

Minutes
Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 9th, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Gosen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

Karen Carey	Treasurer	present
Lydia Draves	Clerk	present
Craig Gosen	Supervisor	present
Linda Schultz	Trustee	present
Jim Sperling	Trustee	present

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Carey motioned to approve the agenda, Sperling seconded and after a voice vote the agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Draves moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes for March 7, 2019, Schultz seconded, and the meeting minutes were approved as presented .

APPROVAL OF REGULAR TOWNSHIP BILLS:

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills.

General Checking 30680 – 30726: \$24,637.75*

Fire Department 2802 – 2813: \$8,837.56

Swanton Memorial 21598 – 21606: \$1,828.81

*Includes: FED and State EFT Tax Payments of \$6,033.29

Sperling seconded and the motion passed after a roll-call vote.

APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL BILLS (Treasurer's report on file):

Carey motioned to pay the following special bills;

Republic Services Inv. #0237-001706507: \$10,445.32

DeLisle Lawn Care Inv. #3082: \$600.00

Draves seconded and the motion passed after a roll-call vote.

MOTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

Gosen motioned to approve the Howden's Landscaping 2019 summer lawn care quote minus the spring and fall cleanups in both cemeteries, Sperling supported and the motion carried via voice vote.

Craig moved to approve the resolution #2019-03 opposing the option for elected officials to appear as nonpartisan on ballots. Sperling supported and the motion passed after a roll-call vote.

Gosen moved that the Township Board send a letter to the Four Lakes Task Force in support of their action at an upcoming Circuit Court date. Schultz seconded and the motion passed after a roll-call vote. Gosen motioned for Chief Dufresne to take Department Suburban to ABC Auto Body for some fender work, Draves supported the and motion passed after a roll-call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ginger Drive residents would like to have their road crack sealed. Gosen will get an estimate from the Road Commission and send it to them. When the Township receives their payment we will give the Road Commission the go ahead to schedule and complete the work.

2019 Spring yard waste pick-up dates Wednesday, June 5th and Wednesday, June 19th .

Draves left a message for Howden’s letting them know we no longer need their service for spring and fall clean ups at the cemeteries, but will present the remaining lawn care services to the board for approval.

WD#1 is looking for volunteers whose homes were built prior to 1988 and built with copper lines, for water sampling. They would like to see at least 10 from our township.

Carey, Draves, and Sperling each gave a summary of the classes they attended at Michigan Township Association Conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kimberly Sedlar, Verity Shores; spoke regarding the winter trash and recycle pickups that were missed. She also asked what the allowable distance from the road was for placing trash carts. She also asked if there was a last spray in the fall before the drawdown for weed control.

Jeannette Snyder, Anna Lane; attended the last MCTOA meeting and was counted as Edenville Township, as the board members were in attendance at their monthly board meeting. She addressed the 2020 Census emphasizing that no one will go door to door. It will all be done electronically. We will most likely need a Township contact for people who don’t have computer availability to complete the survey.

Del Lafevor, Curtis Rd.; had a question regarding his wife’s voting status and also inquired about which version of Windows were in use on the office computers.

COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT REPORTS:

Assessor – Brent Rifenbark reported that he balanced with Midland County for assessed and taxable values which are:

Assessed Value

- Ad Valorem from 108,238,400 to 113,065,900
- Special Acts from 1,837,300 to 1,825,200

Taxable Value:

- Ad Valorem from 94,643,815 to 98,143,883

- Special Acts from 756,904 to 775,062

Code Authority – Jim Sperling; they had two meetings in March. The first was to discuss a raise for the inspectors. They moved to an 80/20 payment system for a year trial. At the second meeting they discussed working to coordinate with two tracking accounts currently in use to reconcile permits between the two systems. The next meeting is April 25th at 5:00 p.m.

Another township came on board and a couple of cities have come in raising membership to sixteen.

There were 1 water, 1 building, 3 mechanical and 7 electrical permits issued for Edenville in March.

Fire Department Report - Roger Dufresne, there were 26 runs for the month of March; 1 PI, 15 medical, 1 PDA, 1 carbon, 4 investigations, 1 lift assist, 1 power line and 2 call offs. They are already at 90 runs for the year.

We have another firefighter, Scott Nohel passed his test! Thank you Scott and congratulations!

Roger recommends ABC Auto Body for the body work on the Suburban. After he drops it off it would be ready in two weeks.

Fire Department Grant Committee; we received another \$25,000 from the Harry A. & Margaret D. Towsley Foundation. A very special thank you to Catherine Sias for her continued efforts in identifying grant sources and writing the Grants for submission.

There is a meeting Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the fire station to discuss the shelter portion of the renovation.

Parks and Recreation Committee – We discussed the timing to put the floating dock back in and open Harper Park. B. Page will check on the timing for the dock installation.

Planning Commission – Mark Haydanek reported that the Future Use Plan is complete and the map is updated. He will coordinate with Draves to establish the timeline for next steps for finalization and publication. The Planning Commission will meet this month to begin work on Zoning Ordinance updates.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Sperling; One of our Zoning Board Members has just resigned. The ZBA will call a meeting to move forward with the last Zoning variance request and begin the process to find another member and elect a chair.

Lake Weed Committee – Sperling stated that the Committee's recommendation for weed control is to stay with PLM. 3-year and a 5-year proposals were requested from PLM and will be distributed to Board members as soon as they are received.

Lake Weed Special Assessment renewal update – Gosen has the last assessment paperwork and will work with the Township Attorney to finalize the document. We're looking at the public hearing in an August time frame. It needs to be complete by October 1.

Web Master - Del Lafevor is keeping up on web requests. He thanked our first responders for their excellent work.

Water District No. 1 - Bill Page reinforced that residents may volunteer to have their home tested for copper and lead. There is DEQ oversight on this testing activity. They're also working with customers to avoid water shutoffs which will begin next week if bills aren't paid.

OLD BUSINESS:

Draves; the new backup system was installed for the Township computer system and Carbonite has been notified of termination of service.

Sperling; the septic tank at the office was cleaned out.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Sperling motioned to adjourn, Schultz second and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township