

MEETING MINUTES

Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 9th, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and pledge to the flag was recited.

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

K. Carey moved to approve the agenda, Draves seconded, the motion passed and the agenda was approved as presented.

Draves offered two amendments to the minutes from the Budget Hearing held on June 22nd, 2016. On the First page, fourth paragraph the date should read 2016-2017 and the signature block needs to be changed to reflect her signature. Gosen motioned to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Gransden. Motion carried, minutes approved as amended.

K. Carey motioned to approve of the minutes from the regular monthly Board Meeting held on June 22nd, 2016, seconded by Draves, motion passed and the minutes were approved as presented.

Draves motioned to pay all Township bills presented:

General Fund Checks: 29411 - 29504, \$38,203.66

Fire Department Checks: 2465 - 2486, \$20,072.73

Swanton Check: 21395 - 21405, \$1,192.69

And two IRS Payroll Taxes, EFT payments: \$5,998.94.

Supported by Gransden and the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

K. Carey gave the treasurers report. She motioned to approve the special assessment bills:

PLM Lake & Management Inv. 17115, \$39,808.31

PLM Lake & Management Inv. 182159, \$23,000.00

Republic Services Inv. #023-001485455, \$9,923.13

Republic Services Inv. #0237-001487, \$662.00

Republic Services Inv. #0237-001492442, \$7,960.89

Republic Services Inv. #0237-001494301, \$311.00

City of Midland Inv. #9297, \$7,207.48

Midland Co. Road Commission, Inv. #3592, 1,538.44

Richard Clark, Ginger Dr. seal crack refund on overpayment, \$61.56

B. Carey seconded and the motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.

There was no official correspondence.

Craig motioned to approve funding for folks on the Planning Commission or ZBA to attend upcoming MTA sponsored seminars. Seconded by B. Carey and the motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote.

Gosen announced John Jurek's resignation from the BOR. He recounted John's history with the Board of Review and the Township and thanked him for his many years of service and contributions.

Gosen made the motion to appoint Nicholas Finley to full voting member of the BOR for the remainder of the term. The motion was seconded by K. Carey and the motion carried unanimously.

Gosen announced Rebecca Crowder's resignation as Planning Commission Chair and member of Fire Department Grant Committee. He thanked Rebecca for her many contributions and years of service in a variety of rolls within the Township. He also thanked Jess and Cameron Crowder for their years of service on the Fire Department.

Linda Schultz is Vice Chair of the Planning Commission and will be taking over as Chair, until the Planning Commission votes for new chair at the beginning of the new year.

It was also announced that Charlie Dame is resigning from the Fire Department. His last day is August 21st. Gosen thanked him for his 28 years of outstanding service on the department!

Gosen motioned to appoint Kevin Bettendorf to Fire Department Grant Committee, has attended all meetings even though he was not officially on the committee. Draves seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The annual Township meeting with the Midland County Road Commission will be held on September 8th at 10:30 a.m. This is the meeting where we bring our estimated road repair list. The only change from our long term plan is we've added Baker Rd. between M18 and Bergman.

Draves motioned to lower the mileage reimbursement from \$0.575 to \$0.540 per mile to adjust to the Federal guidelines. Gransden seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Draves motioned to adjust the General Appropriations Act General Fund line item for total expense to \$415,365.00 from \$405,365.00 and the Net Income line item to -\$53,465.00 from -\$43,465.00 and the Ending Fund Balance from \$432,747.92 to \$422,747.92. This is because of a clerical error, the 800-002 Transfer to Revolving Improvement Fund Line item was not included in the formula that totaled the above three line items. Seconded by Gosen and the motion was approved unanimously.

Roger, soffit at the Swanton Memorial center needs to be repainted. Last time it was painted was in 2010. He also noted that perhaps some construction work is needed over the vents where the moisture has had an effect. B. Carey will solicit bids for the painting and repair work.

K. Carey shared her findings on the bids for re-upholstery bids for the chairs at the Swanton Memorial Center. We received one bid for over \$3,000 and it did not include the price of the foam. She hasn't heard back from a second source after several attempts. We'll get pricing for new chairs and tables for the lounge and present the findings at the next meeting.

Public Comments were received.

