

## **Minutes**

### **Edenville Township Board Meeting**

Tuesday, April 4th, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd., Edenville MI

The meeting was called 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) and Karen Carey, Jim Sperling, Linda Schultz, Craig Gosen, and Lydia Draves were all present.

Approval of agenda. Sperling motioned to add DNR Seminar under old business and would like to discuss a citizen's complaint. Schultz seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Draves asked to amend the minutes from the regular monthly Board Meeting held on March 8th, 2017. The General Checking check numbers read 29751 – 29772, should have read 29751 – 29774. Carey moved to approve the minutes with correction, Sperling seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills;

General Checking 29775 - 29822; \$19,760.80 (includes 2 Fed tax EFT payments of \$4,672.80)

Fire Department 2548 - 2557; \$4,599.54

Swanton Memorial 21445 - 21450; \$798.48

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

Carey motioned to pay the following special bill:

Republic Services Inv. #0237-001549194, \$7,960.89

Draves seconded and the motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Carey also reported that a copy of final tax settlement was sent to Midland County. Delinquent bills will be paid by the County. The Tax disbursement spreadsheets were included in the board packet.

The meeting was a week early this month so no bank statements have been received. The recycling survey letter will be drafted and circulated to the board. Approval will be on the agenda of the first meeting in June so it can be included with the Summer Tax Bills.

The Rural Development loan principal payment was discussed. Carey stated that after the bond payments are paid this year the account balance will be approximately \$350,000. After further discussion it was decided to take a look at cash flow after the September payment to make a decision on the feasibility of making additional principal payments. Gosen will find the last assessment done by Tom Traciak.

Sperling motioned to approve the Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance #183. Schultz seconded and the motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote. Draves to publish the ordinance and submit the cost to Consumers for reimbursement.

The spring yard waste pick-up dates are May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The Swanton Memorial Center passed the recent Health Department Inspection.

Draves motioned to adopt Resolution 2017-02 authorizing the Edenville Township Board to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase a new voting system from Dominion Voting which includes a precinct tabulator, an accessible voting device, related election management system software, and maintenance for the first six years of the ten year contract. Carey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote. Draves to submit the Resolution to Ann Manary, Midland County Clerk, to be processed.

Draves motioned to renumber duplicate numbered Ordinances 157 Building (2000); 157 Fire & Rescue Cost Recovery (2000) and 157 Watercraft (2001) to 157A Building, 157B Fire & Rescue Cost Recovery and 157C Watercraft. Seconded by Schultz and the motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

Gosen gave an update on the Baker, Bergman, and 11 Mile gravel work this summer. We have \$16,000 in budget for gravel. The County Road Commission received some gravel from the M18 project and put it on Baker. It's still in pretty good shape but Bergman and 11 Mile have some bad spots. After further discussion with the County Road Commission they were in agreement to move the \$16,000 in gravel to Bergman and 11 Mile. Gosen had more good news, the County received some extra money that will be available to the Townships on a first come first serve basis and he was able to secure \$20,000 to add to the gravel work on Bergman and 11 Mile.

Gosen motioned to move the \$16,000 from Baker to Bergman and 11 Mile and add the \$20,000 too. Schultz seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public comments were received:

M. Weaver, Shaffer Road asked if the Recycling comes out of the solid waste program, the answer was yes. He asked if there was a way we can only include the people who want the service and the response was Republic will not do that, it's all or nothing.

Committee and appointment reports were received:

**R&R Assessing - Kelly Rifenburg** reported that the Property Tax Cards could be made available on-line with BS&A's Pay per Hit software at no additional cost to the Township. Gosen motioned to move ahead for the Pay per Hit option from BS&A, Schultz second and the motion passed unanimously. Township property owners will be able to access their records at no cost.

At the March Board of Review there were 22 petitioners.

The Edenville Township property Values for 2017 include:

- Assessed Value
  - Ad Valorem \$100,800,700 increased to \$106,588,200
  - Special Acts remained at \$1,837,300
- Taxable Value
  - Ad Valorem \$88,905,648 increased to 91,292,416
  - Special Acts \$734,738 increased to \$741,343

There were 28 Building Permits for 2016.

**Code Authority – Jim Sperling** reported 1 water, 1 electrical, 1 plumbing, and 2 building permits for March. The new Code Authority Website is up and running. The next meeting will be held April 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the County Building.

**Fire Department Report - Roger Dufresne** reported 11 runs in February; 10 rescue and 1 assist and 15 runs in March; 2 downed trees, 8 rescue, 2 assists, 1 investigation, and 1 chimney fire. The fire truck is in for refurbishment and is still being worked on. The Department should have it back in a month.

**Fire Department Grant Committee – Craig Gosen / Roger Dufresne** reported that the drawings came back but they missed a few things. Revised drawings should be completed in a week or two. The Grant Committee will review them and make any final changes if necessary. When the drawings are finalized the Grant Committee will begin identifying Grant opportunities.

**Parks and Recreation Committee – Mary Beth Seasholtz** reported that she will email Dockside for timing of the dock installation. The parking restrictions have been removed but the ramp is still closed. There is no need to purchase plants this year and Saturday, April 8, is the first work session. The remainder of the 2017 Harper Park work schedule is on the Township website calendar.

At Gransden Park, grass seed will be sown where the shed was. Its Baseball season and practices are underway with games beginning May 6. Seasholtz reminded Chief DuFresne to paint the portion of the parking lot at the FD for NO Parking. We've added a volunteer field crew to drag the infield to keep it soft. The Sanford Youth League has already rototilled it in preparation. Galen Gransden, Bill Page, or Dan Hamilton will be working the infield once a week.

Weed spraying was addressed for both parks to include the outfield fence line only at Gransden Park and the white rocks around the Harper Park parking.

Draves motioned to call Booth and schedule weed spraying on the Gransden Park outfield fence and Harper Park rocks surrounding parking lot for mid to late May. Schultz seconded and the motion passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

**Planning Commission – Mark Haydanek;** the next meeting will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Swanton Memorial Center. On the agenda: Site Plan Review for New Hope Village; discuss marijuana issue; and minor issues to address with the zoning ordinance adjustments.

**Zoning Board of Appeals – Jim Sperling** mentioned that in the last MTA magazine, they listed the August dates for ZBA workshops. Gosen made a motion to allow any members of the ZBA or the Planning Commission to attend the upcoming MTA workshops. Sperling seconded and after a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Water District No. 1 - Craig Gosen** reported that WD#1 approved the bid for Wade Trim to perform the State mandated reliability study for \$11,500. There will be more and more requirements by the State as a result of the Flint water crisis. WD#1 does a good job of managing money for long-term maintenance and issues such as this. Billing complaints have gone down as a result of the new mailing process that was put in place.

Under Old Business Sperling reported that he and Jim Swanton attended a DEQ seminar. They offered information on seawalls, riprap, and the wetland protection program. Informational brochures are available at the office.

Sperling also requested that the Trustees should have access to the inner office. We'll discuss changing the key policy to allow Trustee access.

The property at M30 and Shearer Rd. was discussed again. A conference call with the Township Attorney will be scheduled to see what options we may have going forward. The Water Road property is still a mess. The front portion of the property isn't too bad but the back side is still really a mess.

The property on the corner of Telegraph is still a concern, they keep adding trailers.

The second bid for the carpet at the Swanton Memorial Center was received. Carey motioned to go with the SPACE bid for the carpet; roll carpet for conference room and hall way, tiles for the lounge, and also the tables and chairs for the lounge (up to \$9,000.00). Sperling seconded and after a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Carey motioned to adjourn, Schultz seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lydia Draves  
Clerk, Edenville Township