

March 10, 2021 Township Board Meeting
5:30PM; Swanton Hall

K. Carey moves to approve February 9th Edenville Twp Board Meeting minutes; C. Starkey seconded

J. Sperling moves to approve March 10th Edenville Twp. Board Meeting agenda, K. Carey seconded.

C. Starkey moves to approve March 5th Minutes from Special Edenville Twp Board Mtg Minutes; J. Sperling seconded.

Financial Report – K. Carey: Closed Fire Building Fund; there was \$60 left over in that account, so moved those dollars to the Fire Dept. account. Tax season has ended; from here forth, all payments for taxes must go to the County Building; any mailed payments received will be returned to the resident, as such. Making another large payment on the Water Fund will help save money for residents on interest. Once K.Carey get those numbers and see what we have left over, K. Carey will know if we can make a larger payment on principal of the bond. Rural Development suggested this path. K. Carey proceeded to go over the Treasurer's Report. J. Sperling moved to approve for the bills 91-04 – 91-06; C. Starkey seconded.
Sperling: yes; Carey: Yes; Hall: Yes; Lewis: Yes.

Payment of Bills—A. Lewis: Approval of the bills report ensued. K.Carey made motion to pay these bills; J.Sperling seconded. Discussion: J. Sperling says numbers are confusing; A. Lewis said the software doesn't allow for that discrepancy. Discussion of possible software ensued. Board agreed to figure out a clearer way to produce the monthly budgets. A. Lewis moved to pay the bills; J. Sperling seconded motion.
Sperling: yes; Carey: yes; Hall: yes; Lewis: yes.

Trustee Sperling Report: had a call regarding Sandy Ridge curve. Bill situation needs some work, but it worked out.

Trustee Starkey Report: Mark Haydanek will report on Planning Commission; BOR fielded over 60 residents' appeals

Supervisor Hall: Please come to Tobacco Bridge opening tomorrow. Water District Vulnerability Assessment must be mailed to Rural Development. A. Lewis moved and J. Sperling seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FEMA work still in progress; should have more information by next month. March 22nd is next FEMA meeting.

BOR fielded 61 official petitions; that is less than 5%. Assessor has done a good job. Grateful for the residents who came and the maturity our Township showed, considering the difficult situation we are faced with.

Correspondence taken care of.

Public Comments:

No public comments made.

Ordinance Enforcement: Jerry Cole's input made by written document (A. Lewis read aloud).

Assessor: Not available

Fire Department Report: Roger Dufresne provided detailed report of the last month's activity. Regarding Swanton Hall, the Board should vote on opening up Swanton Hall and discuss details of how that would happen. C. Starkey asked if Township is liable; Dufresne said we have to have it signed off on by State. Covid Cleaning Fee must be implemented—minimum of \$250. M. Haydanek asked if statistics are available for how often we rent this out; Supervisor Hall said we should have internet available by tomorrow. A. Lewis moved to have Swanton Hall available to rent out with additional \$250 Covid Cleaning Fee; C. Starkey supported this. Discussion: this motion will include a copy of the State guidelines that any renters' will sign.

Code Authority: J. Sperling: Feb 25th meeting was last meeting; nothing major to be presented; annual report was provided. No new water hook-ups. Next meeting is March 25th at 5:00pm at County Building.

Museum: C. Sias: Does the Board want the Museum Board to put the lags up for Memorial Day. Yes, the Township Board and Museum Board work together on this; have to order new flags in March. Catalog is at the Township Office; could Board please order new flags—need a minimum of 3-4 boxes. Can always reuse them. No further meetings have been added. Carey & Lewis will order flags.

Parks & Recs Committee: M. Seasholtz: met in January and February; plan to bring to April meeting recommendation for five-year plan. Gathering quotes for various quotes of projects being worked on. Need additional quotes for Harper Park repair—need FEMA information; quotes by May, hopefully. Michigan DNR Trust Fund requires particular responsibility on the Township regarding how/why this repair is carried out. Supervisor Hall said we can't change the scope or purpose according to FEMA or DNR. Sanford Youth League will use Edenville park; reservations are being made for the League. Should be fine until July/August. Un-sign SYL for Memorial Weekend. Next meeting is March 22nd at Swanton Hall. Scoping: staining playground equipment; time to have it professionally sand blasted and then painted. Shed at Grandsen Park that can hold a tractor. More information coming soon. Supervisor Hall: opening public latrine and engage in a contract for services. M. Seasholtz: can we move PortaJohn so it is not taking up parking spot? There is a concrete pad where it would be ideal to move. Supervisor

Hall: move handicap PortaJohn back to Harper Park and put the single PortaJohn at Grandsen Park on the concrete slab. K.Care moves to move handicap portajohn back to Harper Park and also move the single PortaJohn on the concrete slab by April 4th. Motion seconded by A.Lewis and to have services commenced. Board members recommend additional “No Trespassing” signs at Harper Park. Board to Research Braille No Trespassing Signs.

Planning Commission: Mark Haydanek: Planning Commission met on February 23rd; set the overall goals for 2021; details provided in meeting minutes. Focus of meeting is on Solar Farm Ordinance. Follow-Up: M. Haydanek is pursuing insurance and liability research with the focus on abandonment and clean-up of property. Should have this ordinance prior to April meeting, so the Twp. Board can review and potentially vote on the ordinance then or in subsequent meetings. Fielded a call from Beth Thompson (Flats Condominium) regarding a temporary pool being put at the Flats. A swimming pool is not allowed or even listed as a special permit use, so Haydanek recommended to follow the Special Use permit and the ensuing litany of information required to pursue. Health Dept was also not in favor of the pool because the electrical is not up to code for this level of use. Restrictions to using the river? David Rothman said that EGLE made sure that above ground pools are not permitted on the lake bottom. Roger Dufresne recommended calling and asking permission from Four Lakes Task Force for updated restrictions. All pools require permits.

ZBA: Jim Sperling—no updates.

Old Business: Disbursement from Weed Ordinance Funds; former board on August 8th approved to use Weed Assessment Funds for erosion control. Easy St and Weeping Willow Rd. K. Carey moved to pay invoices (\$50,000 and \$15,000) for erosion control, using Township Weed Assessment funds. T.Hall seconded motion. J.Sperling asked Dave Rothman to provide the addresses/parcel ID’s for both invoices. David Rothman said he can provide this information. Dave Rothman said some people have denied the NRCS work because \$5,000 was not something they were willing/able to pay. Could these dollars be covered by the Township? NRCS will pay 75%; FLTF is responsible to come up with the remaining 25%. Received an appropriate from the state of Michigan that helped cover some of the costs, but still need \$5,000 or 25% cost share—whichever is less. Jerome and Edenville Township has agreed to help with the resident’s fee. Due to funds received from State of Michigan, residents don’t have to pay for Culvert repair. Dave Rothman said he will have the information requested to the Township Board by the end of the week. Sperling: Yes; Carey: Yes; Hall: Yes; Lewis: Yes; Starkey: Yes.

New Business: Authorize Water District Vulnerability Assessment; Renew Township Insurance (must add ATV/Side-by-Side). Call company. Table this to Old Business in April.

Motion to Adjourn from J. Sperling. Seconded by A. Lewis.