

## **Minutes**

### **Edenville Township Board Meeting**

Tuesday, January 10th, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd.

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

Township Board attendance was taken by roll call (verifying quorum); Karen Carey, Lydia Draves, Craig Gosen, Linda Schultz and Jim Sperling were in attendance.

Gosen proposed two changes to the agenda; removal of the audit report as Shelly ~~Browning~~, **Browning**, Weinlander Fitzhugh could not attend (will add to next month's agenda) and under New Business add Board attendance at the MTA conference. Sperling proposed adding a DNR Grant workshop under new business.

Gosen move to approve the agenda, Sperling supported and the agenda was approved as amended.

Carey moved to approve of the minutes from the regular monthly Board Meeting held on December 14th, 2016 as presented, Schultz seconded and the minutes were approved.

Draves motioned to approve payment of the Township bills.

General Checking checks 29670 - 29715; \$23,307.24 (includes Federal 941 EFT payment of \$3,286.40)

Fire Department checks 2525 - 2531; \$3,249.56

Swanton Memorial checks 21431 - 21435; \$734.19

Sperling seconded and the motion passed via unanimous roll-call vote.

Carey gave the Financial Report and motioned to pay the following special bills:

Republic Services Inv. #0237-001528094: \$7,960.89

Republic Services Inv. #0237-001530054: \$311.00

DeLisle lawn Care Inv. #22463 (Fox Rd. Snow Removal) \$600.00

Draves seconded, there was no discussion and the motion passed via unanimous roll-call vote.

There was no correspondence.

Gary Hicks, Republic Services was in attendance.

When asked about cart breakage he explained that broken trash carts due to weather is part of doing business. Republic has moved to a different manufacturer in an effort to combat breakage.

Hicks updated us on our request to move to Monday pick up of solid waste. It was built into the contract that within three years they would make the change and they have started the process. Monday pick up could be implemented this summer. He also reminded the board that recycling

would offset a percentage of the cost at the Midland City Landfill. If recycling is implemented it would remain in place for the remaining 6 years of the current contract with Republic. This would be a once a month pick up and each resident would receive a cart similar to what they have for solid waste.

Gosen presented a cost summary for recycling. Year one curbside recycling cost would be approximately \$24,000. By contract the cost would go up 2.5% each year. The special assessment for solid waste pick up for each parcel is currently \$115.00/year. The additional cost for curbside recycling will be approximately \$21.00/parcel in the first year and would apply to each parcel with an assessment whether or not they choose to participate in the recycling program. Draves will include detailed information in the synopsis in The Midland Daily News and also ask the residents to call the office or email a board member to let us know their preference; yes or no.

Mr. Hicks took questions and concerns from the audience and reminded everyone that if we see a problem with one of the Republic trucks please call Republic and let them know.

Gosen motioned to approve Poverty Exemption Guidelines Resolution 2017-01. Sperling seconded and the motion passed via unanimous roll-call vote.

Wixom, Beach, Dorr private road maintenance request petitions were included in last month's packet for board review. They have approximately 70% in favor and the Board needs to decide next steps. Their preferred method for fixing the roads was double chip and seal. If we vote to go forward we'd need to draft resolutions, hold a public hearing, and draft a special assessment district. All associated costs would be reimbursed to the Township via the special assessment. After further discussion Board members all agreed that 80% support would be needed before moving forward with the project. Gosen will talk with L. LeBlanc.

Sperling reported on No Wake Buoys. Overton's offers them at \$329.99 each and includes the label and also free shipping. Two other marinas in the area quoted higher prices. We'll have to make our own anchors.

Gosen motion to approve purchase of two buoys from Overton, Sperling supported and the motion passed via unanimous roll-call vote.

Public comments were received.

Jeanette Snyder, Anna Lane, County Commissioner, thanked everyone for the support from her home base. She plans to come to meetings and will be happy to give updates as commissioner. She has been appointed to the Sanford and Wixom Lake Improvement Boards and the County Finance Committee. She is also the liaison for the Road Commission. She mentioned that the drain field survey conducted around Sanford Lake was completed and they didn't find much.

Mike Weaver, W. Shaffer Rd., thanked the board and congratulated Schultz and Sperling on their election to the board.

Roger Briggs was in attendance to answer any questions about New Hope Village.

Committee and appointment reports were received from: **Fire Department – Chief Dufresne** reported 176 runs for the 2016. Runs in December included 9 medical, 2 fire, 1 tree down; 1 PDA, 1 investigation, a mutual aid, and 1 assist. Chief talked to CSI and they will send the pricing to refurbish the truck. Station 1 shingles are coming off the roof (and the shingles are also coming off the pavilion at Gransden Park). They currently have a staff of 14. Webmaster D. Lafavor will put a recruiting message on the Township webpage. **Fire Department Grant Committee – Gosen** received an Email today from Bob Johnson on plans, he also mailed them to the office. A meeting will be set up to review the plans once we're received them from Johnson. **Code Authority – Sperling** attended his first meeting in December. Auburn is planning to join the Code Authority but hasn't yet. The Supervisor from Jasper is Chair and Sperling is now Vice Chair. The Township had 1 plumbing, 1 mechanical, and 4 electrical permits issued. **Parks and Recreation Committee – Gosen** reported that Harper Park is closed for the winter. There is a plan in place for the upcoming baseball season to drag the field once a week to loosen the diamond dust and keep the weeds down. We have a couple of township residents that may be willing to volunteer for this. **Planning Commission –Schultz** reminded us of an upcoming meeting on Monday, January 16, 7:00 p.m. at the Swanton Memorial Center. A representative from New Hope Village will be there to discuss their plans. The new zoning map is done and we're requesting an electronic version that can be updated easily in the future. Schultz will check with R. Crowder on the status. **Zoning Board of Appeals – Sperling** had nothing to report. **Web Master - Del Lafavor** reported normal upkeep and he will work on a quote for a new computer. **Water District No. 1 – Gosen** reminded us that as of Thursday, Nadine will be officially retired. They have hired a replacement and it's going well. They moved up the send date for the bills by one week because of recent mail issues. He also reminded us that we need to send payments sooner to due to longer US mail delivery times.

There was no old business.

Under New Business Gosen motion to approve Board attendance for the MTA Conference and Expo and Carey seconded. The motion passed unanimously and Carey will apply for registration codes for each board member who plans to attend.

Sperling mentioned an upcoming DNR Grant seminar. There is no pre-registration or registration fee. There is a session on January 20 in Bay City.

Carey motioned to adjourn at 8:24 p.m., Schultz supported and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Draves  
Clerk, Edenville Township