

MINUTES
Edenville Township Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 11th, 2018, 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	Absent
Lydia Draves	Clerk	Present
Craig Gosen	Supervisor	Present
Linda Schultz	Trustee	Present
Jim Sperling	Trustee	Present
Jeanette Snyder	Dep. Treasurer	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:

Draves moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes for November 13, 2018, Sperling seconded, and the meeting minutes were approved, as presented via voice vote.s

APPROVAL OF REGULAR TOWNSHIP BILLS:

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills.
General Checking 30556 – 30571: \$51,994.02
Fire Department 2758 – 2768: \$1,383.22
Swanton Memorial 21571 – 21574: \$562.07
FED and State EFT Tax Payments: \$2,563.57

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

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

Snyder asked for a motion to pay the following special bills;
Republic Services Inv. #0237-001681253: \$11,637.22
Spicer Group Inv. #193899: \$1,475.00

Sperling motioned to pay the special bills as presented, Schultz supported and after a roll-call vote the motion passed.

MOTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

Draves motioned to approve the 2019 Edenville Township Board meeting dates, Shultz seconded and the motion was approved via voice vote with the additional dates held for Budget workshops.

Gosen motioned to approve 2019 road work plan, Schultz seconded and the motion passed via roll-call vote.

Gosen motioned to pay assessor licensing fee for Brent Rifenbark, \$175.00, with the stipulation he would repay half if he picked up another township. Sperling seconded and the motion passed via roll-call vote.

Gosen motioned to reappoint Jim Swanton and DeAun DeShano to the Planning Commission for three-year terms ending December 31, 2021. Schultz seconded and the motion passed via voice vote.

Draves motioned to reappoint Nicolas Finley to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term ending December 31, 2021. Sperling seconded and the motion passed via voice vote.

Gosen motioned to appoint Audrey Southcott to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term ending December 31, 2021. Sperling seconded and the motion passed via voice vote.

Draves motioned to reappoint Nicolas Finley, Crystal Starkey, and Katherine Ulman as voting members of the Board of Review for two-year terms ending December 31, 2020. Schultz seconded and the motion passed via voice vote.

Draves motioned to reappoint Arthur Peters as the alternate member of the Board of Review for a two-year term ending December 31, 2020. Schultz seconded and the motion passed via voice vote.

Gosen motioned for approval for Board of Review attendance for upcoming training. Sperling seconded and the motion passed via voice vote.

BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS:

The Midland County Road Commission would like our long-range plan if the board agrees with the plan presented.

Gosen reviewed past work done on the Township roads. He recommends we chip/fog seal 3-5 years after paving to keep them in good repair. He has incorporated drainage and ditching work along Water Road for this year. The following year we can chip/fog seal 5 miles of Water Road from the southern Township border to Curtis Road. Every year going forward ditching and chip/fog seals are part of the long-range plan to keep the Township Roads in top shape.

The board agreed to send the 2019 – 2025 long-range plan to the Midland County Road Commission.

Approval to pay the assessor licensing fee for Brent Rifenbark was discussed. Brent is working solely for Edenville Township and Gosen recommend that we pay it with the stipulation if he takes on another Township he reimburses us for half. In Carey's absence Snyder read Carey's position statement regarding the payment.

The following were addressed:

- Reappointment of Jim Swanton to Planning Commission – 3-year term ending 12/31/2021

- Reappointment of DeAun DeShano to Planning Commission – 3-year term ending 12/31/2021
- Reappointment of Nicolas Finley to ZBA – 3-year term ending 12/31/2021
- Appointment of Audrey Southcott to ZBA – 3-year term ending 12/31/2021
- Reappointment of Nicolas Finley, Crystal Starkey and Katherine Ulman to the Board of Review – 2-year terms ending 12/31/2020
- Reappointment of Arthur Peters as the alternate member of the Board of Review – 2-year term ending 12/31/2020

Board of Review attendance at upcoming training was discussed. Gosen noted that as part of the recently passed Assessor Bill, there are training guidelines for local Boards of Review. The State of Michigan will mandate biennial training and annual training updates for BOR members.

On December 4, 2018 there was a meeting of all jurisdictions of the Four Lakes Task Force. There is an effort underway to purchase the infrastructure, not the generating equipment, from Boyce and do the required maintenance and upkeep mandated for the Sanford, Edenville, Secord and Smallwood dams. Boyce lost its license to generate electricity at the Edenville dam, so in foreseeable future no generating will be done there.

They're working on a 20-year special assessment district to generate funds for maintenance and upkeep of all four dams. The special assessment district must be approved by a Court in Midland or Gladwin Counties. A decision could be made by the Court in the first quarter of 2019. A detailed engineering cost estimate would then be done to determine the actual assessment costs for lake front lots and back lots.

Opt-out options for recreational marijuana facilities and establishments within the Township were discussed. The Board decided to table the discussion for now and wait to see what comes out of the State in the next couple of months.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Board correspondence included:

- Letter from the Department of Public Health, Midland County, regarding electrical inspections that will be occurring at The Flats Campground
- Charter Communications Franchise Fee payment of \$4,1192.38 to the Township
- Accident Fund Group Program Dividend Fund payment to the Township of \$527.64
- Township computer system; monthly health report of managed services from LINKED
- Resignation letter from Marcia Kosnik for office cleaning services. Office personnel will do daily upkeep and use the balance of the cleaning budget for spring and/or fall cleaning services.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ryan Smith 5026 N. Lake Sanford, there was an error in the property classification on his north lot on N. Lake Sanford Rd. He spoke with the Assessor. Since the lot no longer has a dwelling or accessory structure, there should not be a trash assessment. Draves will submit the information to Carey for possible action at the January Board meeting.

COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT REPORTS:

Code Authority – Jim Sperling; there were only 2 permits issued for November, both mechanical. They're still working on the procedure manual. The next meeting is on the 20th at the county building at 5:00 p.m.

Fire Department Report - Roger Dufresne; In Chief Dufresne's absence Draves reported 14 Runs for November; 1 PI, 1 Mutual Aid, 10 Medical, 1 PDA, and 1 Power Line. They have two people going to the fire academy. They've had four people go to Medical First Responders class and at this time they have passed and are waiting for their certificates from the State. Also, a special thank you to Jill Dufresne and Charlotte Schnell for decorating the fire truck and participating in the Coleman Christmas parade on Saturday night!

Fire Department Grant Committee – C. Sias is working on a couple more grant applications. The detailed construction plans are near completion. The Site Plan has been approved by the Zoning Administrator. The next step is to finalize detailed drawings and hopefully go out for bids in January or February.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Last week B. Page closed Harper Park for the winter. Roebuck Builders did a great job fixing the porta john door.

Planning Commission – Mark Haydanek; They've completed the latest draft of the five-year master plan. There is a fairly long process to finalize and approve and they will meet again on Monday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. at the Swanton to discuss the process and timeline for approving the master plan.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Jim Sperling; They have had no new meetings or requests at this point.

Weed Committee – Jim Sperling; The committee met and Sue Brown was elected the new Chair. The Weed Assessments must be updated before October 2019. Bre Gabrill, PLM, will present their plan in an upcoming meeting then the Weed Committee will make a recommendation to the Board.

Water District No. 1 - Bill Page; The pay by credit card program continues to work well. They have been noticing damaged curb boxes and he suggested it would be wise to protect them in some way. If yours is damaged you can call Water District #1 for repairs.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Sperling motioned to adjourn and Schultz seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Lydia Draves
Edenville Township Clerk