

MINUTES
Edenville Township Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 13th, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Swanton Memorial Center, 6420 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:

Gosen requested one addition to the agenda; after FEMA PA update he would like to add Sanford Lake Estates road work; Chip and Seal. Draves moved to approve the agenda as amended, Schultz supported and the motion carried via voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Carey noted two misspelled words that need to be corrected, Draves noted them. Carey motioned to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2020, Regular Board Meeting, with corrections, Sperling supported and the minutes were approved as amended via voice vote.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR TOWNSHIP BILLS:

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills.

General Checking 31648 – 31705: \$44,885.75

Fire Department 30010 – 30020: \$8,020.99

Swanton Memorial 21699 – 21703: \$1,134.56

State SUW: \$363.41

FED Withholding: \$8,387.50

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

Republic Services: Inv. #0237-001821318, \$11,201.30

Fahey, Schultz: Inv. #54405, \$1,514.00

JBS Contracting Inv. #6529, \$2,000.00

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

MOTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

Gosen motioned to approve the Midland County Inter-Local Agreement with Designated Assessor, allowing him to sign it after the final review by the County Attorney, if there are no major changes. Carey supported and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

Gosen motioned to sign the estimate from the Midland County Road Commission for the road work in Sanford Lake Estates and return it to the Road Commission. He will arrange a date by which Sanford Lake Estates will bring the check for the work. Sperling supported and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

Gosen motioned to approve the purchase a four wheel drive side by side rescue ATV by the Fire Department. Sperling supported and the motion carried via roll-call vote. Money to come from the Fire Dept. Capitol and Equipment Fund.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Curtis Road bridge should be done by mid-November! The M30 bridge at Strykers is on schedule to be in place by Spring. The temporary bridge will span about 250 feet rather than the current span at 60 feet.

The plan for Tobacco spillway is to install a secondary spillway lower than original and once construction is complete they'll take out the original spillway which will allow the water to be redirected to the Tobacco River.

This week two teams will be at the Edenville dam to identify key emergency measures that need to be taken. The State is taking over because of Boyce's refusal to do the repairs.

FLTF is pursuing engineering for submission to the State for a permit to re-build the dams. They are working to meet a deadline for a re-build as opposed to a new construction which would involve more detail and regulations.

Debris removal at the Sanford Dam will be underway soon and the Saginaw Road bridge in Sanford should be completed by Oct 24.

Draves gave an update on the November 3 General Election Activities:

- Election Commission met October 5 and October 13 to appoint Election Inspectors and Receiving Board
- We have 17 Election inspectors this year, including receiving board.
- Absentee Ballots

- Continue to process daily/have plenty of ballots and supplies on hand
- As of Sunday, Stats show the number of AV Ballots is up 164% over the General Election in 2016
- Absentee Voter Ballots Sent: 659 but increases daily
- Ballots returned so far: 314
- Election Inspectors:
 - County Election Inspection Certification done on line this year.
 - Sent email to EIs with links to Co. Certification course for first time Inspectors and the MI Bureau Of Elections YouTube channel
- PPE
 - Received more gloves, face shields, masks and hand sanitizer from the State
 - Ordered sanitizer wipes, masks, and 2 36 x 36 Plexiglas shields for the ePollbook/ballot stations.
 - Ordered another 500 Edenville Township pens for voter protection
- Election set up is Monday, November 2 at 2:00 p.m. and will include Election updates and an opportunity for Q&A.

Gosen and Carey concurred that because of USPS delivery delays they've had problems with late payments both at WD#1 with water bills and at the Township with tax payments.

Reminder that the November Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m. at the Swanton Memorial in the large hall.

Gosen gave an update on the opportunity on re-bonding for the water project. After thorough research there aren't any significant advantages of moving ahead and recommends holding off at this time. The board is in agreement.

Gosen presented a Designated Assessor Agreement from the County. As part of the new assessing laws that went into effect last year, if an assessor fails the AMAR by not following the assessing steps completely and thoroughly, the state will step in and appoint someone to take over the role. Mary Cornell, with the County would be that person. Gosen recommends we approve the agreement once the review by the County Attorney has been completed.

Carey proposed that we strongly consider replacing the computer in the office conference room. It's very old and the operating system can't be upgraded. Carey recommended we get a quote for the purchase of a new computer for the conference room for use by committees and commissions and board members. We would most likely need a budget adjustment for this. She will contact LINKED Technologies for recommendations and price for new set up and licensing if any. The goal to have in place and available for use before the new board takes office.

