

Minutes
Edenville Township Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 13th, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd.

Gosen Called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and pledge to the flag was given.

Township Board attendance by roll call (verifying quorum). Bill Carey, Karen Carey, Lydia Draves, Craig Gosen, Galen Gransden were present.

B. Carey motioned to approve the agenda, Galen seconded. Gosen requested one update adding the resolution vacating portions of Washington and Midland Streets. Motion to approve as amended passed unanimously.

B. Carey motioned to approve both September 8th meeting minutes and the special board meetings held on September 22 and September 23, 2015. Draves requested to add signature blocks added to the minutes of both September 8th meetings and correct the spelling of Marcia Deliso's name. Karen seconded the motion with corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

Draves motioned to pay the regular township bills:

General Fund Checks 28980 - 29029: \$20,585.08
EFT Payments, IRS: \$2,227.84 and \$2,210.36, total: \$4,438.20
Swanton Checks: 21334 – 21340: \$580.86
Fire Department Checks: 2353 – 2364: \$6,610.11

K. Carey seconded, there was no discussion and after a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

K Carey motioned to pay the special bills:

Republic Services Inv. 0237-001423927: \$7,642.64
PLM lan & Land Mangement Inv. #148185: \$1,000.00
Midalnd County Inv. #91-06: \$30,875.00
Midland County Inv. #91-04: \$308,000.00

Draves seconded and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

There were two items under correspondence: a letter from Township Attorney B. Fahey and a Letter of Resignation from Deb Johnson.

Gosen recommended hiring Roger Dufresne to fill the Swanton manager and maintenance position. B. Carey seconded. K. Carey added that, if we could at this time, we need to write a formal job description for that position. Gosen motion to hire Roger, B. Carey seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Gosen gave an update on the Road Commission meeting on October 8th at 9:45 a.m. The new manager doing a real good job. The County is looking to extend existing roads on both the east side and the west side of the lake in case there is ever an issue with North Lake Sanford Road or M30 we can avoid extended detours. They are looking out into the future and trying to put together a long range plan. The Township submitted our selections for road work and have been asked for next year's requests, as well. They would like something in early December.

Draves motioned for approval to attend MCTOA December General Membership board meeting and dinner. The approval would be for both board members and deputies. K. Carey seconded and the motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

Draves motioned for approval to attend MTA conference in January for the board members and for Deputy Clerk Andrea Strom, as well. Motion was seconded by Gransden and after a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

There was a discussion on loans from the Township as regards road maintenance special assessment districts. At least one of the special assessment districts is requesting gravel and repairs and is looking for the township to loan them money with interest. There was further discussion as to whether or not we needed to consult the township attorney and in the end, everyone agreed to loan the money from one of the larger special assessment funds.

There was discussion to seek approval for Fahey to draft Construction Code Adoption Ordinances and establishing violations as municipal civil infraction. As they stand the township has no good mechanism to enforce through the code authority. We would need to check with code authority to get the current codes for the updates. Gosen moved to consult with Fahey, K. Carey seconded. After a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously

Gosen motioned to approve the resolution vacating portions of Washington and Midland Streets. Gransden seconded. There was a lengthy discussion on vacating the property. A roll call vote was taken: Gransden – yes, Gosen – yes, B. Carey – no, K. Carey – yes, Draves – yes.

Public comments were taken:

D. ~~Shand~~ **Shann**, asked to request a variance on a piece of property. Gosen asked him to come to the office and fill out an application.

Committee and appointment reports:

R&R Assessing - Kelly Rifenbark reported they are finishing the special assessments for the winter tax bills.

Code Authority - Bill Carey

They met and there was a quorum. The code authority is growing. There are two new homes on Water Road. Permits issued in the township in the last month included 3 water, 5 electrical, 2 mechanical, 1 plumbing, 1 building.

Fire Department Report – Draves for Roger Dufresne

Draves reported that Chief Dufresne is attending a banquet tonight honoring Dick Bacon as Firefighter of the year. Edenville Twp. has won this award 3 out of the last 5 years for Midland County. There were 18 Runs for September: 15 Rescue, 2 PDA, and 1 Mutual Aid. The Women's auxiliary Soup Dinner will be held on October 24, beginning at 5:00 at the Swanton.

Fire Department Grant Committee – Bob Johnson

They held meeting and discussed the two proposals from Spicer and Great Lakes. The committee will invite Great Lakes back to bring their architect. They want to get his thoughts and recommendations regarding the site. There's a meeting October 14 at the township office with the committee and the architect.

Planning Commission - Rebecca Crowder / Galen Gransden

Have a planning commission meeting next Monday and will be reviewing a number of items for updates to ordinances, as well as site plan for the Dollar General.

Zoning Board of Appeals - Jim Sperling

They met on September 29th to discuss parking lot space reduction for Dollar General. The approval meeting will be held on October 15th at the township office.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Gosen/Seasholtz

Gosen was able to get in touch with Tamara Jarkaski at the MDNRTF, and she said it was fine to submit paperwork checking that there is still warranty work to be done on the parking lot.

Seasholtz reported the dock will be removed by the end of October. There was discussion on closing the parking lot this year, as well as the park itself.

Bob Johnson reported that the hand rails are all painted at Harper Park and put back in place. The paint was scratched from canoes and kayaks going up and down the stairs. This will most likely be an ongoing maintenance issue.

Museum Manager - Catherine Sias reported 27 visitors, 36 volunteer hours, small cash donations adding up to over \$100.00. We have 158 likes on FaceBook and posts have been viewed by 250 people. The museum closed for the season on Labor Day. Gosen motion to accept the museum

sign donated by Boyce Hydro and posts for installation. K. Carey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Water District No. 1 - Bill Page reported 4300+ active accounts. Hope has completed it's water project. Andy Kobisa has done a good job as chair of the O&M Committee. No lost water reports have been submitted. Water District field workers are working on flushing hydrants around the county. The Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCDA) implementation and upgrade is going very well.

Lake weed spraying update – Gosen mentioned that for as many years as he can remember this is the lowest number of complaints we've had. We've had very good response. We have one survey bill remaining and will receive a bill for the permit for next year, which will be split with Jerome.

Old Business: It was reported that the recycle bin at the Swanton is being used and is about $\frac{3}{4}$ full. It was suggested that signage need to be more prominent. Draves to check with D. Lafavor about getting some information on the website.

There was no new business.

Gosen motioned to adjourn, K. Carey seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Townships