R. Dufresne, Towerline Rd. Asked the Board if, going forward, maybe looking at not only size, but age and condition of modular and double wides in future ordinances. He mentioned that the Township has no Grass Cutting Ordinance. Gosen added that structures have to meet all construction codes, we cannot use age as a determining factor.

C. Jurek, Dorr Rd. asked if we have a blight ordinance, specifically citing 529 W. Wixom. It's overgrown and you can hardly see one of the two abandoned structures on the property. It is not secure and rats are still coming from it. J. Jurek, Flock Rd. added that this property was next door to him until he moved and added that the pole barn is about to fall down. The Code Authority has red tagged it. B. Carey will follow up with the Code Authority on this matter.

R&R Assessing - Kelly Rifembark gave a tribunal hearing update. Ross Bowers is the lead attorney on case. She provided him with comparable properties in the Township. He will write a letter to the opposing party with this information.

Code Authority - Bill Carey reported that they met on July 28. Permits issued in the Township include 2 water, 2 building, 3 plumbing, 2 mechanical and 3 electrical. We also have an address for Grandsen Park; 425 Moore St. The address was needed before the electrical service could be installed.

Fire Department Report - Roger Dufresne reported 19 runs for July. 15 rescue, a fluid cleanup, a wire down, 2 investigations. The department has two trucks going to CSI to have valves fixed. They held their meeting at station two last night and did some cleaning at the site.

Fire Department Grant Committee – Bob Johnson met with members of Fire Department and put together list of desirable items for the propose addition. Based on the additions, they'll ask Great Lakes for feasibility drawing.

Flood Plain Manager – Bob Johnson presented information on “determination companies” and their roll in working with banks to determine if a home is in a flood hazard zone. FEMA has contracted with IBM to do a flood layer map, integrating Google Maps with FEMA's flood plain maps. Bob noticed that there were still errors on the integrated maps and has been working with FEMA to get these maps corrected and revised.

Planning Commission – Linda Schultz said the Planning Commission has completed the zoning map updates and is ready Board approval on both the proposed Map updates, and the proposed Zoning Ordinance updates. She will get them to the board before the next meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Jim Sperling reported that at their last meeting, they reviewed a request for a larger Dollar General sign. That request was denied. He added that the updated ZBA application form now states “non-refundable fee” for applications. No new requests have been requested or scheduled.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mary Beth Seasholtz / Gosen: Gosen spoke with Scott Bell. Sajdak has not done the parking lot repair yet. Scott has been trying to contact him for a couple of weeks and has had no response. Gosen asked for board approval to go to Fahey to draft a letter asking Sadjak for an extended warranty letter and completion of the parking lot repair by a stated date if he doesn't receive anything from Sadjak in two weeks.

Approved at the September 13, 2016, Edenville Township Board Meeting.

Gransden motioned that Gosen be allowed to contact the attorney in this regard in two weeks if we haven't heard from Sajdak, Gosen seconded and the motion carried.

M.B. Seasholtz mentioned the native species planting and brush clearing at Harper Park adding that they meet once a month on Saturday mornings, everyone is welcome to come and help. These work days are scheduled through October.

Cobalt Rubber, Sturgis, MI, sent a quote for rubber mulch for under the playground equipment at Gransden Park and around the Township Office.

Gransden motioned to spend up to \$1,100.00 on the mulch plus mileage reimbursement to B. Page for pick up. Draves seconded and the motion passed by unanimous roll-call vote. D. Lewis is going to send information on a possible supplier in Flint.

It was decided to wait until spring to spray the fence line at Gransden Park.

M. B. Seasholtz added that the infield is horribly weed infested and that she will speak with Sanford Youth League about the condition of the infield.

Museum Manager - Catherine Sias reported that there is \$775.00 in the Museum account. The cement work to improve safety and accessibility on the entry way has begun. The Museum would gladly accept any donations toward cement work. Attendance was good during Edenville School reunion. Our volunteers are doing a great job. We've had people visiting each week. Attendance should improve after completion of the cement improvements for handicap accessibility.

Water District No. 1 – Gosen reported that things are going well. They addressed a Federal requirement for the LAP, Language Access Plan. We are now in compliance. The Townships with Rural Development loans have adopted the LAP, as well.

Under old business it was mentioned that the Township Office could probably use a new coat of paint. B. Carey will add the office to the bid request for the Swanton work.

There was no new business.

Gosen motioned to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township