

Meeting Minutes
Edenville Township Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 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 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 asked for one addition under Commission and Board Appointments, adding Mark Haydanek, Chair. Sperling motioned to approve the agenda as amended, Schultz supported. After a voice vote the agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Carey moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on October 8, 2019, Schultz seconded and the October minutes were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR TOWNSHIP BILLS:

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills.

- General Checking 20928 – 30955: \$44,551.18
- Fire Department 2888 – 2900: \$2,497.55
- Swanton Memorial 21637 – 21639: \$373.92
- FED/State taxes: \$6,794.39

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

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

Carey motioned to pay the following special bills;

- Republic Services Inv. #0237-001750360: \$10,984.80
- JBS Contracting Inv. #1908-03: \$69,252.15
- Midland County Landfill Inv. #16363: \$6,818.27

Draves seconded and the motion passed via roll-call vote.

Carey added that the County is using QRP for printing taxes at a rate of .24 each as opposed to the rate of .47 each if printed at the County. Because of the lower price she will not be sorting the tax bills before mailing so some residents will be getting multiple envelopes. The 2020 Republic Service calendars will be included in each tax bill.

Approved as presented at the December 10, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

The County alerted us to a property on W. Baker on which we may be able to use the Accelerated Process for tax foreclosure. There is a November 18, 2019 court date on this property for blight as well.

MOTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

Carey motioned to tag the property on W. Baker for an accelerated tax foreclosure. Sperling supported and the motion passed unanimously.

Draves motioned to approve attendance for the MCTOA Annual Meeting, December 12, at the Great Hall for board members and their deputies at \$33.00 each. Sperling supported and after a roll-call vote the motion passed.

Gosen motioned to continue to use Howden's and Delisle for 2019/20 snow removal, shoveling, and salt services. Schultz supported and the motion passed via roll-call vote.

Carey motioned to approve the 2020 Township Board Meeting schedule as presented. Sperling supported and the motion passed via voice vote.

Gosen motion to reappoint Mark Haydanek, Chair of Planning Commission, Mary Herkner ZBA representative from the Planning Commission, and Bob Yahrmarkt, ZBA alternate for the term 1/1/20 – 12/31/22. Draves supported and the motion passed via voice vote.

Schultz motioned to approve the updated Edenville Township Future Land Use Plan and Map. Sperling supported and the motion passed via roll-call vote.

PRESENTATIONS:

The Township Audit Report was presented by Shelly Browning, Weinlander Fitzhugh. Copies of the Audit and presentation are available at the office, by request.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Township's annual meeting with the County Road Commission meeting is on November. 20 at 10:00 a.m.

The DNR acquired a small piece of land at end of Anna Lane, resulting in the Township receiving approximately \$10 in additional PILT funding.

USDA; Edenville Township no longer needs to carry extra insurance on the Fidelity Bond, the Midland County will carry this insurance.

The proposed 2020 Township Board Meeting dates were discussed and approved. The schedule will be posted at the office, the Swanton Memorial Center and the meetings will be entered on the Township's website calendar

Three upcoming Commission and Board re-appointments were discussed:

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- Planning Commission Chair – Mark Haydanek, term 1/1/20 – 12/31/22
- ZBA Rep from P.C. – Mary Herkner, term 1/1/20 – 12/31/22
- ZBA Alternate – Bob Yahrmarkt, term 1/1/20 – 12/31/22

There was discussion on the Township’s updated Future Land Use Plan and Map.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT REPORTS:

Assessor – Gosen; the December Board of Review will be on December 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township office; 467 Moore St., Edenville. This Board of Review is for poverty and veteran’s exemptions, and to make any needed clerical corrections.

Ordinance enforcement – Jerry Cole – The full report is on file at the Township office.

Code Authority – Jim Sperling, they had an interesting meeting with Water District #1 and the Midland County Township’s Code Authority regarding inspections. The Code Authority, Water District #1 and the Townships continue to work out a resolution for plumbing inspections. The following permits were issued for the Township in October; 5 building, 2 plumbing, 6 mechanical, 11 electrical and 3 water. Their next meeting is on November 21, 2019 at the County Building at 5:00 p.m.

Fire Department – Roger Dufresne; There were 23 runs for October; 12 medical, 2 lift assists, 3 downed trees, 4 mutual aids, and 2 investigations.

They are working on a policy for cadets to attend the Firefighter 1 and 2 classes. They currently have a SOP. There will probably not be an academy this year, there are only three cadets and the State won’t fund for that number of attendees.

Jill Dufresne took the truck to Meridian Schools for the annual trunk or treat.

There was discussion on methods to alert residents in the event of a dam failure. The Township has roughly 800 parcels that would need to be warned. Dufresne is working on a table top drill to share with the board their plan, once finalized.

Fire Department building grants – Gosen; Nothing new to report.

Planning Commission – Schultz; They are meeting on November 18th to begin working on updates to the Zoning Ordinance. They’ve been researching other townships for solar development wording.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Sperling; they have no meeting planned but are hoping to schedule by the first of the year to work on the bylaws. Carey added that this is very important and needs to be done ASAP.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mary Beth Seasholtz;

- Floating dock has been removed and stored offsite along with the no-wake buoys.

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- Porta-jons have been winterized
- Harper Park is closed for the winter (thank! you Bill Page)

The board made a note to discuss hiring someone to come out and do an inspection on Harper Park in the Spring of 2020.

It was also noted that B. Johnson found a granting agency that might be able to help us locate foundations that would help with the cost of building an additional parking lot.

Water District No. 1 - Gosen; nothing new.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sperling has not found a contractor to do the needed work on the Township Office. He has called another contractor in Beaverton who hasn't yet returned his call. The board discussed a temporary repair until we can find a qualified contractor.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Sperling motioned to adjourn, supported by Shultz. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township