

# MINUTES

## Edenville Township Board Meeting

Thursday, March 5th, 2020, 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 as presented.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Carey moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 11, 2019. Sperling seconded and the minutes were approved as presented.

### APPROVAL OF REGULAR TOWNSHIP BILLS:

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills.

General Checking 321060 – 21085: \$29,596.90

Fire Department 2934 – 2943: \$1,974.48

Swanton Memorial 21657 – 321666; \$2,581.81

Federal/State Taxes paid December and January: \$7,251.47

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

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

Carey motioned to pay the following special bills;

Republic Services Inv. #0237-9237656: \$10,841.52

Midland County BPW: 91-04 GL#378-000.000-678.100 Interest: \$93,000.00

91-06 GL#378-000.000-678.100 Interest: \$4,725.00

Special roads #201901: \$2,689.25

JBS Contracting Inv. #1908-06: \$93,688.73

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

The board approved the \$93,688.73 invoice and a payment of \$83,688.72, holding \$10,000 in reserve to be paid upon completion of the project.

**MOTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:**

Sperling motioned to approve Option #2 (\$1,800.00) for the Exterior work at the Township Office and \$1200.00 for the front and back door repair at the Township Office. The estimate was received from Hi-Tec Handyman. Gosen seconded and the motion passed via roll-call vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Sperling encouraged ZBA members to attend the upcoming training offered by the Michigan Townships Association in May.

Gosen reported the Board of Review organizational meeting was held on Tuesday March 3, 2020. The March Board of Review will be held as follows: Monday, March 9 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., and Tuesday, March 10 at 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Swanton Memorial Center in the conference room.

Reminder: The Presidential Primary is Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

For the August State Primary the filing deadline for local elected offices (Qualifying Petition and Affidavit of Identity) are as follows:

- With Political Party Affiliation – April 21<sup>st</sup>
- Without Political Party Affiliation – July 16<sup>th</sup>

The Board discussed the township insurance renewal and are considering raising the replacement costs of Swanton to \$800,000 and the water tower to \$900,000. It was suggested we have Chief Dufresne check replacement costs on all Fire Department vehicles.

Gosen recommend appointing Crystal Starkey to fill the position on the Zoning Board of Appeals, term ending 12/31/21. The board was unanimously in favor of this appointment.

The board received a request for a letter of support for Larkin Township. They're applying for a Michigan Resources Trust Fund Grant to help fund improvements at their hall, fire station, park and baseball field. After discussion the board is in support and Gosen will send our support letter to Maria Sandow, Larkin Supervisor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT REPORTS:**

*Code Authority* – Sperling reported that at the February 27, 2020 meeting they reviewed the new employee manual and all the job descriptions. Everything is going smoothly. Permits issued for

Edenville included 4 plumbing, 4 mechanical, 3 electrical and 1 water. The next meeting will be held March 26.

*Fire Station addition/refurbishment, Gosen:* The project is approximately 95% complete. There is some dirt work left to do in the spring, and a few other odds and ends.

*Parks and Recreation Committee – Draves* reported for Mary Beth Seasholtz that the Sanford Youth League continues to value being able to use the Edenville Park for practices and games. Draves has the Youth League reservation schedule and will get it posted at Gransden Park.

*Planning Commission – Schultz* reported; The Planning Commission met on February 5, 2020. Planning Commission board positions were approved and there was continued discussion on Zoning Ordinance updates. There have been no calls or inquires since the last board meeting. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2020.

*Zoning Board of Appeals – Sperling:* There is a Public Hearing that will be scheduled on April 7, 2020. The ZBA will also review their Bylaws.

*Water District No. 1 - Bill Page:* The new pole barn is under construction. Everything is going very smoothly, including the billing cycles. At the last WD#1 board meeting they passed a ruling that they will not allow for lost water recovery charges if a sump pumps that utilize the municipal water supply is being used.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Township office maintenance work. Sperling presented his recommendation of the two options submitted by Hi-Tec Handyman.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Sperling motioned to adjourn, Carey seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Lydia Draves  
Clerk, Edenville Township