

## **Edenville Township Board Meeting**

### **Minutes**

Tuesday, November 8th, 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 recited.

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

Approval of agenda: B. Carey moved to remove trustee pay under Old Business, Gransden seconded and the motion was defeated by voice vote.

Gransden motioned to approve the minutes as presented from the regular monthly Board Meeting held on October 11th, 2016, K. Carey seconded and the motion carried.

Draves motioned to approve spending on the following accounts: General Checking: 29585 – 21618; \$119,071.48; Fire Department: 2506 – 2513; \$2,162.92; Swanton Memorial: 21417 – 21421; \$646.64; and the Federal 941 EFT payment of \$2,206.94. The motion was seconded by K. Carey and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

K. Carey gave a Financial Report there is \$117,538.58 in the General Checking Account and \$328,249.07 in the Township Savings. She motioned to pay special bills: Midland City Landfill Inv. #9718, \$7,627.74; Republic Services Inv. #0237-001513786, \$8,451.45; and Republic Services Inv. #023-001515702, \$311.00. Gosen seconded and the motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.

Under correspondence Gosen presented information from Township attorney Bill Fahey regarding upcoming Marijuana legislation and the opportunity to join with other townships to be updated by his office on legislation and refinements as the State puts together the rules and regulations. The service would also include two sample ordinances to use depending on what the Township decides regarding allowing marijuana businesses going forward. The cost is up to, but not to exceed, \$500.00. B. Carey opposed allowing any Marijuana businesses in this township. Gransden, Draves, and Gosen all stated support of the service offered by Fahey as an option. It was agreed by majority voice vote to take advantage of the Fahey offer.

Gosen motioned to approve Board and Deputy attendance at the MCTOA Annual Dinner Meeting on December 1, 2016, at Dow Diamond. Gransden seconded and the motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

The new furniture for the Swanton is still being researched.

Gosen moved to approve the Howden's proposal for 2016-2017 snow removal. There is no cost increase from the previous year. Seconded by K. Carey and the motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

We received the Burnham and Flower Worker's Compensation dividend distribution, it totaled \$350.80.

We also received a Franchise Agreement payment from Parish communications in the amount of \$159.59.

Public comments were received from Mike Weaver, W. Shaffer Rd., and Steve Harnick W. Shaffer Rd.

Committee and appointment reports were received:

Approved at the December 14, 2016 Edenville Township Board Meeting

**R&R Assessing** – Gosen reminded everyone that the December Board of Review will be held December 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The December Board of Review meets to correct clerical errors, and review poverty and veteran’s exemptions. He also mentioned that the County has the information for winter taxes and they will be sent at the end of the month.

**Code Authority** – B. Carey reported there was a meeting on October 27 and the next meeting will be held on November 17 at 5:00 p.m. at the County Building.

**Fire Department** – Roger Dufresne reported 3 medical; 1 tree in wires; 1 investigation; 1 brush fire; 1 combine fire; 1 assist, and 1 personal injury for October. The MTA session they attended had a variety of board members in attendance, but very few fire fighters. They met State Fire Marshall and noted that there are new regulations coming. There were no recruitment techniques offered.

**Planning Commission** – Linda Schultz reported that they’ve begun discussion on upcoming marijuana legislation and possible scenarios for the Township going forward. They’ve scheduled a meeting with John Congleton on November 14, at 7:00 p.m. to hear plans for their project, New Hope, at the old Hillside School. The Planning Commission is still working on the zoning map.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** - Jim Sperling, There is a meeting on November 10 for variance request on a property on Verity for a pole barn.

**Parks and Recreation Committee** – Mary Beth Seasholtz reported that the County Road Commission is adding extra posts at the edge of the parking lot. The bottom dock area was closed after the dock was removed for the drawdown. Harper Park will be closed after the first snow. The staining project on the new electrical mount has been completed at Gransden Park. Boyce Hydro came a couple of weeks ago and used their brush hog around the fence at the Gransden Park ball diamond. Gosen mentioned that the County cold patched the entrance to Gransden Park. We need to take another look at the tube under the entrance again this spring to see if further repair is needed. The ground has been prepared for the concrete slab for the shed and the basketball hoops arrive soon and the plan is to have them installed yet this fall.

**Water District No. 1** – Bill Page reported they’re still working on a solution for the ongoing delays in the delivery of the bills via USPS. They’re considering mailing the bills 21 days in advance of the due date. WD#1 is also going to begin reading meters earlier to try to balance the mail turnaround time.

Under Old Business trustee pay was discussed. Gosen presented two resolutions that would adjust the Trustee salary for the next four years. B. Carey motioned to deny the approval of resolutions and Gransden seconded. After a lengthy discussion a roll call vote was taken on the motion to deny the approval of the resolutions and the motion carried after a roll call vote: Gransden, B. Carey, K. Carey – yes; Gosen, Draves – no.

There was no new business and Gosen motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by K. Carey. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Draves  
Edenville Township Clerk