

MINUTES
Edenville Township Board
Tuesday, June 12th, 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:

Gosen motioned to approve the agenda with the following additions under new business; MTA Class and Burnham & Flower Provident Insurance Renewal. Schultz seconded and after a voice vote the agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Carey moved to approve the May 8, 2018, regular Township Board Meeting Minutes and the May 29, 2018 Budget Workshop minutes as presented. Sperling seconded and the minutes were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR TOWNSHIP BILLS:

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills.

General Checking 30305 – 30338; \$26,250.74 (\$11,709 to B&F for insurance)

Fire Department 2691 – ~~2697~~ **2699**; \$807.50

Swanton Memorial 21529 – 21536; \$1,464.88

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

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

Carey motioned to pay the following special bills;

PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. Inv. #189873; \$5,804.00

PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. Inv. #189605; \$27,660.07

Republic Services, Inv. #0237-001643255; \$10,515.58

Catherine Sias, Museum Fund Ck. #1022; \$19.96

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

MOTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

Gosen motioned to purchase six Edenville Township flags at \$53.00 a piece. Carey seconded and after a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Gosen motioned to accept Spicer Group's design proposal at \$32,500 for the Fire Department renovation project. Schultz seconded and after a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Gosen motioned to begin the three projects planned with the 2018 T.O.W.N. Grant money. The pavilion at Harper Park; a swing set at Gransden Park, and a bench at the Swanton Memorial at a cost of \$5,096.00 to the Township. Schultz seconded and after a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Sperling motioned to move ahead with the front entry cement work at the Swanton at a cost of \$5,500.00 from the Swanton Trust Fund earnings. Carey seconded and after a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Gosen Motion to approve attendance of Planning Commission and Township Board members for the upcoming MTA class *Hot Topics in Planning and Zoning*. Schultz seconded and after a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

Draves motioned to renew our current Provident Accident & Health Insurance policy and to go with the three year installment plan at \$2,275.00 per year. Carey seconded and after a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Gosen reported that Midland County is updating 5-year Hazard Mitigation Plan. They sent each Township a questionnaire asking them to list and rank their top 5 hazards as pertains to their Mitigation Plan. Edenville's are ranked as follows 1) Dam Failure, 2) Flooding, 3) Wildfire, 4) Severe Winds, and 5) Infrastructure Failure.

Sperling handed out an Invasive Species alert regarding Japanese Knotweed. There have been none seen or reported in Edenville Township, but they're asking for people to keep an eye out for it and report immediately if any is seen.

Sperling also added that the Delta College Foundation Board has created The Greg Stryker Scholarship Endowment.

Gosen reminded that the July Board meeting will held June 26th. The Budget Hearing and General Appropriations Act approval will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the regular Township board meeting immediately following, no meeting in July.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

M. Haydanek, N. Water Rd. asked if there has been any feedback on the recycle program. Carey, responded that we've had more positive than negative comments.

M. Weaver, Shaffer Rd., protested the May election saying it was a waste of taxpayer money. He stated he didn't believe is was a fair or open election to present one ballot issue in May. Draves responded that, unfortunately, the Township has no say over Michigan election law and that he could contact the Michigan Bureau of Elections with his complaint.

COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT REPORTS:

Assessor - Brent Rifenbark – The AMAR audit was conducted on June 4 and everything went well.

Code Authority – Jim Sperling – There were 3 building; 2 plumbing; 4 mechanical; 9 electrical; and 6 water permits issued for the Township in May. They held a brief meeting regarding age of inspectors and are looking at the bylaws of the Midland County Township Code Authority regarding to whom they report. Next meeting will be held June 23 at 5:00 p.m. at the County Building in Midand.

Fire Department Report, Roger Dufresne runs for May included 2 downed trees, 1 mutual aid, 5 medical, and 2 call-offs for a total of 10 runs.

Engine 250 is at Grayling for repairs, no estimate on cost at this point in time. On Memorial day they responded to a fire in Billings Township then had an open house for the children from the 7th day Adventist School.

Fire Department Grant Committee - Bob Johnson reported there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 7:00 p.m. at the Township Office. They estimate the Fire Department Renovation project to be north of \$400,000 and their goal is to completely fund the project by grants. He thanked Catherine Sias for her grant writing skills, enabling the Fire Department to secure over \$400,000 in grants thus far!

The proposal from Spicer Group for design services for Fire Department Renovation project came in at \$32,500.

Planning Commission – Mark Haydanek reported they're working on the 5-year Master Plan. They met in April and will wrap up the master plan updates yet this year. They're starting to build a list of items within our ordinance that need to be addressed, as well. They have one possible zoning issue coming up regarding plans for a proposed camp ground at the dam.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Jim Sperling said they had no official requests. He did receive a voicemail regarding set backs for construction on the lake.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Bob Johnson reported that there was a good turnout for the Harper Park planting and bank clearing. The 4H members did a great job planting and weeding.

Bob asked for approval of the pavilion construction at Harper Park, the addition of a swing set at Gransden Park, and the addition of a bench at the playscape at the Swanton Swanton. The project cost is \$10,095 and after the \$5,000 T.O.W.N. Grant money, the cost to the Township would be \$5,095. Mary Bth will get with Lydia regarding what to order.

Last weekend volunteers put rip rap rock on the bank at Harper Park to mitigate erosion.

Four of the vertical railing slats were damaged on the observation deck at Harper Park and have been replaced. They will need to be stained in the future.

Bob also congratulated the Township board on obtaining the TOWN grant two years in a row! We've seen nice improvements in our public areas because of these grants from the Midland Foundation.

Museum Manager - Catherine Sias reported that the museum has been open for two weeks now. We've had 19 visitors. Carolyn Bacon is compiling obituaries of everyone in the cemetery and already has four three ring binders all cross referenced. The Museum Facebook page is getting more and more popular. The museum had a new donation, Galen Gransden received a large donation of items from the Finch family, including some photos we haven't seen before.

Web Master - Del Lafavor continues to update the website as he receives information.

Water District No. 1 - Bill Page said they've recently seen an increase in water sales permits. The next meter read is in August. Field workers continue to check and repair the water hydrants. If you notice any damage to hydrants please contact Water District #1, it's critical to maintain the hydrants in top condition.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Sperling reported we received a good proposal on the cement work at the Swanton Memorial. The main entry will be re-done because it has become a trip hazard. He is still obtaining proposals for the painting and soffit work.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gosen is seeking approval for Planning Commission and Township Board members to attend the MTA class *Hot Topics in Planning and Zoning* coming up. We're especially interested in the GAAMPS and Right to Farm segments.

The board received the renewal documents from Burnham & Flower for the Provident Accident & Health Insurance policy for the Fire Department.

Draves stated that Rudy Builders offered to take \$350.00 off the invoice for the installation of the new accordion door at the Swanton and they will take the old accordion door. The board was in agreement to let him take it for the deduction on the final invoice.

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

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township