

# Minutes

## Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 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 Gransden were present.

**Approval of agenda:** K. Carey motioned to approve the agenda, Gransden seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of the June 24, 2015 Budget Hearing meeting minutes:** Gosen motioned to approve June 24 Budget Hearing minutes, seconded by K. Carey, approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Approval of the June 24, 2015 Regular Monthly Board Meeting minutes:** Draves noted under Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015, budget amendments: Increase the General Fund 191 Elections from \$1,900 to 4,500.00 should have read increase the budget an additional \$4,500.00 to \$6,400.00. Gosen moved to approve the minutes with the amendment, seconded by Gransden, approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Approval of the July 28, 2015, Special Board Meeting minutes:** K. Carey motioned to approve, seconded by Draves, minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.

Draves motioned to approve all **Township bills** presented.

*General Fund Checks 28899 - 28944: \$21,269.62*  
*EFT Payment, IRS: \$3,524.44/ (Gen. Fund total \$24,794.06 with IRS EFT pmt)*  
*Swanton Checks : 21323 - 21328: \$820.97*  
*Fire Department Checks: 2329 - 2344: \$2,180.95*

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

K. Carey gave the **Treasurer's report** and motioned to pay one Special bills:

*Republic Services Inv. #0237-001403219: \$8,692.82*  
*Midland City Landfill Inv. #7555: \$7,229.40*  
*PLM Lake & Management Inv. #146470: \$34,465.84*  
*M30 Water Bond GL #081 & GL #678: \$12,700.63*  
*PLM Lake & Management Inv. #147535: \$30,592.50*  
*PLM Lake & Management Inv. #147723: \$7,713.31*

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

K. Carey also gave an update on the recent tax auction by Midland County. She requested funding for her and the deputy treasurer to attend the MTA Treasurer's retreat in Boyne Mountain. Gosen motioned to approve the funding for their attendance, seconded by Gransden. A roll call vote was taken: Gransden – yes, Gosen – yes, Draves – yes, K. Carey – yes, B. Carey – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Correspondence:**

Draves reported the Township received a refund check from the Accident Fund in the amount of \$43.00 as a final premium adjustment following our yearly audit.

Gosen received communication the Midland County Road Commission asking us to attend a meeting to discuss road work for next year. It will be a quad meeting held with three other townships on Thursday, October 8, at 9:45 a.m.

**Recycling Proposal:** Gary Hicks, Municipality Manager, Republic Services presented a recycling proposal. They would install a 30 yard enclosed container at the Northeast corner of the Swanton Memorial Center parking lot. All recycling will be put into this

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container, no need to separate the items. In the beginning he anticipates having to empty once a month. The dumpster over by the museum would be available to dump any items that are not accepted in the recycle bin. If recycling catches on we may consider moving to a curbside system. Full instructions with a list of accepted recyclables will be available at the office and on the Township website. Draves motioned to start the recycling program with the 30 yard container, seconded by B. Carey, a roll call vote was taken: Gransden – yes, Gosen – yes, Draves – yes, K. Carey – yes, B. Carey – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Private Road Public Hearings:** Gosen proposed we schedule the Private Road Public Hearings on September 8, 2015, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The hearings will be held before the regular Township Board Meeting.

**Private Road Special Assessment District Resolutions:** Gosen motioned to approve Resolutions Tentatively Reconfirming Special Assessment Districts and Setting Public Hearing as follows; Resolution 2015-09, Bluff Creek; Resolution 2015-10, Campbell Court; Resolution 2015-11, Fox Road; Resolution 2015-12, Lakeview Subdivision; Resolution 2015-13, Sanford Lake Estates; and 2015-14 Woodland Estates. B. Carey seconded and following a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Cemetery Maintenance:** Draves presented the estimates from Thornton Excavating for the driveway improvements at the Old Cemetery, \$5,290.00 and the New Cemetery, \$780.00. She reported that there were sufficient funds in the budget for the work. Gransden motioned to approve the funds to improve the driveways at the cemeteries, seconded by Gosen and after a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**T.O.W.N. Grants; Community Meeting:** Draves gave an update on the meeting that was held on July 23, 2015 at the Swanton Memorial Center. There were 27 ideas generated and she gave a quick overview of them. It was decided to pursue two of the ideas 1) playground equipment for the Swanton Memorial Center (Draves) and 2) getting power at the Gransden Park Pavilion (B. Carey).

**Public Comments:** Comments were taken from Robert. Johnson and Edward Dutcher.

### **Committee and Appointment Reports:**

K. Rifenbark, R&R Assessing reported the AMAR follow up went really well but has not received an official response yet. She also updated the board on the tribunal proceeding in progress, requesting and recommending legal representation on behalf of the Township. After a lengthy discussion, Gosen motioned to seek legal representation, seconded by Gransden, a roll call vote was taken: Gransden – yes, Gosen – yes, Draves – yes, K. Carey – yes, B. Carey – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Carey gave the Code Authority update, there was a quorum present at the last meeting. There was also discussion around inspectors as Township Employees and the Skenes road dangerous building complaint.

R. DuFresne gave an update on Fire Department Activity.

R. Johnson updated us on the progress of the Fire Department Grant Committee. He also reported as FEMA coordinator he had one inquiry.

R. Crowder reported one meeting of the Planning Commission the previous week.

J. Sperling said the ZBA had one request and after research it was resolved requiring no further action.

Tim Lapham was present to discuss a couple of issues at Harper Park. The warped board in the deck has been replaced. Lapham suggested giving the parking lot a chance to settle over the winter. After a lengthy discussion, the board agreed to the following: 1) Tim/Mel Sajdak send a letter to the Township stating that the warrantee is extended to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and the parking lot settling/erosion will be repaired prior to that date; 2)The Board is aligned to wait until spring to do the final repairs. This will allow additional time for settling and/or a determination of the cause of erosion; and 3)The Board agreed to submit the close-out paperwork to the MNRTF with the caveat that there is additional parking lot warrantee work that will be completed by 6/30/16.

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M.B. Seasholtz gave a final report on the Eagle Scout projects at Harper Park. The bench will be stained next spring with the plank that was replaced. The board commented that the fence, picnic table, and bench are a very welcome addition to Harper Park and congratulated the Eagle Scouts on project nicely done!

Del LaFevor gave an update on computer issues. The new clerk computer has arrived.

B. Page gave the Water District No. 1 update. He encouraged people to attend the meetings.

Gosen mentioned that this is the first year in may we haven't had complaints about weeds. PLM is doing a great job.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Draves introduced her new deputy clerk, Andrea Strom.

Grandsen motioned to adjourn, seconded by B. Carey, meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lydia Draves  
Edenville Township Clerk