

MINUTES

Edenville Township Board Meeting

June 22, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd.

Edenville, MI

- Invocation: Given by T.Hall 5:25pm
- Call meeting to order and pledge to the flag: 5:30pm
- Township Board attendance by roll call (verifying quorum):
 - T. Hall: Yes; J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes
- Approval of agenda: Motion to approve Agenda moved by A.Lewis; Seconded by K.Carey. Motion approved unanimously.
- Approval of the minutes from the Township Budget Workshop Meeting held on June 16, 2021: Motion to approve moved by A.Lewis; Seconded by C.Starkey. Motion passed.
- Payment of the bills – Anedra Lewis:
 - Discussion ensued: Special Folder for Clerk Desk as needed for Trustee Review: Motion to approve Bills moved by J. Sperling; Seconded by K.Carey. Roll Call vote: T.Hall: Yes; J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes. Motion approved unanimously.
- Financial Report – Karen Carey
 - Motion to approve Treasurer Report moved by C.Starkey; seconded by A.Lewis. Roll Call vote: T.Hall: Yes; J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes. Motion approved unanimously.
- Trustee Sperling
 - Republic Services: Township fielding multiple complaints on lateness and irresponsibility of contracted duties.
 - C.Gosen: Jerome Twp is experiencing difficulties due to shortage of drivers.
- Trustee Starkey:
 - Baker Road Stop Sign: Several residents complained about near-misses at the Water Rd & Baker Rd intersection. Seeking residential input regarding these problems.

- Facebook Page: Discussion ensued.
- Superintendent Coleman Schools (concerning Aug Election)
 - Jen: Previous mileage: Three series bond: Facilities Committee
 - Brought in approximately \$1million in grant to help support endeavors; majority of which supported Meridian rather than Coleman.
 - Several other grants for local area grants, including PPE grants, wireless microphones in the classroom
 - History of Jr/Sr High, build in 75—many aspects updated since then; large portion of the building: ventilators have not been replaced since 1976; Media Center is wide open without walls; some spaces are triangles in the classroom (see map); Interventionists are often using storage rooms for their work; only one conference room, which is utilized by the Social Worker; added college prep courses, including Agri-Science-Stem courses, athletics, etc.; space not conducive to best learning practices/pedagogy; custodial and space management employees are doing their best but still looking for ways to recapture the space and make them more conducive to learning, especially toward Lewis Road; space could be used by K-12 not just Jr./Sr High; Coleman houses Ag program; Superintendent Board has examined a variety of majors including Nursing, Cybersecurity, etc, some programs could be offered for Adults in evening learning. Former Middle School leased to Midland County and are doing a spectacular job, and Coleman Public Schools utilizes auxiliary gym for Middle School activities. No fully function Elementary kitchen—would like to update the kitchen as well as some furniture (which hasn't been updated since 1975); Band students are walking back and forth across currently.
 - Bond is proposed for August 3rd election, 3.85 mil increase over the current tax levy; three reasons to do this at this time:
 - Examined a 1mil increase; but just to do the Jr/Sr remodels would be at least a 2mil increase alone. 1:1 for Fall Technology needs. In order to be part of School Mil Program, we have to be at 7mils.

- to size/depth, etc. T.Hall recommends contacting the County Drain Commission. There are funds available through NCRS from the erosion control.
 - D.Allen: I am not asking for fiscal support but am asking for official support to have this canal dredged.
 - A.Lewis: Isn't that supposed to be part of the 4LTF agenda prior to the lakes returning?
 - T.Hall: Some canals are owned by the County/4LTF; some are private property. There is a need for a discussion on the possibility of an assessment for dredging, as 4LTF has put out that dredging is the county/twp responsibility.
 - J.Sperling encouraged D.Allen to contact Drain Commissioner regarding how that canal is listed/described.
 - T.Hall: Curtis Intercounty Drain/Midland County Drain Public Hearing—residents and/or Township will pay an additional mileage. Public Hearing will be held; residents are encouraged to attend.
 - Public Comments closed at 6:21pm.
- Committee and appointment reports:
 - Fire Department Report - Roger Dufresne—No report given.
 - A.Lewis: New Volunteer Firefighter to be voted in: C.Starkey moved to accept recommendation of Fire Chief to be accepted as part of Edenville Township Fire Department. Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling seconded. T.Hall: Yes; J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes
 - Code Authority – Jim Sperling
 - May 27th meeting, created a complaint form as opposed to fielding verbal complaints—finalized and on the Code Authority website. Added additional inspector as back up for the 16 Townships in Midland County. Next meeting is June 24th at 5:00pm at County Building.

