

EDENVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD
LAKE WEED ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING
MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Electronic Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84442342876>

For participation via telephone, please call: (888) 475-4499

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CALL TO ORDER:

Gosen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Gosen introduced our Zoom meeting moderator, Steve Koski of Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC. He explained how the Zoom meeting would be conducted then turned the meeting back over to Supervisor Gosen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

Karen Carey	Treasurer	present via Zoom
Lydia Draves	Clerk	present via Zoom
Craig Gosen	Supervisor	present via Zoom
Linda Schultz	Trustee	present via Zoom
Jim Sperling	Trustee	present via Teleconference

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Schultz moved to approve the agenda, Carey supported and the motion carried unanimously via roll-call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT not related to tonight's public hearings: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Weed Control Special Assessment District (Upper Sanford Lake Waterways).

The Township, just last year, approved a multi-year assessment to control aquatic weeds on the Lake and related waterways. It is no longer feasible to perform the weed treatments, given the condition of the waterways, so we are proposing to: (1) reduce the future years' assessments to

\$0.00; and (2) use the already collected assessments of approximately \$149,000 towards erosion control on the waterways and tree/weed control in the lake bed.

By way of background, erosion control improvements on bodies of water and tree/weed control are permitted under Act 188. The modified project plans will use already collected unspent assessments for erosion control and tree/weed control needed as a result of the dam breaks. The costs of the project will not exceed the assessments already collected, as noted above.

Gosen opened the Public Hearing to Review the Modified Project Plans and Costs.

Draves identified, and read aloud, all the Public comments received prior to, and addressing both of tonight's public hearings, via the USPS, e-mail and telephone. There were five (in order of receipt) and can be viewed in full at the Township Office:

1. David Fink, N. Anna Ln. in support.
2. Leona Kozlowski, N Verity, in support.
3. Marsha and Peter Deliso, N. Fox Rd., in protest.
4. Patrick Gaffney, N. Fox Rd, in protest.
5. Crystal Starkey, Anna Ln., in support.

Public comment received in person via Zoon or Teleconference for this Public Hearing:

1. Terrance Hall N Fox Rd., in support.
2. Nicolas Finley, N Francis Shores, in support
3. Larry LeBlanc, W. Dorr Rd., in support.

The Public hearing was closed and Gosen asked if anyone on the board had comments. Sperling commented it was good to look at weeds but adding tree control was okay too.

Draves motioned to adopt Edenville Township Resolution 2020-16 Approving Revised Plans and Costs for upper Sanford Lake, Tittabawassee River and Tobacco River Special Assessment District. Sperling seconded and Resolution 2020-16 was adopted unanimously by the board via roll-call vote.

Gosen explained that because the project plans and costs were approved, Act 188 requires confirmation of a special assessment roll. The proposed special assessment roll would set the future years' special assessments at \$00. The already-collected special assessment installments of approximately \$149,000 would be retained and used for erosion control and tree/weed control measures.

Gosen opened the public Hearing to Confirm the Revised Assessment Roll.

Public comment received in person via Zoom or Teleconference for the Public Hearing (in addition to comments received before the public hearings as noted above):

1. Terrance Hall, N. Fox Rd., in favor of keeping the special assessment in place.

Approved September 8, 2020, at the Regular Edenville Township Board Meeting.

2. Nicolas Finley, N. Francis Shores, in favor of setting special assessment to \$0 and re-evaluating in 2023.

The public hearing was closed. Gosen asked if any board members would like to comment. Sperling asked why the Deliso's objected to setting the special assessment to \$0. Gosen's response was that there wasn't clear indication of why.

Sperling motioned to adopt Edenville Township Resolution 2020-17 Confirming Modified Special Assessment Roll for Upper Sanford Lake, Tittabawassee River and Tobacco River Special Assessment District. Schultz supported and Resolution 2020-17 was adopted unanimously by the board via roll-call vote.

Sperling motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing, Schultz supported and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township