

MINUTES
Edenville Township Board
Tuesday, August 14th, 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	present
Lydia Draves	Clerk	present
Craig Gosen	Supervisor	present
Linda Schultz	Trustee	present
Jim Sperling	Trustee	present

ADDITIONS/DELTIONS/CHANGES/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Carey moved to approve both budget hearing and regular board meeting held on June 26, 2018, Sperling seconded both meeting minutes were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR TOWNSHIP BILLS:

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills.

General Checking 30376 – 30444: \$135,824.64

Fire Department 2705 – 2725: \$10,047.17

Swanton Memorial 21542 – 21550: \$5,110.13

FED and State EFT Tax Payments: \$3,733.15

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

It was noted that one check paid out of the General checking account was \$72.00 short, it will be made up with the next payment to that vendor.

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

Carey motioned to pay the following special bills;

Spicer Group Inv. #192039: \$1,535.00

PLM Inv. #191624: \$15,264.50

PLM Inv. #191385: \$2,220.00

Republic Services Inv. #0237-00155376: \$11,566.96

Midland City Landfill Inv. #13929: \$6,924.60

Water Assessment GL 378 000 081-91-06 \$15,025.00

Water Assessment GL 378-000-91-04 \$299,000.00

Sperling seconded and after a roll call vote the motion passes unanimously.

It was noted by Gosen that PLM Lake Management will apply one more lake treatment this year.

MOTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

Gosen motioned to have the floating dock at Harper Park pulled before the lake drawdown and pre-approve the storage of the ramp if the price is not prohibitive. Draves seconded, there was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

Draves motioned to approve up to \$750.00 to have a dead tree removed at the old cemetery. Gosen seconded and the motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.

Gosen motioned to submit two proposals to the Midland County Road Commission for asphalt work on Sherman and overlay and chip/fog seal work on Towerline for next summer. Schultz seconded and the motion carried via voice vote.

Gosen motioned to pay Roebuck Builders \$500.00 for work on the stair support system at Harper Park, Carey seconded and the motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.

Draves motioned to pay Joe Rueda \$500.00 to repair asphalt damage to the Swanton Parking lot and writing a Township policy on performing, and defining the procedure for, work beyond the scope of a written, accepted proposal. The motion was seconded by Gosen. The motion carried unanimously after a roll-call vote.

Gosen motioned to approve \$4,323.00 for the painting and soffit work at the Swanton Memorial, plus an additional \$250.00 for PVC/venting work on the furnace exhaust. Sperling supported and the motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Gosen: There will be a FERC mandated drawdown of all four lakes beginning around September 20 and lasting through approximately October 8, 2018. Spillway slabs will be inspected by FERC. Boyce Hydro also plans to test the spillway gates at this time.

Mary Beth Seasholtz added that we need to address the removal of the floating dock at Harper Park before the drawdown. After discussion, Mary Beth will coordinate with Dockside to pull the dock before the drawdown and will also ask him what he would charge to take the ramp off site to store instead of storing it on the end of the dock this season.

Gosen gave an update on the status of the Water Rd. repair. It's just about finished and looks ready for paving. According to the grant we pay for the road repair then the road commission will forward the paid invoice and a copy of our cancelled check for payment. The Road Commission has been submitting the paid invoices and reimbursement paperwork for all townships that received grants for road work. Our check was hand delivered to the Road Commission earlier this week.

Draves gave a summary on seven items that should be addressed at the Township cemeteries. There are three that need immediate attention: 1) Preparing a Request for Proposals for sexton services then beginning the process to accept and review them, 2) removal of a dead pine tree at the Old Cemetery, and 3) contacting Consumers Energy to replace a light bulb on the pole at the top of the hill in the Old Cemetery. The other concerns included benches that have tipped over, a large marker that is beginning to lean, and several other markers that are down but appear to have been down for some time. She will contact the family about the benches and will address the other concerns as time permits. The board agreed unanimously to proceed with the RFP process.

MTA Right-to-Farm Workshop: Gosen and Haydanek both attended a MTA workshop which included a segment on when The Right to Farm Act supersedes local Zoning Ordinances. The Right to Farm Act does NOT supersede the local Zoning Ordinance in all situations involving farm animals. The Township is experiencing increasing numbers of chicken complaints so a letter was drafted to use in responding to these complaints and was sent to the township attorney for his opinion. We're awaiting his response and suggestions.

