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Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m.  
Swanton Memorial Center  
6422 N. Water Rd., Edenville MI

Supervisor 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 in attendance.

B. Carey motioned to approve the agenda, K. Carey seconded, motion passed, agenda approved

Draves moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015, Board meeting, Gransden seconded and the motion passed, minutes approved.

K. Carey motioned to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2015, special Board meeting, seconded by Draves. Motion passed, minutes approved.

Draves motioned to approve the regular township bills: *General Fund Checks 29098 – 29155: \$27,065.31; Business Checking (two IRS EFT payments), \$4,501.86; Swanton Checks 21356 – 21362, \$708.91; and Fire Department Checks 2394 – 2410, \$10,458.23* . K. Carey seconded. B. Carey asked for clarification of the check to the FD written from the Swanton fund. Draves explained it was for a clock purchased on a Fire Department credit card which was reimbursed to the department from the Swanton fund. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

K. Carey motioned to pay special bills; *Republic Services inv. # 23-001-1444742, \$7,642.64 and Inv.#0237-001446334, \$300.00; City of Midland, Landfill Inv. #8506, \$5,895.90; and M-30 Water Bond Inv. # 373-678-100, \$2,423.12*. Draves seconded and after a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. She reported balances of \$121,491.08 in General Checking and \$212,462.39 in General Savings. She reported total deposits of \$620,948.86 in the Edenville Township accounts as of January 12, 2016.

Gosen reported receiving an email from the attorney handling a tax tribunal case. The petition and answers have been filed. We're waiting on the scheduling of the court date. He will touch base with K. Rifenburg to ask about preliminary discovery.

Gosen received an update from N. Froncek on an ordinance enforcement case. The individual entered a plea of not guilty and chose a formal hearing. He stated he would be represented by an attorney. Gosen asked for Board approval to work with Fahey's office to secure an attorney to represent the Township in court. Gransden motioned to hire an attorney from Fahey's office, seconded by Draves. After a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Gosen moved to change the December 2016 Board meeting as it falls on the same night as the December 2016 Board of Review. K. Carey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Gransden brought to the Boards' attention that residents on Cedar and Sandy Ridge would like a streetlight on Cedar St. **at approximately 414. at the east end of Cedar near the hill.** It's estimated to cost approximately \$100.00 for installation. After discussion specifying the location, Gransden motioned

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to install a streetlight at **at approximately 414 Cedar St.,** ~~the hill on Cedar~~, seconded by Gosen. The motion passed unanimously.

Gosen initiated the discussion on the proposed Civil Infraction Ordinance. He explained that the bureau part of the ordinance would allow the township to issue notification with a fine attached then folks could come in to the office and admit responsibility and pay the fine at office. If they declined to not pay at the office, or plead guilty with an explanation, then it would go to court. He said this is a suggestion to consider and seems like a good idea to include the bureau verbiage in this ordinance in case we wanted to implement that in the future. This simply gives us the option of doing notices if we choose to. The ordinance does not require us to do notices.

There was a detailed discussion where each Board member voiced their opinion of the ordinance and their reasons whether or not to include the establishment of the municipal ordinance violations bureau as part of the Ordinance.

Gosen then gave each Board member a revised copy of the Ordinance in which any reference of a bureau had been removed. He had the attorney look at the revision and the attorney was fine with it.

Gosen added that, if acceptable to the Board, he would motion to approve the revised ordinance.

B. Carey stated he would like to table the motion until the next meeting to allow Board members more time to review the revised document. The Board agreed to table the motion until next month to allow time for further review.

Public comments were taken:

L. Schultz, mentioned the recycle dumpster and that she told her neighbors. They all began taking their materials to the dumpster and are very excited about it. She added that on another positive note, her trash bin got squashed by the collection truck and called 800 number at Republic. She said it was replaced the next day! They were very courteous, and she was very pleased with the way it was handled.

D. Lafavor commented on the water pressure issue. He measured his and reported about 61psi at his house and it was running fine. Gosen added that there had been some control issues with the pump station but it is running well now. They are maintaining around 52 psi at the pump house which is in the normal range. Gosen will check with Ron to see if we can bump up the pressure at the pump house to something closer to 60 psi.

