

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Edenville Township Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 10th, 2016, 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 was taken by roll call (verifying quorum), Bill Carey, Karen Carey, Lydia Draves, Craig Gosen, and Galen Gransden were all in attendance.

Gosen presented two additions to the agenda. 1.) A request to the board to seek requests for quotes from additional auditing firms to perform the yearly Township audit and 2.) the Township received a request for a double chip and seal on Baker Rd. to a distance of 325' from N. Lake Sanford Road. B. Carey motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Gransden. The motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously.

B. Carey moved to approve the minutes from the regular monthly Board Meeting held on April 12th, 2016, seconded by K. Carey, the motion carried unanimously.

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills;

*General Fund Checks: 29302 - 29336, \$38,332.64*

*Swanton Checks: 21380 - 21385, \$913.05*

*Fire Department Checks: 2446 - 2453, \$764.94*

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

K. Carey presented a report of all the Township funds and motioned to pay the following special bills;

*Republic Services Inv. 0237-0059860; \$311.00*

*Republic Services Inv. 0237-001471565; \$7,838.31*

*Midland County Landfill Inv. 8842; \$5,097.38*

The motion was seconded by Draves and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Correspondence was reviewed and Gosen gave an update on communication with the Midland County Road Commission bridge project on West River Rd. He suggested that everyone congratulate the Road Commission on a job well done.

Gosen motioned to approve funds for Township Board attendance at June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, MCTOA dinner meeting, Gransden seconded and after a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Draves motioned to renew the MCTOA Membership Dues at \$80.00 for the upcoming year, Gransden seconded and after a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Gosen proposed May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016, for the budget workshop meeting. After a short discussion the date was fine with everyone. The budget workshop will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Township office. Board members will also put a hold on their calendars for June 16, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. for a follow up session if needed.

Gosen mentioned the Budget Hearing and approval of the General Appropriations act is scheduled for June 22, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the Swanton Memorial Center. There will be no Board meeting in July.

BreAnne Grabill, Environmental Scientist, Northern Lakes Manager with PLM, addressed the board regarding weed control plans for the upcoming season. Jim Chatel, PLM and Mike Numbers were also in attendance. Bre distributed

information packets to the board which included the PLM News, Sanford Lake news, and maps of the surface areas of Sanford Lake showing affected areas.

We will be conducting an extensive pre survey and Mike Numbers plans to join her. She said it was nice to have resident along to point out trouble spots. They use maps and GPS which enables them to follow up more specifically and target trouble spots. They've created a new map for the upper lake with updated acreage and depth.

The reports will include financial statements so residents can see exactly how their money is spent. Bre also mentioned the benefit of treating the entire lake all at once. Boyce Hydro has been very helpful in assisting them by slowing down or speeding up the river.

PLM's primary focus will be exotic species control. The three major concerns are Eurasian Water Milfoil, Curlyleaf Pondweed, and Starry Stonewort. Wild Celery will become a real issue in August. The plan is to target exotics, algae, and native species in that order.

It will take time to turn the lake around and the initial survey will begin next week. They're hoping the beds treated last year will need less work this year and will have a better idea next week. If the lake is not ready they will postpone treatment to optimize with all conditions.

PLM will revisit and review the area around the islands near the Lewis property. They'll check for native plants vs. the exotics to determine whether or not the plants can be treated.

Bre encouraged residents to contact PLM with any comments or concerns.

Gosen added that Township has received more positive comments since PLM has taken over weed treatment. D. Lafavor will send Bre an email and will begin posting information to the Edenville Township Website. Regarding the budget, Mike Numbers reported we've spent roughly \$20,000.00 more than was collected. There is still a balance from past years but it won't last forever. He added that we may eventually have to increase the assessments. Gosen stated that if the weed committee thinks an increase is warranted to please bring it to the board.

Gosen recommended the appointment of Jim Swanton for the open position on the planning commission, replacing D. Gibbs. B. Carey seconded and the motion passed unanimously. There is a Planning Commission meeting scheduled for May 23, 2016.

Gosen moved to approve Draves' attendance at the Cemeteries: Challenges & Solutions class presented by the MTA, Gransden seconded and the motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

Draves reported that the Swanton Memorial Center passed the latest inspection by the Midland Health Department. There were no infractions or suggestions.

