

MINUTES

Edenville Township Special Board Meeting

Thursday, July 23rd, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Swanton Memorial Center, 6420 N Water Rd

Sanford, MI 48657

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and pledge to the flag was recited.

Township Board attendance by roll call (verifying quorum).

Treasurer, Karen Carey; present

Clerk, Lydia Draves; present

Supervisor, Craig Gosen; present

Trustee, Linda Schultz; present

Trustee, Jim Sperling; present

Approval of agenda: Gosen requested additional topics under Other Business, Draves moved to approve the agenda as amended Schultz supported and the motion carried via voice vote.

Public Comment: None

The FEMA assistance program submittal for Harper Park was discussed thoroughly. Gosen gave an overview of the FEMA procedure. The “FEMA Public Assistance Program” is for municipalities only. There are two categories; Emergency Work and Permanent Work. Harper Park would fall under Permanent, Section G.

The board reviewed a list of Pros and Cons. The board talked through the entire process and expectations to ensure we’re aligned on going forward, or not, with a FEMA submission.

The board decided it may be worth submitting the RPA (request for public assistance) in the initial stage and to meet with a FEMA agent to ask more about the process.

Carey motioned that we submit the RPA and will not pursue funding for Harper Park. Schultz supported and the motion carried via roll call vote.

Support was positive from the general public present at the meeting.

Burnham and Flower insurance coverage for Harper Park; Carey is working with a claims adjuster, who has visited the park, and has not heard anything back as of tonight.

Other Business

There will be a Public Hearing on August 20 to get feedback on whether we can expand the purpose for the Lake Weed Funds already collected.

The board is proposing the money remaining in the Lake Weed Assessment Fund be used toward erosion control which could cost \$20-\$40 million. (NRCS) Natural Resources Conservation Services, a division of the USDA has 75/25 grants available for erosion control. If we don't expand the purpose for the remaining funds we can hold the money until the end of the 5-year special assessment. If we don't have a lake back by then the money would have to be refunded.

It was suggested to hold the meeting in the Swanton Large Hall with masks and social distancing.

Carey will call Quick Reliable Printing for a quote on mailing the public hearing notices.

Schultz motion to adjourn and Sperling supported, meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township