

Minutes, Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 9th, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd.

Conference call: 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 via teleconference: Pete Pozniak, Terrance Hall; Catherine Sias; Roger Dufresne; Don Williams + 2 unidentified

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Carey moved to approve the agenda with an addition under new business; Joe Rueda repair quote to reinstall the fascia damaged by wind at the Swanton Memorial Center. Schultz supported and the Agenda was approved as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Draves motioned to approve the May 12, 2020, regular board meeting minutes correcting the Swanton Memorial Check range from 21673 – 21764 to ~~21673~~ – **21674**. Sperling supported and the minutes were approved as amended via roll-call vote.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR TOWNSHIP BILLS:

Draves reported there was a fraudulent ACH charge against the Township General Checking account and we had to open a new account. The remaining checks, 31167-31500, for the old checking account were destroyed by K. Carey. The beginning check number reported for the General Checking account below will not begin with check number 31167 and does not follow the check numbers reported in May. Our check re-reorder bearing the new checking account number began with check number 31501.

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills.

General Checking 31501 – 31524: \$30,668.29

Fire Department 2969 – 2979: \$15,620.57

Swanton Memorial 21675 – 21678; \$754.07

State SUW: \$489.01

Federal 941 monthly: \$2,969.72

Sperling supported 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. #0237-001795844: \$11,201.30

Fahey Schltz Burzych Rhodes PLC Inv. #52991: \$562.50

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

MOTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

Gosen motioned to wave the \$35.00 fee for flood reconstruction ZCLUPs with no change to the foundational footprint. Sperling supported and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

Gosen motioned to spend up to \$50,000.00 on debris removal if needed. Sperling supported and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

Gosen motioned to increase the Assessor pay by 20% for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021 to compensate for time that will be spent on reassessments. Carey supported and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

Gosen motioned to pay the Board of Review the hourly meeting wage for the July BOR if meeting takes longer than 3.5 hours. Sperling supported and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

Gosen motioned to approve the Budget Amendments presented for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020. Sperling supported and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

Draves motioned to approve \$499.95 for materials and labor to fence of Harper Park. Schultz supported and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

Draves motioned to pay Rueda \$500.00 to repair fascia at the Swanton Memorial Building. Gosen supported and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE/ FLOOD UPDATE:

The volunteer crews have done a phenomenal job with debris removal on both sides of the lake. Volunteer services will eventually come to an end and we may need to hire Republic or another contractor to finish the debris removal.

A disaster declaration has not yet been made yet. Individuals and the teams that gathered and submitted residential property damage estimates did an excellent job. Townships and municipalities turned their damage estimates last Thursday. Midland County compiled and turned the data over to the Governor last Friday. When the State has checked and compiled all the numbers the Governor will send a letter to the President asking for a Federal Disaster

Declaration. Once that happens then FEMA can begin giving help. We should be above the dollar threshold for Midland County and, hopefully, we'll get a disaster declaration.

The Four Lakes Task Force, Edenville and Jerome Townships, Sanford Lake Association, Wixom Lake Association and the Drain Commissioner met to discuss the growing concern over erosion. Erosion has already begun. At this point it is believed some homes could be impacted. Homes with water going over bank and seawalls, and homes on a high bank where the river now runs close to shore have a higher chance of erosion impacting them. They've begun discussing erosion control methods including possibly planting in the riverbeds but erosion control will be an expensive proposition.

It was noted that MDOT is working to remove the log jam against the pilings on the M30 bridge in the next week. They've targeted several locations on State land to take logs and stumps removed from the river.

There is a new Township Zoning Compliance Land Use Permit form for flood damage reconstruction without foundational footprint changes. It was created for use if foundational footprint is not being changed and the homeowner is rebuilding on same foundation. There was a check box added to indicate whether or not the applicant is in the flood plain. That's important because that form goes to the Midland County Township's Code Authority who then assesses the percentage of damage to the structure and if the structure is in the flood plain then there are additional requirements in the State of Michigan Construction Codes and may also require additional permitting through EGLE. FEMA and EGLE each have specific requirements for reconstruction of structures in the 100-year flood plain .

