

Minutes
Edenville Township Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Swanton Hall Meeting Room
6460 N. Water Rd
Edenville, MI 48620

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation given by Art Peters
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. OMA Compliance announced by Art Peters.
5. Welcome by Art Peters. Apology for meeting starting 20 minutes late due to Special Meeting running over.
6. Roll Call, all 5 board members present for a quorum. Peters, Peters, Sperling, Starkey, Luty.
7. Approval of Agenda with additions. Correspondence, Approval of pavilion plaque, fundraiser May 17, poverty exemption. Unanimous approval by board with changes.
8. Treasurers report given by Kathy Peters and accepted. Attached.
9. Motion to continue the grace period to waive the late fee penalty to on property tax bill through the end of February. Moved by K Peters, moved by Sperling, Luty yes, Sperling, Yes, K Peters, yes, A Peters yes, Starkey yes.
10. Clerk's report given by Luty, \$42,252.12 in bills to be paid. Motion to accept the clerks report, approve payments, and authorize the payment of outstanding bills, moved by Luty, second by Sperling, passed by unanimous vote. An additional bill of \$364 from attorney from 1/15/25. K Peters stated she called the attorney due to questions about her duties and the accusations coming at her. K. Peters refused to disclose the advise she received saying she didn't bring it with her, but would bring it to the next meeting. After a contentious discussion regarding preapprovals prior to spending the bill was approved to be paid. Moved by Sperling, second by Starkey, Sperling yes, K Peters, yes, A Peters Abstain/Present, Starkey, yes, Luty, no. Motion passes 3-1-1.
11. Cemetery report, no sales or burials. See old business for further.
12. Fire Report given my Trustee Starky on behalf of Fire Chief. Attached.
13. Old Business
 - Work bid for cemetery dead tree remediation. Only one bid from A-Ton tree service and arborist. Motion to accept the bid from A-Ton for the remediation of tree blight in the Old Cemetery. Moved by Luty, second by Starkey, passed by unanimous vote.
 - Work bids for demolition of Lake St property. Motion to accept the bid from Halls Lawncare LLC for demolition of the burned trailer at 5845 N. Lake Dr. in the amount of \$14,000. Moved by Sperling, second from Art Peters, motions passed unanimous.
 - Zoning enforcement hire, no applications. A. Peters and J. Sperling agreed to continue to process the permits.

- Attorney review. A. Peters will continue his collection of referrals for attorneys from other board members. This is ongoing since December.
- Reenactment of motion passed but not recorded by prior board, to spend up to \$1000 to create and plaque a commemorative plaque in the Delta College build pavilion. Moved by Starkey, second by A Peters, passed by unanimous vote.

14. New Business

- A. Peters discussed the possibility of a new phone system. This is ongoing from December.
- Weed/River Bottom SAD, A Peters discussed the possibility of a new special assessment for lake bed maintenance. This is ongoing from December.
- Monthly planning meetings, Luty suggested these be implemented.
- Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Membersip. Motion to approve \$200 payment to the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks for the clerk and deputy clerk. Luty noted that the clerks have saved the township \$100 by sharing on line training videos and will continue to do this whenever possible. Moved by Luty, second by Starkey, motion passed by unanimous vote.

15. Expenditure Policy and Post Audit Policy, motion to approve policy #CP-1-2025, Edenville Township Expenditure Approval & Post Audit Policy, Move by Luty, second by Starkey, Roll call vote, Starkey, yes, C Peters, yes, Sperling, yes, A Peters, no, Luty yes. Motion passed 4-1.

16. Board pay for Non-Statutory Assignments to Statutory Meetings, motion to approve pay in the amount of \$50 for each meeting attended by board members assigned to statutory boards outside of their statutory duties. Motion by Luty, second by A Peters, roll call vote, Starkey, yes, K Peters, yes, Sperling, yes, A Peters, No, Luty, yes. Motion passed by 4-1 vote.

17. Grants, motion to approve the application to the following grants, the resolution to apply fo the Par Plan for Security Lighting for the office and hall, Firehouse grant for Fire equipment, Leary Firefighters Foundation Grant for fire department, and Firefighters Charitable Grant Fund and pay \$1,000 to Scott Schmidt for grant writing assistance. Motion by Luty, second by K Peters. Roll call vote passed unanimous.

18. Motion to approve the poverty exemption as distributed and modify them using \$1500 increments for reductions, and with an increase for asset test up to \$30,000. Moved by Sperling, second by Art, Roll call vote A Peters, yes, K Peters, Yes, Sperling yes, Starkey, yes, Luty, no.

19. Motion to approve May 17th fundraiser for funding improvements to the township veteran's memorial. Moved by Luty, second by Sperling, Starkey yes, K Peters yes, Sperling yes, A Peters Voting present as he will be out of town (?), Luty yes. Motion passes 4-1.

20. Public Comment

21. Board Comment

Supervisor March Preview

- Road Hearing/Coffee with the council-Saturday morning
- Website refresh

Treasurer

Deputy Treasurer Kim Hauser has resigned.

- Clerk

- Trustee Sperling
Update on Code Authority moving the offices at County building. Art has agreed to follow up on the zoning violation on Clarence Court.
- Trustee Starkey
Spoke on desire to have remote participation for board members.
- Clerk
Spoke on the need for a cash drawer in office, inappropriate that the treasurer was directing persons to the market for change when paying taxes.
Spoke on need for restricting access to elections materials and voted ballots. Spoke of K Peters refusal to return key. K Peters tossed the key down the table and said, "Here you can have it, I think this is the vault key, I'll just turn it in and see if it shuts you up, I've had it, I'm done."

22. Adjournment at 10:25pm

Minutes submitted by: Tamie M. Luty, Clerk

2/21/25

Board failed to approve 2/28/25. Minutes stand as approved.