K. Carey motioned to approve up to \$200.00 to purchase a new vacuum cleaner for the Swanton Memorial Center, seconded by Gosen. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

K. Carey motioned to approve Resolution 2016-04 allowing the collection of property taxes at the Township Office by the Deputy Treasurer, Clerk, and Deputy Clerk. Gransden seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Public comments were received:

Approved with correction at the June 8, 2016, regular meeting of the Edenville Township Board

Al Kloha is running for another term as county commissioner. He's currently the liaison to the Road Commission, the Sanford Lake Improvement Board, and Parks & Recreation. He's involved with the area and is happy to have the lake bottom away from County and back in the hands of private citizens.

L. Schultz, thanked the board for funding the ZBA workshop they attended. The information they received was great. She added they found that the ZBA is expected to give a decision the evening the requests are presented.

Committee and appointment reports were received;

- *Code Authority – B. Carey:* There was a meeting last month and a quorum. The Township had 5 water, 2 building, 1 plumbing, 1 mechanical, and 3 electrical permits.

Bill also reported on the Legislative Day sponsored by the MTA. He had a one on one with the governor. They discussed the ongoing issues with Marijuana dispensaries. He asked point blank what we could do here in the Township and did not get a recommendation. During the breakout session it was stressed that the Planning Commission maintain a paper trail of actions regarding the various marijuana actions here in the Township. Bill suggested we continue investigating what we're going to do with it.

He also had an opportunity to speak with three legislators at the reception and asked each one pointedly about chances of winter and summer taxes being rolled together. He followed up with Stamos, as well and no one had heard anything.

He met Cotter's representative and inquired about Vets property relief as regards taxes and switching burden from local entities to the state level.

He added that attending the Legislative Day was money well spent.

- *Fire Department Report – Chief, R. Dufresne* reported 14 runs; 10 medical, 1 grass fire, and 3 mutual aids.
- *Fire Department Grant Committee – Bob Johnson* on the Survey and Soil Borings and the GLC feasibility assessment. There is a meeting tomorrow night at the fire station 7:00 p.m. We received the survey done on FD property and the soil borings have been done. They have recommendation for basement.
- *Parks and Recreation Committee – ~~M. B. Seasholtz~~; **LINDA SCHULTZ**:* No news from Lapham/Sajdak yet on the parking lot issue at Harper. Judy Page has done a great job on native species planting. Judy has presented her plan to the Parks & Rec Committee.

B. Johnson received a \$300.00 grant from the Gleaners to be used for native species planting. Gosen motioned that the Board match the \$300.00 grant from the Parks & Rec account, Gransden seconded and after a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Judy Page also has plans to get the committee involved with a Harper Park cleanup. If the board has any ideas, let her know.

Baseball is going well at Gransden Park, however parking is still an issue.

The 5 year parks and rec plan has expired and the Parks & Rec Committee needs to update and rewrite it. The committee plans to renew it and Gransden is researching process.

- *Planning Commission – Rebecca Crowder*, reported they're working on Wixom Waters and the Flats as regards the issue on zoning going forward.
- *Zoning Board of Appeals – Jim Sperling*, reported the received a request for front line setback on Towerline. The meeting is scheduled for May 26. 7:00 p.m. There are also two pending but haven't received the requests as of today.
- *Web Master – Del Lafavor*, he responded to all requests.
- *Water District # 1 – Bill Page*, reported that Water District #1 continues to thrive under Gosen's leadership. They have recently hired a new field employee.

There was no old business.

Under new business there was discussion on sending RFQs for auditing services. The Yeo & Yeo fee from \$7,500.00 last year to \$8,000.00 this year. Gosen suggested contacting Weinlander Fitzhugh for availability and cost.

Gosen shared we have a unique situation in that the owner of the property at the corner of Baker and N. Lake Sanford Rd. is requesting a double chip and seal on Baker Rd. to a distance of 325' from N. Lake Sanford Road. The owner is willing to pay for the work and write the check to the Township to pay the Midland County Road Commission for the work. Gosen proposed calling the Road Commission and have them add this project to the list. Gosen motioned to add the project to the list at no expense to the Township, B. Carey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Road Commission will replace the tube under Cedar near the post office.

Kloa added that the County road mileage is expiring this year and the renewal will be on the November ballot. Gosen added there are two millages, each for two years, and only one is expiring. He is 100% behind local road millages.

Gosen Motioned to Adjourn, B. Carey seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lydia Draves  
Clerk, Edenville Township