

Minutes

Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd.

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

Township Board attendance by roll call (verifying quorum), all board members were present.

G. Gransden motioned to strike salary information discussion from new business on the agenda, seconded by B. Carey. There was further discussion on this motion and Gosen and Draves asked the board to leave it on the agenda for discussion. A roll call vote was taken and the original motion carried by the following vote; Gransden – yes; B. Carey – yes; Gosen – no, K. Carey – yes; Draves – no.

K. Carey motioned to add recycling to the agenda under new business. Draves seconded and the Motion passed.

K. Carey motioned to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on September 13th, 2016, Gransden supported. The motion carried unanimously and the minutes were approved as presented.

Draves motioned to pay all Township bills presented.

General Fund Checks: 29535 - 29584, \$20,227.27

Fire Department Checks: 2498 - 2505, \$4,424.84

Swanton Checks: 21410 - 21416, \$8,788.72

Gransden seconded, there was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

K. Carey gave the treasurers report and motioned to pay the following special bills;

Republic Services Inv. #0237-001508449: \$622.00

Republic Services Inv. #0237-001506503: \$7,960.89

Draves, supported and the motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

Correspondence:

Letters from the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs; Weinlander & Fitzhugh; Senator Jim Stamas; and the Midland County Equalization were presented and reviewed.

Draves updated the Board on the Swanton inspection by A. Bloch, Midland Co. Health Dept. He brought copies of records from the Health Department showing size and positioning of the septic and drain field at the Swanton, Draves will file them for future reference. We passed the inspection with no violations.

Alan did say we needed to buy small waste receptacles for each stall in the women's restrooms. R.

Dufresne will purchase and place them in the stalls.

Gosen received a letter confirming that Water District #1 will carry the RRI funds for the term of the loan. Because Water District #1 is responsible for water system maintenance it is no longer required by Rural Development that the Townships set aside the funds individually.

Gosen spoke to Republic Services to begin the process of changing from a Friday solid waste pickup to Monday.

Gosen stated that an email was sent to all board members that contained the salary information which was stricken from discussion on the agenda. Edenville Township Trustees are being paid significantly more than other neighboring townships. Due to State law if this is not addressed before the start of the next term of office it cannot be reduced for another 4 years.

The Township Audit is scheduled for November 7-9, 2016. K. Carey and Draves are already responding to requests from the auditing firm.

B. Carey reported on the bid process for Swanton and Township office maintenance work. He received one bid. His recommendation is to wait until spring to pursue additional bids.

K. Carey has been working to get estimates for replacing the tables and chairs in the lounge at the Swanton. She's had no success connecting with a recommended retailer. There are catalogs at the office containing commercial furniture that we can look through. It was suggested that we speak with Midland Chemical and see if they have any recommendations for a furniture source.

The board received a suggestion for purchasing a high chair, booster seats, and other child safety enhancements for the Swanton Memorial Center. Gosen motioned to approve funds to acquire those items, Draves seconded, and the motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

Public Comments were received from:

J. Sperling, Cedar Dr. suggested purchasing a specific model of outlet caps for the Swanton.

Committee and appointment reports were received:

R&R Assessing – Kelly Rifembark has been loading deed transfers and PREs. She will get with K. Carey for a discussion on the special assessments before they go on the winter tax bills.

Code Authority – B. Carey reported the code authority met on September 22 and the next meeting will be held October 27. There was one each of the following permits issued in the Township in September; electrical, water, building, plumbing and mechanical.

Gosen asked about the need for State code books. B. Carey said there had been some discussion and the contents of the books were on file at the Code Authority office and all the code information is available there.

Fire Department – Roger Dufresne reported 11 runs for September; 6 medical; 2 investigations; 2 stand bys; and one PDA. He mentioned the Auxiliary Fundraiser dinner is being held on October 15th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Swanton Memorial Center.

Fire Department Grant Committee – Gosen said we're waiting on the drawings from Great Lakes and they should be coming in soon. They will also be sending a contract.

Planning Commission – Linda Schultz; the next meeting will be held on Monday October 17th. They will be discussing Marijuana legislative issues. Gosen gave a brief overview on the Medical Marijuana bill.

They're still working on the previously approved zoning map revisions into the final document.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Jim Sperling had no activity to report. K. Carey inquired about the variance that was granted on Baker Rd. noting that they had not removed items from the property that were conditional on the variance.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mary Beth Seasholtz reminded us of the Harper Park work session scheduled for October 15th, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Everyone's welcome to attend, unless it rains.

B. Johnson picked up the stain for the Gransden park electrical service mount and will finish that project as soon as the weather allows.

The mulch project at Gransden Park went well. We may want to think about different edging and a new mulch approach at the office (a possible future Eagle Scout project).

There is ongoing efforts to coordinate construction of the cement pad for under the shed at Gransden Park.

T.O.W.N. Grant; The PlayScape has been installed at the Swanton. The basketball hoops have been paid for and we are waiting for delivery. Two basketballs were ordered to be kept at the Swanton. Arrangements for installation have been made (the family of the child that originally suggested the installation of basketball hoops are taking care of this!).

Museum – Gransden reported that the museum is now closed for the winter. He also suggested we find a technician to take a look at the old Victrola at the Museum.

Web Master – Del Lafavor will upload the new Zoning Ordinance to the Township website and will remove some of the older items from the home page. When the audit has been completed he will make some Intuit updates to the system.

Water District No. 1 – In Bill Page's absence Draves gave a quick update on the USPS mail issues that have been impacting delivery of WD#1 quarterly water bills.

There was no Old Business

New Business;

K. Carey shared with the Board that we've had many residents asking when we're going curbside. We've been emptying the community recycle bin a couple of times of month. She offered that it is time we take recycling to curbside. Gosen will ask Gary Hicks, Republic Services, to attend a meeting to discuss our options (as outlined in our current contract) going forward.

Gransden motioned to adjourn the meeting, Gosen supported and the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Craig Gosen
Edenville Township Supervisor