

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Edenville Township Board Meeting**  
Thursday, March 10th, 2016, 7:00 p.m.  
Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd.

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

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

K. Carey moved to approve the agenda for the March 10, 2016 board meeting, seconded by Gransden and the Agenda approved as presented.

B. Carey moved to approve the minutes from the regular monthly Board Meeting held on February 9th, 2016 as presented, seconded by Gransden, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills;

*General Fund Checks: 29191 – 29229, \$34,815.78*

*Swanton Checks: 21369 – 21372, \$597.39*

*Fire Department Checks: 2421 -2431, \$2,177.60*

*EFT Payment Federal Taxes, \$3,318.94*

The motion was seconded by K. Carey and after a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

K. Carey gave the financial report and motioned to approve special bills;

*Republic Services Inv. #0237-001460192 – \$311.00*

*Republic Services Inv. #0237-00158735 – \$7,642.64*

*Midland County Road Commission Inv. #3573 -- \$3,909.60*

The motion was seconded by B. Carey and after a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Gosen gave an update on the impending closure of West River Road. The Road Commission is very concerned about rain on Sunday and Monday. They patched the worst tube which may buy a little time. The road could be closed completely for 3-4 weeks. Water District #1 will move the water line and downtime for water should be half a day to a day. Chief DuFresne working with the Jerome Fire Department for emergency services coverage to Jerome Township during the road closure.

The work on M-18 is projected to begin in a week or two, as well.

Midland County sold the bottomlands in Sanford Lake to the Sanford Lake Preservation. R & R Assessing is coordinating with Jerome so the assessment is consistent between the two Townships.

Gosen reminded everyone of the March Board of Review which will be held on March 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and again on March 15 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**MTA Capital Conference attendance:** This conference gives the opportunity for board members to attend informational sessions and have an opportunity to meet one on one with legislators. This year's

conference has been expanded to two days. B. Carey motioned to allow all interested board members to attend. Draves seconded and after a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

There was a brief discussion on a medical marijuana ordinance.

**Flood Plain Manager Conference, Bob Johnson attendance:** Bob requested attendance to a week-long Floodplain Managers conference June 19-23, 2106. He will be funding a portion of it himself. Gosen motioned to allow Bob to attend, Galen seconded and after a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

**ZBA Training Attendance:** Gosen motion to allow anyone on ZBA who is interested to attend the one day course in Mt. Pleasant on April 27, 2016. K. Carey seconded and after a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Poverty Exemption Resolution 2016-01:** This resolution is to set the federal poverty guidelines for poverty exemption requests at Board of Review, it changed just slightly from last year. Gosen motioned to adopt the Poverty Exemption Guidelines resolution, B. Carey seconded and the motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

**Consumers Energy Street Light Addition Resolution 2016-02:** Gosen motioned to approve the Resolution to place an additional streetlight on Cedar St., Gransden seconded and the motion carried unanimously after a roll call vote.

**Insurance Policy Adjustments:** The Township received paperwork for our insurance policy adjustments and renewal. The following content and coverage changes; Add Gransden Park shed at \$3,000.00; Assuming a 3% increase and increasing contents of major buildings; increase the museum contents to \$12,000; drop the old shed in the Swanton plot and appropriate adjustments made to all Fire equipment. The board members were all in agreement with the adjustments for the insurance policy.

### **Public Comments**

*Mark Authier W. Dorr, Sanford.* As Commander of the Sanford American Legion, 2080 N. Meridian Rd., Sanford he invited everyone to the events associated with arrival of the Vietnam Traveling Memorial on July 14, 2016. Opening ceremony is at 6:30 p.m. and includes a Blackhawk flyover. The wall will be posted around the clock so you may view at any time of day. You will also have an opportunity look through book and make charcoal impressions. If you'd like to volunteer please call Mark or stop by the Post.

Also, on April 16 they will be hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser in honor of the late Corpsman, Aaron Ullom. Funds raised will first be used for a sign renaming the bridge over US-10 in honor of Aaron, the foundation "Aaron's Gifts from Home" will be the beneficiary of the remainder of the funds raised.

*Mike Weaver, Shaffer Rd., Screenshooter.* 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. He wishes the board would vote on it.

### **Committee and appointment reports:**

*R&R Assessing* - Kelly Rifembark; the SEV and taxable values were turned in to the County. The tax roll was submitted to the March Board of Review. Kelly also reported on the assessed value totals.

*Code Authority* - Bill Carey; there was no quorum therefore no meeting.

*Fire Department Report* - Roger Dufresne; Chief DuFesne reported 21 runs in February; 8 medical, 1 house fire, 3 PDAs, 2 investigations, 1 tree down, 2 ice rescues, 2 cancellations, 1 standby and 1 lift assist.

*Fire Department Grant Committee*; Gosen gave an update and proposed approval of payment up to \$5,875.00 to Great Lakes Construction for the survey and boring work. The work has been completed but we haven't received the bill. B. Carey seconded the proposal and after a roll call vote, passed unanimously.

*Parks and Recreation Committee*; Gosen motioned to allow the Parks and Rec Committee to apply for \$500.00 WIN Grant for additional plants at Harper Park, it would require a \$500.00 match if it is awarded. Gransden seconded and the motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

*Planning Commission*; Linda Schultz reported they're setting up a date this month for a meeting for two requests that have been submitted.

*Zoning Board of Appeals*; Jim Sperling reported they need to have an organizational meeting and will set it up next week.

*Web Master*; Del Lafavor responded to all requests and everything is up to date.

*Water District No. 1*; Bill Page updated the board on the need for WD#1 to hire a level one employee. The Water District has already replaced the valves at the proposed construction site on Water Road. R. Rose did an excellent job completing this work before the road closure.

### **Old Business**

There was a tree at Fire Station 1 that came down with the last big storm. Draves will contact the insurance company tomorrow to inquire about steps moving forward.

### **New Business**

Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, is having an open house on March 19, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Gransden motioned to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. B. Carey seconded and the motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Draves  
Clerk, Edenville Township