

# Minutes

## Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 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; Karen Carey, Bill Carey, Lydia Draves, Craig Gosen, and Galen Grandsen were present.

**Approval of agenda:** Gosen asked to add an item under the Fire Department report: Proposal to ask Bob Johnson to chair the Fire Department Grant Committee. B. Carey asked to add an item under New Business: Poznak's services as regards FOIA changes coming July 1, 2015. Motion by Draves to approve amended agenda, seconded by K. Carey, motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of April 14, 2015 meeting minutes:** K. Carey motioned to approve the Tuesday, April 14, 2015, board meeting minutes, seconded by Draves. Gosen stated the following points of clarification for striking Trustee Carey's comments from the March 4, 2015, regular board meeting minutes: 1) The Board approved withdrawing from the Code Authority for plumbing inspections. 2) It is the Supervisor's responsibility to identify a new plumbing inspector, 3) an ad was placed in the paper to identify a new plumbing inspector, and 4) the ad invoice was unanimously approved for payment by the Board. The board voted to approve the April 14, 2015, meeting minutes.

Draves motioned to approve all Township bills being presented.

*General Fund Checks 28779 - 28810: \$12,434.85*  
*Swanton Checks : 21304 - 21312: \$962.65*  
*Fire Department Checks: 2303 - 2315: \$4,796.99*  
*EFT Payments: \$2,901.60*

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

K. Carey gave the Treasurer's report and motioned to pay the Special Assessment Bills:

Republic Services Inv. #0237-001390055: \$7,825.60  
Sampson Fence Co.: \$350.00  
Dockside Hoist Services LLC: \$375.00  
Midland City Landfill, Inv. #7132: \$6,348.43

Grandsen seconded a roll call vote was taken: Grandsen – yes, Gosen – yes, Draves – yes, K. Carey – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Correspondence:**

- 1. Michigan Township Participating Plan:** Draves reported the annual cash dividend distribution to Edenville Township was \$135.76.
- 2. Township Road Project Estimates from the Midland County Road Commission:** Gosen motioned to begin the Lively Road project this summer with the drainage portion. Then, pending the results of the Township budget workshop and depending on how much money remains for road projects, do the limestone project on the last 1/4 mile section of Lively, as well. Motion was seconded by K. Carey and after a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.
- 3. M-30 Roundabout status:** Draves read the latest update from MDOT adding as a reminder that updates are posted on the Township Website as they come in.
- 4. Board attendance at the June 4, 2015, MCTOA General Dinner Meeting:** K. Carey motioned to approve funding at \$14.00 per person for each board member to attend. Seconded by Grandsen and after a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Scheduling of Township Budget Workshop Meeting:** Gosen Proposed we set the Budget Workshop Meeting for June 3, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at the Township Office. There was no opposition to the proposal.
- 6. Budget Hearing, General Appropriations Act approval Meeting, June 24, 2015:** Gosen reminded everyone the meeting will be held at the Swanton Memorial Center on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
- 7. T.O.W.N. (Treasuring Our Wonderful Neighborhoods) Grant and Application from Midland Area Community Foundation:** Draves reviewed the information from the Midland Area Community Foundation. The Board will schedule a date in late July for a Town Hall meeting for the purpose of community involvement in deciding what project to submit for the grant.

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### Public Comments:

1. **R. Johnson**, Suggested placing a notice in the Midland Daily News when a date has been decided for the T.O.W.N. Grant Town Hall meeting. The "back page" was also suggested by K. Carey.

### Committee and Appointment Reports:

1. **Code Authority:** B. Carey reported the Code Authority met on April 23, 2015, with a quorum present. As an aside: Code Authority and Permits; we had the same number of water hooks ups as Hope for the month (7).
2. **Fire Department:** Chief Dufresne reported
  - a. **Run Report:** 27 runs for April. 10 Medical; 2 Fire; 3 PIs; 2 PDAs; 2 Assists; 1 Tree down; 3 mutual aid, and 1 CO; and 3 investigations. Anderson Radio is switching radios to 800MHz. The Township Fire Department participated in a drill at Meridian High School.
  - b. **Status of Fire Station #1 Upgrade/Addition Plans:** No sign-off yet from the architect. Gosen motioned to appoint B. Johnson to the Grant Committee as chair, Gransden seconded and the motion passed.
  - c. **Request for a Parking Sign for the Station #1 Parking Lot:** Gosen motioned to have the Midland County Road Commission make a parking sign for the Station #1 parking lot. Seconded by Gransden and after a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously. Verbiage to be discussed and submitted.
3. **Planning Commission:** Gransden stressed he would like to see both the Planning Commission and the ZBA members attend the Zoning update meetings given by the MTA. He has two new books.
4. **Zoning Board of Appeals:** Jim Sperling reported on two requests. The Barn was approved on the N. Lake Sanford/Baker Rd. property, The ZBA has scheduled a meeting for May 21 regarding a Fox Rd. request for a pole barn approval. Jim is also drawing up a new ZBA application.
5. **Parks and Recreation:**
  - a. Gransden Park: Bleachers and team benches have been installed.
  - b. Harper Park: The plants have been ordered for planting. Work on the butterfly garden will begin Memorial weekend. Once the planting has been completed we can close the contract with the MI Dept. of Natural Resources.
6. **Museum:** The museum will open the weekend of May 30, 2015.
7. **Water District #1:** Bill Page had nothing to report this month. Gosen mentioned they are working on updates to the articles of incorporation and will be in front of the Board next Wednesday.

Old Business: None.

### New Business:

**Township Insurance Renewal:** Gosen reviewed additional coverage options for Acts of Terrorism and Elected Officials AD&D for (5) Members (Provident). Gosen then motioned a recommendation to not take either option and approve renewal for \$10,634.00. Draves seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. B. Carey questioned coverage for the new bleachers and benches, Draves to call Larry Clever and find out if we are covered and, if not, what the cost of coverage would be.

**Clerk Attendance at MTA class Managing Your township Team in Kalamazoo on 6/12/15. No Mileage or hotel, just class cost of \$145.00:** Gosen motioned to approve, seconded by Gransden. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**Poznak proposal for FOIA Changes:** B. Carey proposed we engage Poznak's office to draft documents for the Township office. Draves added that the MTA has the new documents on their website, ready for use, and suggested that if the MTA documents do not appear to be sufficient we could engage Poznak to assist. K. Carey motioned for all Board members to attend the MTA On The Road 2015 Regional Meeting at the Great Hall at Valley Plaza in Midland on June 2, 2015, which includes a workshop *What Every Township Must Know About the New Freedom of Information Act*. Gransden seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Gransden motioned to adjourn, K. Carey seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lydia Draves  
Edenville Township Clerk

Approved at the June 10, 2015, Regular Edenville Township Board Meeting