

Minutes

Edenville Township Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 10th, 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 an addition to the agenda; State treasury update on COVID under Correspondence. Sperling moved to approve the agenda as amended, Schultz supported and the motion carried via voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Schultz motioned to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2020, Regular Board Meeting, Carey supported and the minutes were approved as presented via voice vote.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR TOWNSHIP BILLS:

Draves motioned to pay the regular Township bills.
General Checking 31706 – 31751: \$19,647.72
Fire Department 30021 – 30034: \$10,679.34
Swanton Memorial 21704 – 21709: \$461.60
State SUW: \$1,125.05
FED Withholding: \$6,521.76

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 a Special Bill:

City of Midland Landfill Inv. #18105: \$6,408.91

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

Carey will be using QRP for the winter tax bills; printing stuffing, folding, and mailing. The tax bills will be sent at the end of November.

Sperling asked Carey about process used to notify Fox Road residents of the original omission of the maintenance special assessment on the 2019 winter tax bills. Carey explained what happened and the remediation process used.

MOTIONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD:

Carey motioned to use MCL 41.730. Reassessment of Delinquent Payments to add eight delinquent Fox Rd. maintenance special assessment payments to the upcoming tax roll plus penalties. Schultz supported and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

Draves motion to approve both Howden's and Delisle's proposals for 2020/2021 winter snow removal. Schultz supported and the motion carried via voice vote.

Gosen motioned to appoint Terry Hall to the Water District #1 board to fill the remainder of Gosen's term (11/20/20 to 12/31/20). Schultz supported and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

Carey a motion to purchase a Lenovo lap top with a 3-year protection plan and MS Office software from LINKED Technologies. Sperling supported and the motion carried via roll-call vote.

AUDIT REPORT:

Jake Sheltroun, Weinlander Fitzhugh presented the findings of the Township Audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. The presentation is on file at the Township Office. He thanked Carey and Draves for all their help during the audit, and thanked the Township for their ongoing business partnership.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Gosen will update the 5-year plan for Township Road spending.

FEMA is working on water tank prototype projects for folks with well failures and don't have access to municipal water. There have been questions regarding potential water line extensions within the Township but to extend a water main in any particular area can be very expensive.

Gosen signed the Designated Assessor Agreement today. A copy is on file at the office. The County will send us a final, fully executed version.

There are a number of NRCS erosion projects around lake that have been identified. The Township Board could vote to use the Weed fund to help with these costs.

We received funding from the State Treasury, CARES Act for public safety and hazard pay. There are reporting requirements coming soon for the Hazard Pay portion.

Draves gave a recap of the November 3 General Election. She thanked Catherine Sias for her exemplary job as Election Chair. With record turnout and a steady stream of voters she held control of the precinct throughout the day. She also thanked all of the Edenville Township election inspectors for a job well done! There were 1,542 total votes cast (758 of those were absentee) and we have 2,229 registered voters for a record 69% voter turnout.

Carey signed and turned in initial paperwork for FEMA Public Assistance for fixing Harper Park. Key next steps are; 1) work with the Midland County FEMA consultant to hire an engineering firm to complete a damage evaluation, 2) permitting process and 3) consulting.

Gosen added these reminders to upcoming board:

- Next Twp Board meeting: December 8th at 7:00 PM
- 2021 Twp Board meeting potential conflicts
 - 1st Tuesday of March is BOR Org meeting, 2nd Tuesday is March BOR
 - Previously we held the March Twp Board meeting on the first Thursday to avoid the BOR conflict
 - December BOR should be moved to Thursday, 12/16/2021. This must be done by Twp Board motion/resolution.
- Commission and Board openings
 - Planning Commission
 - Twp Board Rep, 4-year term, (Linda Schultz)
 - At large member term ends 12/31/2020 (Mary Herkner),
 - At large member term ends 12/31/2021 (Crystal Starkey)
 - ZBA
 - Twp Board Rep, 4-year term, (J. Sperling)
 - At large member term ending 12/31/2021 (currently open), If M. Herkner is not reappointed to the Planning Commission then one of the 2 open positions must be filled with a Planning Commission member.
 - At large member term ends 12/31/2020 (A. Southcott)
 - Code Authority – Twp Board rep
 - MATS Policy Committee – At large rep (doesn't have to be Twp Board member)
 - WD#1 –
 - 2 positions: Supervisor has right of first refusal, at large member (2-year terms 1/1/21 – 12/31/22)
 - Appointment of Terry Hall to replace Craig Gosen 11/20/2020 – 12/31/2020 on WD#1 Board.

There's an opening for alternate to the Board of Review. Need to appoint by January so appointee will be ready for February MTA training.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT REPORTS:

Assessor – Linda Lewandowski continues to work with Mary Cornell, County Equalization and the Jerome Township assessor on reassessing flood damaged areas.

Code Authority – Jim Sperling – At the October 22 meeting the procedure manual for office and inspectors was adopted. They also reviewed their Accident Fund policy to ensure all employees are covered.

The Code Authority has been contacted by officials in Merrill for services. The Code Authority sent them the paperwork on joining the Midland County Townships Code Authority. Permits issued for Edenville Twp. in October were; 1 building, 4 plumbing, 7 mechanical, 9 electrical and 7 new water. The next meeting is November 19 at 5:00 p.m. at the Midland County Services Bldg.

Fire Department Report - Roger Dufresne There were 18 runs for October and included 1 mutual aid; 14 medical; 1 PDA; 1 investigation; and 1 fire. He also added that COVID is getting worse, be aware, be careful and mask up. They hooked up a water line at Station 2 because WD#1 is shutting down the hydrant for low use.

Planning Commission – Linda Schultz the next meeting December 6.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Jim Sperling – A ZBA variance hearing was held on October 14, 2020 and a front setback variance was granted to a flood victim for a rebuild.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Mary Beth Seasholtz; The Sanford Youth League (SYL) will be using Gransden Park ball diamond this spring. She suggested at some point we'll need a bigger shed at Gransden Park.

Water District No. 1 - Craig Gosen – WD#1 is working on FEMA PA grants for the Curtis Road water main repair. There are a lot of new customers because wells are losing pressure and going dry.

OLD BUSINESS:

Carey presented quotes for a new lap top for the conference room: LINKED Technologies submitted a quote for \$1,734.38 for a Lenovo with 3 year protection and MS Office. Staples had an identical computer at a higher cost.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gosen thanked everyone that has helped in the Township. He also thanked everyone who stepped up to take new board and commission positions. He stated he's had more fun than he ever thought citing municipal water and then the flood and thanked everyone who has helped make improvements.

Carey, thanked Gosen and Draves saying we couldn't have picked better person than Craig to help with the Township during the flood.

Sperling mentioned that Craig began working on water back in 1997. Stating that residents were resistant and they spent a lot of hours on the water project, stating it's amazing the knowledge you have and have shared. It's been fun working with you and will miss you.

Schultz also started out with the water project with Mary Beth. She began her involvement with the Township in 2009 and has really enjoyed working with everyone.

Carey motioned to Adjourn, Sperling supported and the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Lydia Draves
Clerk, Edenville Township