Midland County Road Commission has cancelled all planned summer 2020 road maintenance programs. Gosen added we had already canceled Edenville roadwork.

Gosen also mentioned that at some point the Township will need Republic or another contractor to remove some final debris. At some point the Township could get up to a 75% refund for funds spent on debris removal, if we get a disaster declaration through FEMA.

Gosen, Budget workshop to be held June 10th at 6:00 PM – Conference call, if needed there will be a 2nd budget workshop on June 16th.

Gosen July Board meeting held June 23rd (Budget Hearing, General Appropriations Act approval) starting at 6:00 PM, Swanton Memorial Center large hall. Board meeting immediately following.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Don Williams, N. Verity; Asked if there was any way he can get copies of the meeting minutes. Draves responded that the proposed minutes will be available on the township website within 7 days.

COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT REPORTS:

Assessor – Gosen; Our assessor will have a huge job on her hands with assessing in the coming year. She'll be spending countless hours reevaluating lakefront and back lot properties.

The process by which assessed and taxable values are determined is strictly defined by state law. Every year assessed and taxable values are determined for the flowing year based on the condition of the property and the structures on December 31. Since the flood occurred on May 19 state law does not allow assessed and taxable changes to be made this year. The assessor will look at possible assessment changes for properties affected by the flood this fall and winter. Assessment change notices will be mailed in January/February. If they wish property owners can then appeal the assessed and taxable values at the March 20/21 Board of Review meeting, usually held the second week of March. Property owners should be aware that other factors such as 2-year sales studies and the State mandated equalization process also affect assessed values.

Ordinance Enforcement – Jerry Cole; no report.

Code Authority – Jim Sperling; The County Building is open, Amy will be at the Midland County Township's Code Authority 5 days a week now. There will be another Code Authority meeting this week.

Fire Department Report, Chief Roger Dufresne;

There were 36 runs in June; 19 medical, 3 personal injuries, 4 lift assists; 2 wires down; 1 CO, 1 gas leak, 1 call off, 1 mutual aid, 2 runs at the dam for the flood, and 1 well-being check. The FD logged around 819 hours for dam failure, not to mention water and supply distribution, etc.

All fire trucks are back from maintenance. Under law, the tires must be replaced every 7 years. Tires have been replaced on all vehicles with the exception of Unit 250 which is scheduled for next year.

Today the City of Midland FD was marking the Curtis Rd. bridge on the south for monitoring water levels going forward. The bridge is in really rough shape and will be very costly to replace. There is currently no estimate on when the bridge will be passable. Chief Dufresne added that we do have mutual aid with the Coleman, Jerome, Hope, fire departments, so both sides of the river will be covered in an emergency.

Planning Commission – Linda Schultz; The Planning Commission met on May 18, 2020 for a public hearing on the Sova Special Use Permit request for sand mining on Hull Rd. The SUP was granted.

They are working to set another meeting in June to begin working on Zoning Ordinance again.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Jim Sperling; Nothing to report at this time.

Parks and Rec – Craig Gosen; The only Township asset that was damaged in the flood was Harper Park and the damage is substantial. Lapham, Engineering estimated \$185,000.00 plus an additional \$15,000.00 in contingency for repairs.

Carey submitted a claim to our insurance company and has not yet received a reply. She will call for a status update.

Water District No. 1 – Craig Gosen; The 12” water main that was destroyed on W. side of Curtis Rd. Bridge has been connected. It has passed the BacT test. There is no boil water notification in effect for the 8 connections on the west side of the Curtis Rd. bridge, or for any other Water District #1 line.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Draves; we received a quote for \$500.00 from Joe Rueda to repair and reinstall the fascia that was blown out by the wind at the conference room entrance at the Swanton Memorial.

Sperling motioned to adjourn, Schultz supported and the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. via roll-call vote.

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township