

MINUTES

Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 10, 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 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:

Gosen would like to add two items: 1) approve the minutes from the Sept. 5, Lake Week Public Hearing and 2) replace the broken deck board at Harper Park. Sperling motioned to approve the agenda as amended, Carey supported and after a voice vote the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Carey moved to approve the minutes from the regular Board Meeting held on August 13, 2019, Sperling seconded and the minutes were approved as presented. Draves moved to approve the proposed meeting minutes from the September 5, 2019, Edenville Township Lake Weed Special Assessment Public Hearing, Sperling seconded and the minutes were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR TOWNSHIP BILLS:

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills.
General Checking 30863 - 30883: \$16,473.50
Fire Department 2860 - 2875: \$11,543.94
Swanton Memorial 21627 - 21631: \$984.50
Federal and State taxes: \$3,223.30

Sperling seconded and the motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.

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

Carey motioned to pay the following special bills;

JBS Contracting, Invoice #1908-01: \$142,604.50
PLM Lake & Land Management Inv. #97753: \$2,223.40
PLM Lake & Land Management Inv. #97730: \$1,025.00
Midland County Clerk Inv.: \$439.65
Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC Inv. #48354: \$277.50
Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC Inv. #48353: \$112.50
Bluff Creek Estates, Crack Seal refund: \$523.25
Midland County Road Commission (Bluff Creek crack seal) Inv. #201901: \$814.58
Republic Services Inv. #0237-001738092: \$10,982.04

Draves seconded and the motion passed via roll-call vote.
Carey added that the office will be open 9:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. on Monday, September 16, which is the last day to pay taxes with no interest.

MOTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

Carey motioned to approve the renewal of the Resolution for Certification of Abandoned Property for Accelerated Forfeiture Act (Public Act 132 of 1999) #2019-19. Gosen supported and the motion carried unanimously via roll-call vote.

Gosen motioned to officially hire Linda Lewandowski as Assessor for Edenville Township beginning October 1, 2019, at \$12.00 per parcel. Carey seconded, and the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Sperling motioned to approve the All Handyman Services LLC bid for staining Harper Park (up to \$2,500.00), Gosen seconded and the motion carried unanimously via roll-call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Galen Gransden, submitted a letter that the board consider adding a kneeling veteran to the veteran's memorial in front of the office.

Gosen reviewed the results of the Lake Weed Public Hearing held on September 5, 2019. In June the board passed a resolution to move forward with the renewal process for the Lake Weed Assessment for another five years. The public hearing was held on September 5 2019 and there were about a dozen people in attendance. No one was against it, and one resident was concerned about the renewal coming on top of the Four Lakes Task Force proposed SAD.

The entire weed special assessment district was reviewed parcel by parcel and adjustments were made for contiguous properties, property splits and property combinations. Everything was approved at the public hearing, the SAD is final and will be updated in our system. This renewal is in effect for five years. We will pass yearly resolutions setting the assessment amounts.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

D. Lafavor, Curtis Rd., asked if we had heard anything back from Republic as regards a new list of acceptable recyclables.

COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT REPORTS:

Assessor – Gosen announced that this was the Final Board meeting for Brent and Kelly Rifenkark. He thanked them for their many years of service to Edenville Township. Brent is retiring as of October 1, 2019.

The board welcomed Linda Lewandowski, as the new Township Assessor beginning October 1, 2019.

Ordinance Enforcement – Jerry Cole gave his monthly report (full report on file at the office). Recent Status of activities includes:

- 33 complaints year to date
- New complaints August: 2
- Complaints resolved to date for 2019: 16
- Open complaints: 21
- Citations written in August: 5
- Court dates pending: 2

Code Authority – Jim Sperling reported 2 water, 8 electrical, 7 mechanical, 8 plumbing and 3 building permits for the Township in August. There is a special meeting tomorrow at 4:00 to discuss a house that was red-tagged on tax sale/auction day. The next Code Authority meeting is September 26 at 5:00 p.m.

Fire Department Report - Roger Dufresne reported 16 runs for August; 8 medical, 1 PDA, 1 line down, 2 investigations, 1 no response, and 3 call offs.

Fire Station Construction update –Gosen reported the basement walls are in and 75% of the inside remodel on existing building is done. Trusses and lumber have been delivered.

The Fire Department Fundraiser, Soup & Chili Dinner, is Saturday, October 19th 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the Swanton Memorial Center.

Planning Commission – Linda Schultz, work continues on the Master Plan and Map. They are still working on proposed Zoning Ordinance changes, as well.

Gosen mentioned that the Township received a FOIA request regarding two parcels owned by Boyce Hydro.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Jim Sperling; Four members attended the ZBA class given by MTA last month. There was a good discussion on mining. It was mentioned that the Planning Commission is looking at adding some new verbiage for mining based on state legislative guidelines.

The ZBA is still working on their bylaws and there have been no meetings or hearings.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mary Beth Seasholtz will initiate correspondence with Merv at Dockside for fall and spring dock removal/installation and will get a quote.

There is a deck board broken on lower level at Harper Park. B. Page will take a look and let us know if it is something he can fix.

Sperling received one bid for the staining of Harper Park. He's still waiting for a bid on the work that needs to be done at the Township Office.

Web Master - Del Lafavor is keeping up with everything.

Water District No. 1 - Bill Page – The data from home water testing is looking good. They had 16 new hook ups for August. Hydrant flushing and water level setting is underway and going well. Also, the hydrant area cleanups are going well, many citizens are active in keeping the hydrant areas clean. Water use in water driven back-up sump pumps is not considered a lost water event because it is an intentional use of the water.

OLD BUSINESS:

Draves reported on the status of the new Township Website project. We received a link to the initial version for approval. She will send it to the rest of the board members for input on final design and content.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Sperling motioned to adjourn and Schultz supported. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township