

MINUTES

Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 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:

Draves motioned to approve the agenda with the following additions: under correspondence Public Session for new voting rights and under new business: approve the new mileage reimbursement. Schultz supported and after a voice vote the agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Carey moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 10, 2019, Schultz seconded and the December 10, 2019 minutes were approved as presented via voice vote.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR TOWNSHIP BILLS:

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills.
General Checking 30982 – 31032: \$20,809.87
Fire Department 2912 – 2922: \$10,423.88
Swanton Memorial 21646 – 21650: \$2,263.55
State and Federal Taxes: \$4,715.31
Sperling seconded and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

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

Carey motioned to pay the following special bills;
JBS Contracting Inc. Inv. #1908-5: \$46,591.04
City of Midland Landfill Inv. #16825: \$6,141.30
Republic Services, 0237-001763447: \$10,984.80
DeLisle, Inv. #34145 Seasonal Plow Fox Rd.: \$600.00
Draves seconded and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

MOTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

Gosen motioned to approve Poverty Exemption Guidelines Resolution 2020-01, setting the poverty guidelines for the Township Boards of Review for 2020. Motion passed via roll-call vote.

Gosen motioned to set the Lake Weed Assessment to \$0 for two Midland County park properties, Carey supported and the motion passed via roll-call vote.

Gosen motioned for approval for MTA Educational Conference attendance in Traverse City for board members and deputies, if the budget supports it. Sperling seconded and the motion passed via voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Gosen suggested setting the lake weed assessment to \$0 for the two county properties, because of Michigan Law which states: *M.C.L.A. 324.30921 324.30921. Agreement to pay assessment by governing bodies Sec. 30921. The governing body of any department of the state or any of its political subdivisions, municipalities, school districts, townships, or counties, whose lands are exempt by law, may by resolution agree to pay the special assessments against the lands, in which case the assessment, including all the installments of the assessment, shall be a valid claim against the local unit of government.* It is likely the Board of Commissioners would not approve such a resolution so he recommended we adjust the weed assessments to zero.

Gosen announced a New Voting Rights session explaining the updated law given by Ann Manary, Midland County Clerk, on February 3, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., Midland City Hall, 333 Ellsworth. This is open to the public.

Gosen requested approval to increase the insurance coverage with Burnham and Flower for replacement value of Station 1 to \$800,000.00. The board was in agreement.

Gosen motion to approve the new Federal mileage reimbursement at 57.5. Schultz seconded, and the motion passed via voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT REPORTS:

Ordinance Enforcement – Jerry Cole: We had three complaints in December, two of which were repeats. Maplecrest remains the hotspot. There were tickets issued today for two ongoing complaints on Maplecrest and another warning letter out on a third.

The owner of the property at 5586 N. Lake Sanford Rd. moved in another car, a few trailers and the debris has now expanded into the yard of his neighbor on the south, He's still refusing to clean up the property and the court has intervened, again.

Carey requested action on the complaint on a property on Water Rd.

Fire Department Report – Roger Dufresne, There were 31 runs in December: 11 medical, 8 Trees down, 5 wires down, 1 well being check, 1 fire alarm, 1 gas leak, 2 lift assists, 1 call off and 1 false call. There were 251 runs total for 2019.

Chief Dufresne received news from Douglass Safety regarding the FD air packs. Regulations have changed and they are good for now but they will need to budget for replacements in the upcoming budget

cycle. The current units are still useable and Douglass has enough parts to keep them current for a short time.

Gosen and Dufresne are meeting with JBS at Station 1 for a walk through and punch list creation for the addition at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan 16th.

Code Authority – Jim Sperling; Their last meeting was held on December 19, 2019 and Edenville had 1 building, 1 plumb, 7 mechanical, 3 electrical and 4 water permits issued in December. Edenville had 26 water hookups for 2019. They're holding a meeting this Thursday to present a draft of the new work procedures for inspectors and office help. It will be presented at the regular meeting the following Thursday, January 23rd.

Planning Commission – Mark Haydanek updated the board on the Zoning Ordinance priorities for 2020. He was contacted by new property owners on W. Hull Rd. Their plan is to excavate sand out of that property. The property owner has been in touch with the road commission to level and lay gravel. They will be contacting the office to file a special use permit.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Jim Sperling had no requests since the last board meeting. They will work to finish updating the bylaws.

Water District No. 1— Gosen reported they will have their replacement pickup truck soon. Carey reported there was a connection fee purchased on Star Rd.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sperling mentioned that he has not heard from the contractor who looked at the work that needed to be done at the Township office and he will give him a call.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed the new Federal mileage reimbursement at \$0.575. The rate will replace the \$0.58 rate currently used by the Township.

Carey motioned to adjourn, Sperling supported, meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. via voice vote.

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township