

~~AGENDA~~ **MEETING MINUTES**
Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 12th, 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:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Carey moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes for January 8, 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 30624 and 30631 - 30653: \$16,716.81

(30625-30 approved last month to correct payroll error)

Fire Department 2781 - 2791: \$6,282.21

Swanton Memorial 21584 - 21590: \$1,230.68

FED and State EFT Tax Payments: \$1,155.29

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

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

Carey motioned to pay the following special bills;

MLIVE Media Group, Inv. #2325832, \$116.80

Republic Services, Inv. #0237-001693797, \$10,515.58

City of Midland Landfill, Inv. #15099, \$3,041.39

Spicer Group, Inv. #194649, \$9,102.00

Draves seconded to pay the special bills as presented, and after a roll-call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Carey also found, on the State of Michigan website, \$321.92 in unclaimed money that is due to the Fire Department.

MOTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

Gosen motioned to approve the five-year update of the Midland County Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption via Township Resolution, No. 2019-02. Sperling seconded and the motion passed unanimously after a roll-call vote.

Gosen made a motion to offer the position of Cemetery Manager to Mary Herkner. Schultz seconded and the motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Carey motioned to take \$1,000.00 from the Improvement Revolving Fund to purchase the firewall protection needed for the Township Server and IT system. Sperling seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Gosen motioned to approve the contract with JBS Contracting, Inc., for the Fire Department renovation project. Sperling seconded and the motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.

Draves motioned to allow Gosen to sign a liability release for the Fire Department design work when we receive it from Spicer Group, Schultz seconded and the motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Draves mentioned that we received a franchise fee check from Parish Communications in the amount of \$110.86.

Gosen received word from the Midland County Road Commission that the new asphalt bids came in higher for next year. He also mentioned that the Township will receive an additional \$8,000.00 from the state for road projects.

Gosen updated the board on upcoming meetings:

- The March **Board of Review Organizational meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, March 5th** at the Township Office at 6:00 p.m.
- The **March Township Board meeting** will be held on **Thursday, March 7th**, at 7:00 p.m.
- March Board of Review Dates:
 - Monday, March 11th - 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Swanton Memorial Center
 - Tuesday, March 12th - 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Swanton Memorial Center
 - NOTE the March Board of Review is the only opportunity for residents to challenge assessments.

The 2019 Sherman Rd. paving will go ahead as planned.

Draves recommended hiring a new Cemetery Manager. Mary Herkner is interested in the job. Draves volunteered to continue to work with the new manager and the sexton for training and problem resolution.

After the informational meeting held with LINKED on January 23, 2019, Draves recommended putting the firewall in place for the Township computer system. The replacement of the server computer will be budgeted for the next fiscal year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT REPORTS:

Assessor – Gosen presented Brent Rifenburg's report: The CPI is 2.4%. Assessments and taxable values are balanced with Midland County. Assessed value rose from \$108,238,400.00 for 2018 to \$111,768,700.00 for 2019 and taxable value rose from \$94,643,815.00 for 2018 to \$96,792,634 for 2019. Values are not final until after the March Board of Review is complete.

Code Authority – Jim Sperling: The December meeting was cancelled and they met in January. Permits for the Township included 2 plumbing, 14 mechanical, and 7 electrical. There were 29 water hook-ups in 2018. The next meeting is on February 28, at 5:00 p.m. at the County Building.

Fire Department Report - Roger Dufresne: There were 26 runs in January; 13 medical, 2 investigations, 2 fires, 1 PI, 1 PD, 1 lift assist, 1 CO investigation, 3 mutual aids, and 1 ice rescue (deer).

Truck 232 was in for repairs and should be back tomorrow.

Met with the State ISO rep and reviewed the ISO paper work for rating. It went very smoothly because Chief Dufresne had all paperwork from the last meeting. The main goals are pump and hose testing. He will receive the ISO rating results in 2 months.

The Jeep will be returned to the DNR this week. There is a grant available from Firehouse Subs to purchase a side by side to replace the Jeep. We can get started on the grant application after completing all the grant apps for the fire station renovations.

He will also seek price estimates from local body shops for bodywork to be done on the rust on the Suburban to see if we can postpone having to replace the unit.

Fire Department Grant Committee – Gosen summarized all the FD construction bids that came in through Spicer.

- Bid results – JBS is the low bidder at 609,100. We currently have 440,000 in grant funding. We met with JBS and they're confident they can get to 450,000 with some design and spec changes. JBS has done 10 fire stations in Michigan.
- An additional grant application has been submitted to the Towsley Foundation for 25,000.
- Regarding the JBS Contract, they're asking \$7,500 to get started on the redesign.
- Spicer design and bid costs – we told Spicer that JBS would handle the construction oversight. Spicer will need a liability release for design changes.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Gosen; the budget will be tight next year and recommends not submitting another TOWN grant in 2019. We most likely won't have the matching funds.

Approved with correction at the March 7, 2019, regular Township Board Meeting.

Planning Commission – Schultz; The Planning Commission is meeting tomorrow night. They received the map from GIS for the 5-year plan. They need to do a few tweaks on the map then the master plan should be updated and ready for board approval next month.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Sperling; nothing at this point, it's been quiet.

Water District No. 1 – Page; they have a new office manager. The office is running very well. Employees work well together at all levels. The mail delivery through the U.S. Postal Service is still a big problem, with slow and ruined mail. Pay by credit card going very well. They've responded to customers on reports of frozen pipes. The field staff has visiting the homes helping to solve problems by asking them to open or close doors and vents to adjust air circulation and have been suggesting adding some insulation in some instances.

They're looking to hire another operator within the next year.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Sperling motioned to adjourn and Carey seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township