

Minutes
Edenville Township Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 9th, 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 moved to approve the agenda as presented. Gransden seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Approval of the minutes from the regular monthly Board Meeting held on January 12th, 2016.

Gosen moved to approve the January 12, 2016, Board meeting minutes with one correction regarding the location of the proposed streetlight installation at or near 414 Cedar St. K. Carey seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills; *General Fund Checks 29156 - 29190: \$28,634.71; Swanton Checks 21363 - 21368, \$1,003.86; Fire Department Checks 2411 - 2420, \$2,513.98. Seconded by K. Carey. After a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.*

K. Carey gave the Treasurer's report and motioned to pay special bills, *Republic Services Inv. #0237-001451575 \$7,642.64 and Republic Services Inv. #0237-001453371, \$300.00. Draves seconded and after a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.*

K. Carey reminded everyone that the 2016 winter taxes are due February 16, the last day to submit without penalty and the office will be open 9-5. The office will also be closed on Feb 15 for President's Day.

There was no correspondence but Gosen added a point of interest for anyone living on west side of lake. The Midland County Road Commission is tentatively replacing three tubes under first fill, potentially with a bridge if they can find the money, this summer. More information to come as the job becomes further defined.

Gosen, added two reminders. The election is on the second Tuesday of March so we've moved March, 2016, Board meeting to Thursday, March 10, 2016. The March Board of Review will be held on March 14 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., and March 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:00. This is the only time in the year to challenge assessments.

There was discussion on the approval of the Township of Edenville, Midland County, Michigan, Civil Infraction Ordinance No. 181. The issue was whether or not to strike the term Township Zoning Administrator from the text of the document. After looking at the definitions it was decided to leave the content as is. Gosen moved to adopt Civil Infraction Ordinance No. 181, seconded by Gransden. There was no further discussion the motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

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Gosen thanked R. Crowder for all her research on the ACD.net METRO Act Permit Application and Right-of-Way Telecommunications Permit. The Township Attorney has reviewed the documents regarding a right-of-way along M-30 to put a fiber optic line from the cell tower near Shaffer Rd. to the new cell tower location on N. Meridian. Gosen moved for approval of ACD.net Right-Of-Way permit, seconded by Gransden. After a roll call vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

There was discussion on updating Swanton Hall Policy and Procedure # SH-1-2014 to add who, specifically, could rent the hall. K. Carey motioned to use “resident or landowner” in the Policy, seconded by Draves and the motion passed unanimously.

The Township Board gave reports on the MTA Conference they attended at the end of January. Craig, attended seven sessions; Draves attended seven sessions; K. Carey, attended six sessions and commented that it was the best conference yet. She attended zoning and special assessment classes to prepare for her new role on the ZBA. B. Carey thought the MTA set its best foot forward and enjoyed Ask the Expert segment. Gransden attended one session.

Public comments were received:

D. Lafavor, Curtis Rd., Asked if we ever pick up anything on webpages at the MTA Conference and if we did, could we pass it on to him.

M. Weaver, Shaffer Rd. He reinforced his stance that the Township should invest in, and take the initiative to purchase a screen shooter for use at the Township Board meetings and will look for us to make that happen.

Committee and appointment reports were received.

Code Authority – B. Carey: The Code Authority met on January 28, 2016. Even though it is winter the Township still had 1 building permit, 1 plumbing, 2 mechanical and 2 electrical and 1 water hook up. The next meeting February 25.

Fire Department Report – R. Dufresne: They had 12 runs for January; 8 rescue, 1 standby, 1 mutual aid, 1 call off, and 1 lift assist. They have some used turnout gear they would like to donate to a fire department up north because they don’t have the resources to get some of the equipment they need. Gosen moved to allow Roger to donate the used turnout gear, seconded by Draves. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department Grant Committee – C. Gosen: We received construction proposals from Great Lakes Bay Construction, Civil Engineering Consultants, and Spicer Group for the topographical survey and soil borings at Fire Station 1. Gosen motioned we use Great Lakes stating they’re less expensive than Spicer, and offer more than CEC. Gransden seconded and the motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

Parks and Recreation Committee – C. Gosen:

Congratulated and thanked B. Page and the Parks & Recs Committee on their efforts to acquire the closed for winter signs and getting them in place at Harper Park. There is a third closed sign that will be stored in the event we need a replacement.

Planning Commission – R. Crowder:

She received one call regarding whether a resident could build a garage before the home. They are working on updating the zoning ordinance and sent a couple of questions to the Township attorney.

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When she receives a response the redline version will be ready for the board. Any map changes will go to Chris Cantrell at GIS. We will get a PDF version for the ordinance and large map for office.

Web Master – D. Lafavor:

He moved the website from one location to another. Emails have also been moved. He completed updates as the requests came in.

Water District No. 1 – B. Page:

Water District No. 1 is committed to annual analysis of the Midland Water. Residents may contact the Water District Office or the City of Midland to request water reports. Edenville residents have reported the water pressure is good.

There was no old business.

New Business: Several posts in front of the office have been knocked out by cars this winter. Gransden will look for someone to make the repairs this spring and give a recommendation.

Gosen motioned to adjourn the meeting, K. Carey seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township