

MINUTES

Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 14th, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Teleconference Meeting

1-877-658-5107

Participant code: 484359

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 via teleconference
Lydia Draves	Clerk	present via teleconference
Craig Gosen	Supervisor	present via teleconference
Linda Schultz	Trustee	present via teleconference
Jim Sperling	Trustee	present via teleconference

Public attendees: Roger Dufresne, Mary Beth Seasholtz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Gosen requested addition of discussion for the Sanford Area Sesquicentennial participation request under New Business. Sperling motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Carey supported and the motion was approved unanimously via roll-call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Draves requested amendment of the March 5, 2020, minutes as follows; the ending check number for the Swanton Memorial account was incorrect, it was 31666 and should have been 21666; the ending check number in the General Checking account was incorrect as well, ending number was 21085 and should have been 31085. Gosen moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 5, 2020, as amended. Schultz seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved as amended, via roll-call vote.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR TOWNSHIP BILLS:

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills.

General Checking 31086 – 31141: \$18,665.98

Fire Department 2944 – 2957: \$7,100.19

Swanton Memorial 21667 – 21672; \$1,395.66

EFT for Federal/State Taxes: \$5,511.50

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

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

Carey motioned to pay the following special bills;

Republic Services Inv. #0237-001782997: \$10, 949.72

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

MOTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

Gosen motioned to approve Howden's proposal for summer services, including cemetery clean up, Carey supported and the motion carried unanimously via roll-call vote.

Carey motioned to approve Resolution 2020-02: *Resolution for Certification of Abandoned Property for Accelerated Forfeiture Act (Public Act 132 of 1999)*. Schultz seconded and the motion carried unanimously via roll-call vote.

Draves motioned to double the Planning Commission pay for the next three meetings then return to normal pay rate on their fourth, and subsequent meetings. Schultz supported and the motion passed unanimously via roll-call vote.

Gosen motioned to put a stop on ditching work for Weeping Willow. Sperling seconded and the motion carried unanimously via roll-call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Gosen: Spring yard waste pick-up dates are June 3rd and June 17th .

Accelerated Foreclosure Resolution; Gosen explained that we do have one parcel on Ingham that we may take action on. It's been red tagged for years, back taxes are owed and the owner has been incarcerated. We most likely can't take action until the CV19 restrictions have been lifted.

We have halted rentals at the Swanton Memorial Center until June 1st . The current Governor's order holds through April, but next month we may have to make a decision on rentals going forward if the Governor's stay at home order is extended.

The Township Office remains closed to walk-in traffic until further notice, however, Draves will be there on Tuesday, April 21st for candidates seeking partisan and nonpartisan offices to file their Nominating Petitions (or applicable fees) and Affidavit of Identity for the August Primary. The deadline is 4:00 p.m.

The MTA warned that the State Revenue Sharing will probably be reduced because of losses in State Sales Tax as a result of the COVID-19 stay at home order. In anticipation of the loss of revenue, Gosen has looked at ditches and he proposed we postpone the Weeping Willow ditching and reassess where the ditching funds would be spent. Can't in good conscience move forward until we see how the reduced revenue sharing impacts the Township.

Chief Dufresne had a question on Fox Rd. ditching because there are areas on Fox that are narrow for the fire truck. He needs to know which end to come in from when responding to emergencies to avoid having to detour.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department Report - Chief Dufresne reported 22 Runs for March; 15 medical, 3 fire, 2 trees down, 1 power line, and 1 mutual aid.

The Department is doing well with CV19, Homer and the City of Midland have more COVID issues, but said it hasn't been bad here.

Truck 221 is in the shop and they'll have it back this week. The other three trucks will be going in for maintenance.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Gosen/Seasholtz

The Floating dock is in and the buoys are in place. Discussion centered on whether to open Harper Park or leave it closed. After discussion and input it was decided to leave barrier at Harper in place until the end of April then reassess. We will place a Closed Until Further Notice sign on the barrier and leave the porta john locked. We'll also ask Guiett's remove the Porta John at Gransden Park if they can't lock it. The Sanford Youth League has not yet decided about their season, they may proceed around May 15 depending if the stay at home order is lifted. Seasholtz will let us know.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sperling called Eric VanWert and told him his bid was approved and will follow up with him to see about a possible start date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gosen mentioned the possibility that there will be another conference call for the May 12 Board meeting if Executive Orders are still in place.

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Gosen received communication from the Sanford Area Sesquicentennial committee asking for support from the Township Board in the form of a sponsorship. They also asked that we forward their email to anyone we thought may be interested in participating in some way. We changed wording on our link on their website to help with their request. After discussion it was decided that we can't sponsor as a Township but if each board member wished to personally donate \$10.00 we could sponsor as the Edenville Township Board with no money coming out of

Township Funds. Each board member was okay with that. Gosen will submit the sponsorship form with a check and each board member will reimburse him.

On June 28, Eric Jhyla will give a presentation at the Swanton Memorial in conjunction with the Sanford Area Sesquicentennial. Use the link on the Township Homepage at www.edenville.org for more information!

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Sperling motioned to adjourn, Carey supported, all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township