

Minutes
Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 12th, 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	in attendance via teleconference
Lydia Draves	Clerk	in attendance via teleconference
Craig Gosen	Supervisor	in attendance via teleconference
Linda Schultz	Trustee	in attendance via teleconference
Jim Sperling	Trustee	in attendance via teleconference

Public attendees: Catherine Sias, Roger Dufresne

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Sperling moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Catherine Sias presenting ideas for the Museum and Cemetery under New Business. Carey supported and the motion was approved unanimously via roll-call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Carey motioned to approve the April 14, 2020 regular board meeting minutes as presented. Sperling supported and the minutes were approved as presented via roll-call vote.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR TOWNSHIP BILLS:

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills.

General Checking 31142 – 31166: \$20,435.81

Fire Department 2958 – 2968: \$8,648.84

Swanton Memorial 21673 – ~~21764~~ **21674**; \$377.75

Gosen seconded and the motion was 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. #0237-001789150: \$11,163.90

City of Midland Landfill Inv. #17331: \$5,054.83

Draves supported and the motion was approved via roll-call vote.

MOTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

Gosen motioned to approve the Cemetery and Museum projects C. Sias presented to the board. Sperling supported and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

Gosen has been making inquiries to try and determine how much the Township's State Revenue Sharing revenue may be impacted as a result of the COVID-19 shut-downs. He received nothing firm from the MI Dept. of Treasury but was told they should be able to provide an estimate in the next week or two for the balance of the State's fiscal year and all of next fiscal year. Gosen estimates we could lose 17-18K this fiscal year and even more for next fiscal year. He will put together a budget proposal spreadsheet based on the State's response for our first budget workshop.

Spring yard waste pick-up dates are June 3rd and June 17th and at this point we don't know what Republic is going to do. Draves will call Republic to see if they are going ahead with the scheduled yard waste pickup.

Swanton rental remains shut down until at least June 1, 2020. We'll be following the Governor's Executive Orders to determine when to re-open.

The Township Office remains closed to walk-in traffic but appointments can be made on an individual basis by calling the office. We will develop a Preparedness and Response Plan for when we are safely able to open the office up to foot traffic.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The June 4th MCTOA General Membership meeting has been canceled.

Tentative Budget Workshop meetings: May 27th, June 10th, and June 16th at 6:00 PM at the Township office and by Teleconference. You can get the details on the Township Website Calendar.

The Regular June Board meeting to be held on June 9th at 7:00 p.m. will be held in the large hall at the Swanton Memorial Center if the Governor clears the current limitations on public gatherings. Watch the Township Website Calendar for final details.

The Township Budget Public Hearing and the July Board meeting will be held June 23rd. The Budget Hearing, (General Appropriations Act approval) will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed immediately by the July Regular Board Meeting. We propose, as above, holding the meetings in the large hall at the Swanton Memorial Center if the Governor clears the current limitations on public gatherings. See the Township Website Calendar and Special Meeting Calendar for final details.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT REPORTS:

Code Authority – Jim Sperling, talked to Amy Hoover at the Midland County Township's Code Authority and the County Building is still locked down. All business is currently conducted by phone, fax, mail, and email.

Fire Department Report – Roger Dufresne The FD had 11 runs in April: 8 medical, 1 investigation and 2 fires.

Because of new Michigan Law they are now required to replace the tires on all FD vehicles every 7 years. For Unit 231 alone, the replacement cost is almost \$5,000 (they have 6 vehicles). He also added that they now have to replace turnout gear and hoses every 10 years, as well. Sperling asked him to consider putting the vehicles, gear and hoses on a rotation schedule for replacement.

Unit 232 in for service right now and he needs to take Unit 250 for inspection and oil changes. Chief Dufresne is anticipating increased Covid19 activity.

An Electrician came in to look at the switch for the fire vehicle warning signals along M-30. Since the new construction they haven't been working. They sent a Punch List to JBS for some needed dirtwork and other items that need attention. They will come take a look this week sometime.

Planning Commission – Linda Schultz, they'll be meeting on May 18 via conference call regarding the Sova Special Use Permit on Hull Rd. The regular Planning Commission meeting will be held immediately following the Sova SUP Public Hearing. Look for details on how to join the meetings on the Township Website Special Meeting Calendar.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Craig Gosen

Harper Park is now open, but under direction of the Governor's Executive Orders the porta-jon will remain closed until further notice. The porta-jon at Gransden Park will be installed when Governor's Executive Orders allow. The Sanford Youth League has canceled its season so they will not be using Gransden Park this summer.

Lake Weed summer 2020 spending projection: Gosen sent email to PLM letting them know our budget for this summer's plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sperling reported that it will be around \$3,000 (previously approved by the Board) for needed repairs at the Township Office and hopefully they can begin the repair work soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cathrine Sias presented some project ideas regarding the museum and the cemetery.

She proposed setting the new veteran's memorial flags at the Cemeteries at 11:00 a.m. Friday the 15th. We have 5 volunteers for the task but also invited all interested Board members to attend as well. We ask that you bring a mask in case anyone has an immune issue. Since we're outside and less than 10 people we should be okay. We will meet at the old cemetery.

The Museum will most likely be closed this summer because of the size and close proximity of being indoors. Even if we're allowed to open it we may want to think about keeping it closed anyway. She presented several ideas to keep us active and relevant in the community. We could add a "Museum Without Walls" to the Township website. We already have a page for the Museum and she would volunteer to create the content and upload it to the Museum page. Other things we could include are interesting and unique items that Mary Herkner found in the old minutes from the 1800's.

Carolyn Bacon has also put together an extensive collection of Township obituaries. We could also scan a few of the more interesting ones for website.

We received some donations from Galen Gransden's family and would like to ask Mary to assist in sorting through them.

As part of the Sanford Area Sesquicentennial, on June 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., we're scheduled to be featured as part of the area cemetery tour (Old Edenville Cemetery). If anyone has an interesting tombstone or interesting people they'd like to highlight please let her know. She's planning on highlighting Doc Swanton's grave, two or three civil war veterans and a couple of the oldest graves. Using the tour as a springboard we could develop a program that we could promote as a self-guided tour (via PDF documents) on the Website.

The Midland Center for the Arts has created a Make Art Virtual program that they can broadcast once a week. They've invited us to include our museum and maybe we could include the cemetery tour. MCFTA would video tape then include this in their program.

The museum committee would like to create memorial plaque for Galen Gransden to hang at the museum, this would be privately funded. Galen wrote a short history of the Township on our website History page and they'd like to add a couple of paragraphs as a tribute to Galen there, as well.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Carey motioned to adjourn Schultz seconded, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township