- Parks and Recreation Committee – Mary Beth Seasholtz
 - Previously, Parks & Rec recommended that we stop pursuing Cat G FEMA money.
 - Motion to direct Supervisor to cease pursuing Category G FEMA moved by A.Lewis; seconded by K.Carey. T.Hall: Yes; J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes; C.Starkey: No. Motion passed.
 - Harper Park still has to be fixed: held several conversations with engineering firms; JPS Contracting did the Fire House, so we have previous work with them. Get updated quote to Board.
 - C.Gosen inquired about cost of lumber: escalator/de-escalator
 - Unhappy with Drain situation; would like additional information regarding the existence (4in drain). Request additional information for the drain.
 - Could Howden’s spray weeds as part of contract? T.Hall will look into this?
 - Parks & Rec website will be updated soon.
 - Harper Park is now partially open
 - Gransden Park has been painted
 - T.Hall: PM Blough is currently working up her portion of the project and will be getting back to us with details.
- Planning Commission – Mark Haydanek
 - C.Starkey: Short Term Rental Ordinance in the works
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Jim Sperling
 - June 10th meeting, three different variances needed; working to schedule a co-meeting with Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals to determine options. Small lots almost prohibits possible building on these Commercial lots—very different than residential lots.
 - K.Carey—didn’t we have previous exceptions we’ve made in similar situations, historically?

- C.Gosen confirmed that there are smaller setbacks historically, where applicable.
 - T.Hall- deadline (30 days) is in place; requests Fahey be present at the co-meeting; suggested ZBA did not act according to procedures
- Water District No. 1 – Terrance Hall / Craig Gosen
 - C.Gosen: New employee adjusting well; possible temporary position possible in near future. Head Operator will be retiring within next 1-3 years.
 - A.Lewis: received paperwork related to Water District— Rural Development Loan, not sure now to proceed.
 - C.Gosen: please scan and send
- Ordinance Enforcement- Jerry Cole
 - A.Lewis is sending J.Cole updates and information
- Museum- Bob Johnson
 - Museum will officially open July 3rd. Committee members representing the public are all to be vaccinated:
 - C.Starkey & A.Lewis both stated that requiring workers/hosts at the Museum to be vaccinated is against people’s rights and should not be in place.
 - T.Hall said that until someone volunteers who hasn’t been vaccinated we will discuss then.
 - B.Johnson said no one will ask; A.Lewis & C.Starkey then asked why make the “ruling” that hosts/workers have to be vaccinated at all since it is a violation of their human rights in the first place?
 - Requests that Jennifer Paige be appointed to the Museum Committee. T.Hall moved; K.Carey seconded. Motion passed; Jennifer Paige appointed to Museum Committee at the Board’s discretion.
 - T.Hall: The Museum plans to utilize fund share from County earned from historical reenactments for building

of foundations and pursuing gravestones for several Civil War veterans that are not currently recognized.

- Old Business
 - Telephone Service:
 - A.Lewis: transfer phone services to Parrish for the following: Township Office, Swanton Hall, and Fire Department. This would save the Township Hall nearly 50% of current bills at all places. Lee Township also recently moved to Parrish phone service and report being happy with the reliable and high level of service while saving money. A.Lewis moved to transfer phone services to Parrish for the Township Office, Swanton Hall, and Fire Department; C.Starkey seconded. Roll Call Vote: T.Hall: Yes; J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Solar Ordinance:
 - Still under Review with Fahey
 - Follow-Up: A.Lewis will do so
 - T.Hall moved to make the Motion to establish Public Hearing Budget Meeting and ordering the Notification thereof for Wednesday, June 30th, 2021 at 5:30pm. A.Lewis seconded.
 - The following will be discussed at this Public Hearing.
 - Supervisors' Transmittal of the recommended Budget to the Township Board.
 - Resolutions for compensation
 - Supervisor
 - Clerk
 - Treasurer
 - Trustees
 - Resolutions for Road Assessments with zero increase.
 - Lakeview Subdivision
 - Woodland Estates
 - Sandford Lake Estates
 - Fox Road
 - Bluff Creek

- Resolution Establishing the General Appropriations Act of 2021-2022
- Follow-up for these topics will be discussed at the Public Budget meeting and ordering the Notification thereof for June 30th, 2021. Public Notification will be made in Midland Daily News. Roll Call Vote: T.Hall: Yes; J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes. Motion passed unanimously.
- New Business
 - Resolution for Weed Assessment:
 - 4LTF asked Township Supervisors in affected Townships in both Midland and Gladwin Counties for funding assistance to treat the invasive species; T.Hall discussed reinstating Weed Assessment to help treat aquatic and terrestrial invasive species; same spray used on these as was used before when the lakes were here; chemicals only work on 1-3 year old saplings/growths. Weed Assessment Resolution will be on June 30th meeting Agenda
 - Erosion Control Update: Two Properties did not take the Township reimbursement for Erosion Control; still two remaining properties the Township will have to fund—a financial wash.
 - New Stop Sign at Water Rd & Baker Rd Intersection: T.Hall will follow up with this.
 - T.Hall asked the Board to help write a form letter in support of homeowners in need of erosion control/dredging, depending upon each, individual situation. C.Starkey volunteered to help. Publish this on our website so homeowners as well as Homeowner Associations can use for future assistance. Board is in agreement with this.
- Motion to Adjourn
 - J.Sperling moved to Adjourn at 7:29pm; A.Lewis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terrance A. Hall Jr.
Edenville Township Supervisor