

Minutes

Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 14th, 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 by roll call (verifying quorum) and all Board members were in attendance.

Gosen asked for one adjustment to the agenda, moving Bill Page's Water District #1 report up in the agenda to follow the BOR meeting dates. Sperling moved to approve and Carey seconded. The agenda was approved as amended.

Draves asked that the January 10, 2017, meeting minutes be corrected due to a misspelling of Shelley Browning's name, Carey motioned to approve the minutes with the correction, Schultz seconded and the January 10 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Draves motioned to approve payment of the regular Township bills.

General Checking 29716 - 29750; \$17,479.18 (includes Federal 941 EFT payment of \$2,571.06)

Fire Department 2532 – 2542; \$2,835.90

Swanton Memorial 21439 – 21440; \$1,182.31

Sperling moved to approve payment of bills, seconded by Carey. The motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

Carey presented the treasurer's report. The taxes are being paid and she will make a large disbursement tomorrow. Carey motioned to pay special Township bills.

Republic Services Inv. #0237-001537342, \$622.00

Bond Payment for Water Assessment Inv. #91-04, \$101,999.00

Bond Payment for Water Assessment Inv. #91-06, \$10,275.00

Midland City Landfill Inv. #10189. \$5,737.28

Schultz seconded and the motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

The Township received the Insurance renewal packet from Burnham and Flower and copies were distributed to each board member for review. The new Playscape and basketball hoops should be added.

Gosen reminded everyone that the March Township Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8th, 7:00 p.m. at the Swanton Memorial Center. He also reminded us of the upcoming Board of Review dates; Monday, March 13 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and, Tuesday, March 14 from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., adding that this is the only Board of Review session this year that you may challenge property assessments.

Shelly Browning, CPA, Weinlander Fitzhugh presented the Audit findings to the board. She presented on all aspects of the yearly audit covering their opinion letter, fund level statements, long-term debt, fixed assets, other matters, Government auditing Standards and their letter to the board. She added that there were no difficulties encountered in performing the audit and that everything is in order. Sperling

motioned to receive and file the report, Carey seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Both the presentation and a full copy of the audit are on file at the Township Office.

The IRS mileage reimbursement rate was approved at \$0.535/mile.

Gosen moved to approve a five year renewal of the Nonexclusive Water Tower Attachment Agreement with the Midland Amateur Radio Club. Sperling supported and after a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously. Gosen will forward the contract on to Water District #1 and the County for approvals and signatures.

Kelley Peatross, Community Affairs area Manager, Consumers Energy, presented their Franchise Agreement to the board. The current 30-year Franchise agreement expires May 16, 2017, and the renewal will be good for another 30 years. By statute, Consumers Energy is required to have Franchise Agreement in place with Edenville Township. There is no change in this contract from the last one and includes a clause for written revocation. Consumers Energy will pay for publication of the Ordinance in the Midland Daily News after the Edenville Township Board grants approval.

Curbside recycling was discussed. There were only 51 responses so the Board decided we will send a letter in the July tax bill so that each resident has an opportunity to give their input on whether or not to move to a curbside recycling program.

Public comment was received from Mike Weaver, E. Shaffer Rd.

Committee and appointment reports were received from the following: **Code Authority – Jim Sperling** Wise Township near Mt. Pleasant is joining the Code Authority. The Township had 1 plumbing, 3 mechanical, 1 building and 1 water permit issued last month. **Fire Department Report - Roger Dufresne**, the Fire department had 17 runs last month including 12 medical; 1 PDA, 1 tree down, 1 mutual aid, and 1 lift assist. They also had a report of an explosion on Bergman Rd. He gave the board a flyer for the upcoming Skywarn class. He addressed the board concerning their request for the refurbishment on Truck 221 (estimates included in the board packets). It is the Township's main pumper and was purchased in 1996. In addition to fixing the pump they will be working to make it a little more user friendly and purchasing new tires. The quote is \$78,051.00 and we have the funds available in the fire truck fund. The repairs and upgrades are approximately 25% of the cost of a new truck. Gosen motioned to approve the expenditure and Schultz seconded. After a roll-call vote the motion passed unanimously. **Fire Department Grant Committee – Gosen/Schultz/Dufresne**, The Committee met a couple of weeks ago and made revisions to drawings. Dufresne returned them to Great Lakes. We have one more opportunity to make revisions and after that the drawings will go into a grant application package. The goal is to seek funding from local foundations. We are looking at around the \$500,000 range for a basic, no frills addition to Station #1. There is a basement included in the plan, which could potentially become a community shelter. **Planning Commission – Linda Schultz** reported that Mark Haydanek is the new Chair. Meeting dates for 2017 are April 10, July 17, and October 9, 7:00 p.m. at Swanton Memorial Center. The Planning commission is required to meet, at minimum, 4 times per year, and they had a January meeting. They made some minor changes to the zoning ordinance and will get them to the board for approval at the next meeting. After checking with the MTA the changes are considered minor and require no public hearing. New Hope Village has approval for their loan and are hoping to close in the next 10 days. They are still looking at a June timeframe for opening. **Zoning**

Board of Appeals – Jim Sperling had nothing new to report. **Water District No. 1 - Bill Page** reported everything is going well. Because of the issues with timely delivery of the water bills by the U.S. Postal Service WD#1 has begun reading meters up to two weeks early and mailing the bills earlier to their customers. They also offer auto pay as an option. You can drop the payments off at the Water District #1 office.

Sperling gave an update on the purchase of new No Wake Buoys. Draves will order the buoys tomorrow. He has also picked out a couple anchors, and some chain to anchor them.

Under new business, it was mentioned that Terminix has recommended replacing the door seals and weather stripping at the Swanton Memorial Center. Sperling to look into it and work with Dufrense to identify replacement needs.

Carey recommended joining MI Deal at a cost of \$180.00. Joining would allow us to receive a 20% to 30% discount on carpet and furniture purchases for the Swanton Memorial Center. Gosen moved to approve for one year, seconded by Schultz. After a roll-call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Carey moved to adjourn, Schultz seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township