

EDENVILLE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

HEARING ON 5845 N. LAKE DR

January 13, 2025 | 7PM

Edenville Township Office

467 Moore St.

Edenville, MI 48620

PERSONS PRESENT

Hearing Officer-Art Peters

Minute Taker-Katrina Federer

Edenville Township Clerk-Tamie Luty

Public-Jim Sperling

Public-Robert Kalinowski

Public-Cheryl Dunham

TESTIMONY PRESENTED

Tamie Luty sworn in and gave testimony on behalf of the township.

On November 17, 2024, a suspicious fire burned the trailer home located at 5845 N. Lake Dr. The fire resulted in total loss, with only a shell and foundation left. The home and property are recorded in the Edenville tax files as belonging to Virgil Lavier, who is deceased. Mr. Lavier passed away on September 6, 2023. This was confirmed by obituary. The township had received complaints that squatters were recently living in the trailer.

On November 19, 2025, Sarah Fath, daughter to Virgil Lavier, contacted me and told me that she had no interest in the property. She stated that the trailer belonged to her deceased father. She said that she and her brother are the only heirs. There was no will or probate action after her father's death. Sarah told me that her brother is serving a lengthy prison term.

The property in question is delinquent for tax year 2024. The condition of the structure on the property was damaged by the fire so that the structural integrity does not meet the minimum requirements of the building code. A part of the structure is in a condition that it is likely to fall or collapse and injure persons. The structure endangers the safety, health, and welfare of the public.

Edenville Township Ordinance No. 177 allows for the township to abate the danger by entering the property and tear down and clear the structure. We are asking for the Township Supervisor to determine that the condition violates the provisions of our ordinance and order the structure torn down and the property cleared. All expenses incurred shall be charged to the person responsible, paid from the Township general funds and assessed against the land on the next general assessment roll of the Township.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert and Cheryl spoke about being interested in purchasing the property and were in favor of getting the debris cleared. Jim Sperling was in support of demolition.

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The finding was made the structure is a danger and blighted in violation of ordinance number 177. The hearing officer ordered the abatement of the danger. A determination was made that the matter will be forwarded to the township board for further action.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm

Katrina Federer
Deputy Clerk
Edenville Township

Minutes available January 17, 2025

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