourn and seconded by Gransden. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Catherine Sias
Edenville Township Deputy Clerk