

Minutes
Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 11th, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd.

ALL 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:

Carey moved to approve the agenda, Sperling supported and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Carey motioned to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2020, Budget Hearing, Schultz supported and the motion carried, minutes approved.

Draves moved to approve the June 23, 2020, Regular Board Meeting minutes, Schultz supported, motion carried, minutes approved.

Sperling moved, to approve the July 23, 2020, Special Board Meeting minutes, Schultz supported, motion carried, minutes approved.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR TOWNSHIP BILLS:

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills.

General Checking 31554 - 31625: \$67,984.20

Fire Department 2984 - 2999: \$16,733.03

Swanton Memorial 21682 - 21693: \$2,417.40

State SUW: \$476.74

FED Withholding: \$3,509.94

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

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial report is on record and available at the Township office. Carey motioned to pay the Special Bills:

Republic Services Inv. #0237-001808157: \$11,201.30

Midland City Landfill Inv. #17621 - \$7,015.65

Fahey Schultz (Lake Weed) Inv. #53419 - \$202.50

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

MOTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

Gosen motioned to approve the ACD.NET Metro Act Right Of Way permit extension, Sperling supported and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

Gosen motioned to move ahead and submit the FEMA paperwork for Harper Park. Sperling supported and the motion carried.

Carey moved to adopt Township Procurement Policy G-1-2020, Schultz supported and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

Sperling moved that we do not join a municipal law suit against Boyce Hydro, Schultz supported and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

Gosen motioned to appoint Crystal Starkey to the Planning Commission, filling the seat left vacant by DeAun DeShano for the duration of DeAun's current term. Carey supported and the motion carried via voice vote.

Gosen motioned to appoint Terry Hall as lead for further investigation of the Hazard Mitigation Program. Sperling supported and the motion carried via voice vote.

Sanford Lake Weed Special Assessment District update: The Public Hearing will be held on August 20th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom meeting. All notifications were published in the Midland Daily News and mailed to all property owners in the SAD. All meeting materials are available on the Township website. The objective of the meeting is to seek public input on the proposed use of previously collected funds for erosion control and/or tree and weed control projects and to set the Special Assessment to zero for the remaining years of the Assessment (through 2023).

CORRESPONDENCE:

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Gosen continues to meet with FEMA regarding procedures for structures in the floodplain and regulations pertaining to rebuilding. One additional meeting has been scheduled with FEMA, EGLE and the Building Inspectors.

Carey reported that Burnham & Flower won't cover the damages to Harper Park.

Draves quickly reviewed the remaining items in the correspondence packet.

FEMA Public Assistance update – We started the process and held the first meeting last week. We've been working with a consultant that the County hired and she has been very helpful at navigating the process.

We submitted a C.A.R.E.S. Act form for reimbursement for Fire Department runs for April and May. We also submitted a form for hazard pay. We'll hear in September whether or not we'll receive these funds.

Harper Park submission update: Since our meeting, we discovered that for flood insurance you have to meet the definition of a structure which is at a minimum a roof and two walls; making Harper Park ineligible for participation in the flood insurance program. We would have had to deduct that amount from any FEMA money issued for Harper Park.

Gosen has reached out to one of the local foundations and the watershed initiative organization. He is optimistic that they can come up with matching funds for Harper Park repairs if needed. Gosen recommends that we go ahead with the submission to FEMA for Harper Park. We can change our mind and back out at any time if unexpected items come up.

There was further discussion around matching money, the scoping meeting in 2 weeks, engineering costs, and FEMA bid guidelines.

FEMA Purchasing Policy: the Township needs to have a purchasing policy in place that meets the procurement guidelines for FEMA and the State of Michigan. A huge thanks to the County for working with us to create a Policy.

The Township continues to receive Notice Of Claims as a result of the dam failure. We have received NOCs from 17 law firms so far. The Township attorney has helped us monitor these and also drafted a response letter to the law firms on behalf of the Township.

Gosen has been contacted by a local attorney that is working with a firm out of New York to initiate a Municipal lawsuit against Boyce Hydro. There was discussion whether or not to join a

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municipal suit against Boyce Hydro. After discussion, the board is not in favor of moving forward.

DeAun DeShano is leaving the Planning Commission.

Terry Hall gave an overview of the Hazard Mitigation Program and how it could benefit residents. It is a property owner initiated program. The community looks at the proposed properties. Once the property is sold to the Township it becomes green space. Terry will look into the process and what it would take to develop a township hazard mitigation plan. There is a one-year deadline for people to submit their properties for consideration.

Gosen added that the township would control the property. An audit must be submitted every three years to ensure its still being used as green space.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT REPORTS:

Assessor – Linda Lewandowski will be working in partnership with Jerome’s assessor and Mary Cornell at the County regarding assessment modifications for properties damaged as a result of the dam failure.

Ordinance Enforcement – Jerry Cole, finished up a long-standing Maple Crest ordinance violation. We received two new complaints.

Code Authority – Jim Sperling, May 26 through July 22, 2020, there were 22 water permits issued. Other permits issued:

- Electrical: 2 in June and 17 in July
- Mechanical: 2 in June and 10 in July
- Plumbing: 2 in June and 5 in July
- Building: 9 in July.

The next meeting is August 27 at 5 p.m. at the County Services Building.

Fire Department Report - Roger Dufresne, There were 21 Runs in June; 1 structure fire, 8 medical, 1 PDA, 1 CO, 1 Water rescue/lake bed, 4 cable wire Investigations, 2 lift assists, 1 gas leak, 2 fires. For July there were 10 runs; 1 mutual aid to Jerome, 6 medical and 3 call-offs.

Johnson door will fix the garage door openers at Station 1 for now. The FD will make a determination what to do with the garage doors in the future. The gutters and downspouts were installed today.

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Gosen commented that since the gutters and downspouts were installed, the project is complete!

Planning Commission – Linda Schultz, there is a meeting scheduled for September.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Jim Sperling, no requests, nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Craig Gosen The Midland Baseball Foundation and Loons are partnering with the Sanford Youth League to work on, and groom the ball diamond at Gransden Park this fall. They plan to use it for their spring league in 2021.

Water District No. 1 – Craig Gosen, Submitting for some FEMA funds to recover costs for the WD#1 water main break on Curtis Road as a result of the dam failure. WD#1 will eventually need to replace some water meters at houses that were flooded.

OLD BUSINESS:

Repair on the Township office building looks good!

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Sperling motioned to adjourn, Schultz supported and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township