Haydanek added that the Planning Commission will review the language regarding animals in subdivisions during the next Zoning Ordinance update.

The proposed Skenes Road work scheduled for this summer has been revised. Gosen explained that the original estimate was for a wedge and overcoat but the road is in such bad repair that a total recon is recommended.

Midland County Road Commission (MCRC) bids are going out in September for all asphalt work to be scheduled for next summer and we were asked to submit our requests.

MCRC has already added dura-patch on Sherman and Towerline Roads. They suggested a wedge with a 2" cap on Sherman. For Towerline they recommend filling in with crushed stone then chip seal entire road. Need to think about some ditching on Water Rd. A couple of roads on west side will need some more gravel, as well.

Harper Park stairway support work – Roebuck Builders made a repair to renew the structural integrity under the stairway. B. Johnson witnessed the erosion effects and suggested he call a

board member for approval before making the repair. Roebuck turned in a proposal but said that the damage was such that he made the repair before the board gave approval, adding that we could pay him or not saying the situation was such that he couldn't leave it the way it was.

Swanton concrete work – Unauthorized repairs were made to the asphalt at the edge of the parking lot where the concrete was replaced at the main entrance. Equipment was rented and cold patch was purchased. J. Rueda acted on his own accord basing the decision to repair the damage to prevent a safety hazard for the upcoming election.

Draves suggested going forward that we put a policy in place specifically addressing unauthorized work and also going forward that we use written requests detailing the specific work that we put out for bids.

Swanton Building maintenance – Sperling reported we only have around \$10,000.00 left in budget for Swanton improvements. Work that still needs to be completed includes fixing the catch basins in the parking lot and work on the soffit around structure including extending the PVC vents for the furnace.

A quote from Joe Rueda was received. Sperling will call Yeager for a second quote on the catch basins.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comments were received from

Clarence Prill, W. Ingham

Roger Dufresne, Star Rd.

Mark Haydanek, N. Water Rd.

D. Lafavor, Curtis Rd.

COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT REPORTS:

Assessor - Brent Rifenbark (Gosen gave the update) - BOR was held last month and addressed clerical adjustments, PREs, Veterans and Poverty exemptions.

Code Authority – Sperling reported 16 new water permits, 2 electrical, 7 mechanical, and 5 building permits. They're still working on updating the bylaws. The next meeting is August 23 at 5 p.m.

Fire Department Report - Chief Dufresne reported on runs for July. They had 1 structure fire, 1 PI, 1 mutual aid, 11 medical, 1 lift assist, 2 fires, 2 downed power lines, and 1 call off. They have three people taking the first responder class.

Fire Department Grant Committee – Catherine Sias stated that the Recreation Passport Grant requires updating the Community Recreation plan. She will be putting together a draft survey seeking input from residents and B. Johnson and M.B. Seasholtz will begin work this Friday on the new Recreation Plan.

Fire Station #1 design update – Gosen reported they have finalized the floorplan layout. Spicer will now start on final drawings. The plan is to have complete drawings by December with construction bids going out in January.

Planning Commission – Mark Haydanek thanked the board for attendance at the MTA session on Planning and Zoning. They continue to make progress on the Master Plan and don't see too many changes. There are a few areas they're looking at on the Master Plan map and will meet again next week.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Sperling reported they have a hearing coming up on the 23rd at 7:00 p.m. for a setback variance.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mary Beth Seasholtz gave a T.O.W.N. grant project update – Harper Park gazebo is done, the Gransden park swing set arrived and the frame is installed. They shipped the wrong seats and they're shipping the correct seats with a return label for the others. The bench will be shipped this Friday and the slab has been installed at the Swanton. Mary Beth's family also re-stained the fence and the posts, and the picnic table at Gransden Park and a small part of the playscape at the Swanton.

Museum Manager – Catherine Sias said that the museum was open during the election. Thank you to Bob Johnson, Galen Gransden and Mary Herkner. The museum had 30-40 people visit. We've seen an increase in donations this year and sold a couple of old display cases.

Web Master - Del Lafavor continues to handle all updates for the website.

Water District No. 1 - Bill Page: The credit card payment system will soon be up and running. He would like to encourage everyone to locate their curb boxes and protect them as they can be damaged easily. If you see damage at your curb box or valve let the water district know. If you see water leaking anywhere call the WD#1 office.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Sperling motion to adjourn, Schultz second. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township