Gosen gave a FEMA update. They continue to ask for more and more information that is difficult to obtain. Issues still at hand are reimbursement for temporary labor and engineering for Harper Park repairs and mitigation.

If we don't follow all federal requirements for scope of work, bidding and contracts they won't pay at the end. The next deadline is October 27. We have received an insurance payout of \$100,000 and are working to secure grants to cover some of the cost. If we get the \$50,000 in grant money we'd still need \$75,000 - \$100,000 from FEMA depending on if we need rip-rap to control erosion on H-beams on river bank. May be eligible for NRCS funding. Both FEMA and NRCS are 75% with a 25% match from the Township.

Sanford Lake Estates has submitted a request for preventative road maintenance. Midland County Road Commission has returned an estimate of \$28,200 to do a chip/fog seal. The Sanford Lake Estates representative stated that the association met and they have the funds to cover it. They will bring a check to Karen and the Township will then pay for the work when completed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Terrance Hall, Fox Rd: He just got water hooked up and wanted to thank Karen for her assistance. He also asked Craig to convey to WD#1 his thanks for coming out and getting the work done in a professional manner! He is also running for Township Supervisor and is open for question through email or phone number.

Anedra Lewis, Shaffer Rd., introduced herself as candidate for Township Clerk.

COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT REPORTS:

Assessor – Craig Gosen; Linda is actively working with Mary Cornell and Ron Johnson on the re-assessment of lake properties. Assessments are normally based on 2-year sale study information but they are currently looking at 1-year studies. The re-assessments will be reflected in the February Assessment Change notices.

FEMA Mitigation Grant Program update – Terry Hall, After doing research, his recommendation is to not pursue the FEMA acquisition grants because properties that are in the flood plain would not be recommended for this program. He attended a webinar on October 21st, on program through HUD which is similar to the FEMA Mitigation Grant Program, but the HUD program can be used to offset FEMA's 25% match requirement. The Board was in agreement to not pursue this program.

Code Authority – Jim Sperling; The September meeting went well. Edenville Township had 2 building, 3 plumbing, 4 mechanical and 4 electrical permits plus 4 water hookups in September.

Sperling reported that a back up system is in place so there will be no risk to the community if one of the inspectors becomes unable to work. Office relations have improved and the new manual spells out the responsibilities of all employees. Their next meeting is October 22 at 5:00 p.m. at the County Services Building.

Fire Department Report – Roger Dufresne reported runs for August: 6 medical, 1 investigation, 2 fire, 1 lift assist and 1 call off. For September: 8 medical, 2 investigations, 1 PDA, 1 lift assist, 1 gas leak and 1 mutual aid.

The recognition on Monday evening by Senator Stamas, Representative Hauck and the Township Board was very nice and was appreciated by every one of the first responders, he offered their heartfelt thanks!

Dufresne requested that an ATV for the Fire Department be purchased from Fire Department Capital and Equipment Fund. They'll likely be seeing increased incidents on the lake bed and with winter coming there's a concern about snowmobile accidents. It would also be very useful for incidents back in State Land. Polaris Fire/Rescue has program where they set up an ATV 4WD side by side as a fire and rescue unit with light kit; rescue skid, etc. The Fire Department would like to purchase this with \$40,296.44 out of Capital and Equipment Fund. There will be training for all before put into use.

Planning Commission – Linda Schultz; They met in October and began working on a solar ordinance. Each member is working on an assigned segment and are using Hope Township's solar ordinance to see if they can adapt it to Edenville Township. They meet again November 9. Future zoning ordinance issues to be addressed are short term rentals and animals.

Zoning Board of Appeals –Jim Sperling: They have a special hearing on October 14 to assess a request for a front set back variance on Myrtle St.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Draves; The Sanford Youth League and The Great Lakes Loons grounds personnel will be working on the ball diamond at Gransden Park preparing it for the upcoming spring season.

The Porta Jon at Gransden Park will be winterized by the end of October.

Water District No. 1 – Craig Gosen; The staff is working on a FEMA submission for main break that occurred on Curtis Rd. They are trying to put in for meters that were flooded but currently operational, which may eventually go bad. There have been several inquiries about expanding the municipal water system into areas that opted out from the 2010 installation. The process was explained for proceeding with an extension line project.

We're still using the hydrants at Station 1 and Station 2 for access to potable water.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Gosen is working on the close-out for the MACF Fire Station grant and the MACF grant for the dock and bridge removal at Harper Park.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Sperling motion to adjourn the meeting, Schultz supported, motion carried via voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township