

MINUTES

Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Sperling motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Schultz supported and the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Sperling moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 14, 2019, as presented. Schultz seconded and the minutes were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR TOWNSHIP BILLS:

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills.

General Checking 31033 – 31059: \$13,211.52

Fire Department 2923 – 2933: \$1,837.51

Swanton Memorial 21651 – 21656: \$1,681.30

Federal Taxes: \$1,639.52

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

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

Carey motioned to pay the following special bills;

Republic Services Inv. #0237-01770199: \$10,984.80

Midland Co. Landfill (Admin Fee) Inv. #16825: \$279.53

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

MOTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

Gosen moved to approve all four Private Road maintenance contracts with the Midland County Road Commission. Sperling supported and the motion passed via voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: The February correspondence packet included the MIClass earned income report; the IT executive summary from LINKED Technologies; MCTOA March meeting information; Midland County Housing Commission notification of one new address in the Township; information regarding the upcoming D.A.R.E. fundraiser on Friday, March 13, 2020.

Gosen reminded attendees of the following:

- **March Board of Review** will be held in the Conference Room at the Swanton Memorial on:
 - Monday, March 9, 2020, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- **Presidential Primary** Election on Tuesday March 10, 2020, polls open at 7:00 a.m., in the main hall at the Swanton Memorial
- Our **next board meeting** on Thursday, March 5, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
- **The filing deadline to run for local elected offices** (Qualifying Petition and Affidavit of Identity):
 - With Political Party Affiliation – April 21, 2020
 - Without Political Party Affiliation – July 16, 2020

The Sanford Sesquicentennial Committee has requested we put link to their website on Edenville's website. After discussion that this is a community wide, once in a lifetime event, the board approved their request.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Casey Smith, Curtis Rd., likes the new Website!

Laura Lee, candidate for Midland County Sheriff gave a brief update on her background and will come to another meeting closer to the election to give an official update on her qualifications and plans. She mentioned that her website will be up soon, and her Facebook page is active.

Terrance Hall, N. Fox introduced himself and added he is contemplating running for Township office. He served 22 years in army, has a BA from Northern Poly Sci and law degree from Cooley.

COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT REPORTS:

Ordinance Enforcement – Jerry Cole gave a year end summary and the summary for January. The complete report is on file at the office.

He offered a snapshot of Complaints from May to December 31, 2019:

- 27 complaints were closed in 2019

- Of the 27 complaints, 26%, went to court
- Of the 7 complaints that went to court 3, 43%, were closed on the first hearing
- Three of the four open court cases have consumed an extraordinary amount of time and money.

For 2020 year to date we have 18 open complaints that were carried over; 4 written notices were sent and there are 3 court dates pending.

Code Authority – Jim Sperling gave the board draft copies of their Office Procedures Manual. Their next meeting is February 27th at 5 p.m. at the County Building. They plan to finalizing the manual at that meeting.

January permits issued for Edenville Township included 1 mechanical, 1 electrical, and 1 Water.

Fire Department Report - Roger Dufresne reported there were 19 runs for January 2020: 1 Structure Fire, 10 Medical, 1 Tree Down, 2 CO, 3 Call Offs, and 2 Mutual Aid.

Fire Department Addition – Dufresne reported that they're still working on the Station 1 renovations. A punch list was received from JBS and they're currently working on that list. They were also issued an occupancy permit. We are planning a spring open house with invitations to include all the foundations that helped with the project.

Planning Commission – Linda Schultz reported they met in February and elected the same officers as the previous term. They're working on a Solar Ordinance and on Zoning Ordinance updates (mostly small adjustments). They will meet again on March 16, and also have meetings scheduled in April and May.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Sperling; they are still working on the Bylaws. They are also anticipating an upcoming variance request. Nick is putting together a meeting for bylaw review and approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

Office maintenance work – Jim Sperling, Eric VanWert got back with us and he is planning to do the maintenance work on the office this spring. We still need a bid from him.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Sperling motioned to adjourn, Schultz seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township