R. DuFresne asked the Board if there is any way can get people to shovel their sidewalks for the people that walk the neighborhoods. There is no ordinance in place and we're not sure we can get everyone to shovel.

D. Lewis asked if anyone noticed that the new streetlight at Star Rd. is out. He also explained that he has dangling hot wires at his house, too, and hasn't been able to get Consumers to come out to check them. Gosen explained there is a particular issue with Star and M-30. Consumers has a new

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policy that they can't work over traffic to fix a streetlight. The road would have to be shut down while the overhead work is underway. That is why the streetlight hasn't been fixed yet.

Gosen reopened a discussion about the possibility of the Planning Commission going from 5 to 7 members.

After discussion, K. Carey motioned to raise membership of the Planning Commission to 7 members, seconded by Gransden. The notion passed unanimously

Gosen then motioned to appoint Mary Herkner to the Planning Commission for the term ending 12/31/17, seconded by Gransden. The motion passed unanimously.

Gosen also motioned to appoint Mark Haydanek to the Planning Commission for the term ending 12/31/16, Gransden seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Craig will notify the applicants of their appointments. The next Planning Commission meeting is January 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Swanton Memorial Center and he will remind the candidates to stop at the office and complete the personnel paperwork before the meeting.

Committee and appointment reports were received.

Code Authority - B. Carey reported there was a meeting on December 17, 2015. They set the meeting dates for 2016. All meetings are at 5:00 p.m. at the County Building and are held on the last Thursday of each month. Everybody is welcome to attend. Ruth Knapp was elected as the new Chair for 2016. Permits issued for December included 1 plumbing; 5 mechanical; 3 electrical; and 2 water.

Fire Department Report - Roger Dufresne; They had 13 calls for December 2015; 4 medical, 3 fire, 1 PDA, 1 assist, 1 wire down, 2 trees down, and 2 investigations.

Total runs for 2015 included 116 Medical; 13 Fires; 6 PIs; 9 PDAs; 24 Assists; 8 Downed wires; 5 Downed Trees; 14 Mutual Aids; 2 CO; and 18 Investigations.

The fire department ordered a new meter for flammable gas, spending approximately \$500.

Fire Department Grant Committee – Craig Gosen: Talked to Bob Johnson, the committee sent an RFP for topo survey and boring costs from three companies. We should have a recommendation in a few weeks.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mary Beth Seasholtz: Harper Park has been closed for the winter; the parking lot was blocked off when it snowed. Reflective tape will be added to the barricade. Gosen added that the County is making a closed sign for the park.

The Parks and Recreation committee still has a list of things to do. They plan to begin work on updating the five year plan. She will ensure all committee members have a copy of the plan for review.

Approved at the February 9, 2016, Edenville Township Board Meeting.

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Planning Commission – Rebecca Crowder: Dollar general provided us with revised site plan which was approved. The change included moving the driveway to M-30 farther to the north and adding an exit to Water Rd. The revised site plan met the MDOT driveway requirements.

They are currently working on edits to the Zoning Ordinance and will get it to Board for review and approval.

They received an application for right-of-way use on M-30 for fiber optics. Rebecca is looking into and researching the application request and will put it on agenda for their Monday, January 18 meeting. Rebecca will check with the METRO Act to find out the proper procedure for processing the request and will let us know what she finds.

The Planning Commission set the dates for the four required meetings in 2016 and they are on township calendar.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Jim Sperling reported nothing new and thanked the Board for approval a five member ZBA. He will schedule an organizational meeting prior to the building season. There were no new requests.

Web Master - Del Lafavor: Everything still working and updated. He asked Draves about updating the contact section. We'll get together to update it now that the appointments to the Planning Commission and the ZBA have been made.

Del will stop by the office to help troubleshoot a problem with retrieving Excel spreadsheets.

There was no old business.

New Business: K. Carey announced a change to the Township Office hours. We will be open both Tuesday and Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Gosen motioned to adjourn, K. Carey seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Draves  
Clerk, Edenville Township