

Minutes

Edenville Township Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 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, Lydia Draves, Craig Gosen, and Galen Gransden were all present. Karen Carey was absent.

The agenda was amended to add 1.) under Planning Commission a recommendation to approve recommended Zoning Ordinance Changes; 2.) under Fire Department a request to approve an increase in the pay for secretary to \$400.00/yr.; 3.) under Old Business a request for further discussion on a new floor scrubber for the Swanton Memorial Center; and 4.) under New Business the upcoming MTA Conference at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth on March 30 & 31, 2015. Gosen moved, B. Carey seconded and the amendments to the agenda were approved unanimously.

Gosen motioned to approve the minutes from the regular monthly Board Meeting held on February 10, 2015, seconded by Draves. There was discussion on the motion and after a roll call vote the motion was defeated unanimously. B. Carey then suggested the removal of Water District #1 rules and regulations stating that proposed minutes cannot be altered or changed. Gosen suggested that they remain. Gosen then motioned to modify the original proposed minutes to match the version that is in the board packets. Gransden seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Draves motioned to approve all Township bills being presented.

General Fund Checks 28689 - 28719: \$39,820.78

Swanton Checks 21290 - 21296: \$1,612.18

Fire Department Checks: 2278 - 2284: \$1,003.00

EFT Payment: \$2,019.20

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

There was no financial report due to K. Carey's absence.

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. *Status of Road Project Estimates:* S. SanMiguel is still working on the estimates for Edenville Township. They're looking for a way to divert water to another drain. No bids are back yet and this years' estimate is based on last years estimates. We should have something for the next meeting.
3. *Insurance Renewal:* Received the renewal forms from Burnham and Flower. They were updated last year and no changes were needed. We'll receive a quote for insurance sometime in April, policy is up May 1. There will be a meeting with Larry in late March or early April to sign forms.

Saginaw Bay Resource Conservation & Development Award: Edenville Township received their Project of the Year award for the Harper Park ADA accessible project on the Tittabawassee River. The nomination area included approximately 10 mid-Michigan Counties!

Public Comments:

R. Crowder, Lively Rd. asked about the water being diverted for the road estimate. She asked if there were specific areas the water will be diverted from, citing several problem areas. She also inquired that if Lively is selected, will all or only part of the road be re-paved? She also asked the board the process for initiating and Eagle Scout Presentation to the Township Board.

M.B. Seasholtz, Verity Rd. suggested that C. Crowder bring his presentation before the Parks & Recreation Committee first then take it to the board.

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Committee and Appointment Reports:

1. *R&R Assessing:* Assessment change notices went out. Board of Review will be held on March 9 & 10 at the Swanton Memorial Center, a large turnout is expected this year.
2. *Trustee Reports:*
 - a. B. Carey reported on the Code Authority Meeting; they met with a quorum and passed the budget for next year. ~~He handed gave a packet to each board member containing a lengthy e-mail exchange between him and Gosen. B. Carey then voiced his concern and displeasure with the manner in which Supervisor Gosen refuted Carey's previous statements regarding Water District #1 and the Code Authority and that he had made an unauthorized expenditure. He also stated, that after researching further, Supervisor Gosen broke FOIA regulations as regards posting of proposed minutes. Then, citing malfeasance and misappropriation of funds B. Carey asked for supervisor Gosen's resignation. Deleted by action of the Township Board at the April 14, 2015, Edenville Township Board Meeting.~~
 - b. G. Gransden: Discussed the upcoming election and his disappointment with the charges against Gosen.
3. *Fire Department:* There were 15 medical, 2 investigations, and 3 PDAs for February. When the weather warms they plan to run water rescue training. He asked for board approval of their request for an salary increase for the FD secretary. He also reported that the received a \$2,500.00 matching grant to purchase fire gear for wind fire fighting and also for foam to assist in fighting wildfires and other purposes. Gosen motioned to establish a ~~\$40.00~~ **\$400.00** per year wage for the Fire Department secretary, seconded by Gransden. After a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.
4. *Planning Commission:* L. Schultz reported that a public hearing was held immediately before the evening's board meeting and they would like to recommend the board approved the three changes as publicized in the Midland Daily News. Gransden motioned to approve the revision to the Zoning Ordinance as publicized, seconded by Draves. After a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously. Schultz and Crowder will follow up as per procedure to finalize and publish the approved changes.
5. *Parks and Recreation:* Mary Beth Seasholtz received the details from Scott at Lapham regarding the wood preservative for Harper Park and they are moving into the request for proposal stage of the staining project. They will be meeting on Friday with J. Page to move forward on plant selection for the Harper Park plantings. They have also submitted a grant application to the Michigan Baseball Foundation for bleachers for Gransden Park. They may have the result of that request as soon as the next board meeting.
6. *Water District #1:* Gosen reported they're wrapping up the line extension in the Hope system. They're also working on updating the articles of incorporation. He reported there were no freezes in the main this winter. At this point there was some discussion on the increase in the readiness to serve charges, and Gosen explained why the increased this charge.

Old Business:

B. Carey presented information on his recommendation for an industrial floor scrubber for the Swanton Memorial Center. Midland Chemical is the recommended source. There was a short discussion period in which board members asked Carey questions about the recommended model. Gransden motioned to approve funding of \$4,300.00 for the purchase of a new industrial floor scrubber, seconded by Draves. After a roll-call vote the motion passed unanimously.

New Business: B. Carey motioned that the board members be allowed to attend the MTA Conference at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth on March 30 and 31, 2015. Registration is \$267.00 per attendee if registered by March 16 or \$89.00 per session if registered by March 16. Draves Seconded, there was no further discussion and after a roll-call vote the motion pass unanimously.

Gransden motioned to adjourn, B. Carey seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lydia Draves
Edenville Township Clerk