

MINUTES

Edenville Township Board Meeting

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

Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd.

Edenville, MI

- Invocation given at 5:30pm
- Call meeting to order and pledge to the flag given at 5:32pm.
- Township Board attendance by roll call (verifying quorum).
 - J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes.
- Commence Public Hearing on the following items:
 - Resolutions for Compensation
 - Supervisor: No public comments given
 - Clerk:
 - Public Comment: Craig Gosen asked what is the justification for the \$1,000 increase under Election Administration when there hasn't been an election over the past year? The Clerk's pay was increased a few years earlier due to the extra work associated with elections.
 - T.Hall: Cost of living increase, been a couple of years since a pay raise has been given. Elections and the laws are becoming more complicated and thus requires more work due to election law changes and expectations of continued election complications.
 - Craig Gosen stands in opposition of this pay raise since the Clerk's pay was increased by \$4,000 a few years ago due to the complications of the election laws.
 - Discussion closed at 5:40pm
 - Treasurer:
 - No public comment given; discussion closed at 5:43pm
 - Trustees:
 - Public Comment: Craig Gosen stands in opposition to this pay increase; he did a survey of other Townships on other Township Trustee pay, which reflected Edenville

Township was higher than the other four Townships in the area. If the Township is resigned to have salary pay, Gosen suggested \$300 per month, which Gosen says would be in proximity with other Townships in Midland County. Gosen stated there is no opportunity to lower pay during a term; also, a cost of living increase could cost the Township a lot of money. Gosen said any raise should be tied to the taxable value revenue; Lincoln Township does base their pay raises on the taxable value revenue.

- K.Carey: Jerome does too.
 - T.Hall: Increase in personal, property, or real taxable value?
 - C.Gosen: Should be based on the overall taxable value. The Trustee pay should be \$300 per month.
 - T.Hall: We recognize what the previous Board did with reducing costs; I am a different Supervisor, so I have had more meetings because I am learning and so we have cost the Township more money by following the per meeting pay. Salary would save the Township money.
 - K.Carey: Trustees are no less equal than the rest of us, so we should all be on salary.
 - A.Lewis: Salary is much easier for the payment process, and we have eliminated all per diems.
 - Discussions closed on Township Board Compensation at 6:02pm.
- Resolutions for Road Assessments with zero increase.
 - T.Hall: I am recommending 0% increase for all Road Assessments.
 - Bluff Creek:
 - K.Carey moved to dispense with the reading and move into discussion
 - No discussion ensued; public comment closed at 6:04pm
 - Campbell Court:

- K.Carey moved to dispense with the reading and move into discussion
- No discussion ensued; public comment closed at 6:06pm
- Fox Road:
 - A.Lewis moved to dispense with the reading and move into discussion
 - T.Hall (as private resident spoke): Fox Rd needs work; I plan to discuss this with members of Fox Rd because this assessment is not enough to cover the work that needs to be done.
 - No other discussion ensued; public comment closed at 6:15pm
- Lakeview Subdivision:
 - J.Sperling moved to dispense with the reading and move into discussion.
 - No other discussion ensued; public comment closed at 6:20pm
- Sanford Lake Estates:
 - C.Starkey moved to dispense with the reading and move into discussion.
 - No other discussion ensued; public comment closed at 6:23pm
- Woodland Estates:
 - C.Starkey moved to dispense with the reading and move into discussion.
 - No other discussion ensued; public comment closed at 6:25pm
- Resolution for Weed Assessment
 - C.Starkey: moved to Table Weed Assessment discussion
 - K.Carey: seconded motion
 - A.Lewis: this topic needs more investigation
 - J.Sperling: in good faith we voted to bring this assessment to zero and we would need to have public input before we vote on this.

- T.Hall: stands in opposition of Tabling the reinstatement of the Weed Assessment this because the disaster we are trying to advert is more important than this assessment.
 - Voice vote: Yeas 4; Naes 1. Motion to Table this Weed Assessment vote passed
 - Resolution for Fire Department
 - A.Lewis moved to dispense with the reading and move to discussion.
 - C.Gosen stands in favor of this resolution. No further discussion ensued; public comment closed at 6:37pm
 - Resolution Establishing the General Appropriations Act of 2021-2022
 - C.Starkey moved to dispense with the reading and move to discussion.
 - C.Gosen inquired about paying off the M30 Water Fund
 - T.Hall: we can pay off the M30 Water Fund Assessment by February 1st.
 - A.Lewis: when the audit occurs in September, we have many questions about the way they are making us do things.
 - T.Hall: We stayed true to past budgets, albeit tighter so additional monies can be used elsewhere.
 - No public discussion ensued; public comment closed at 7:17pm
- K. Carey moved to adjourn Public Budget Hearing Meeting; J.Sperling seconded adjournment at 7:18

Township Board meeting immediately following

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- Call to order by T.Hall at 7:35pm. Pledge to the flag
  - Roll Call: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes.
- Approval of agenda:
  - J.Sperling: Add to Old Business: Baker Road intersection
  - J.Sperling moved to approve Agenda with additions; A.Lewis seconded. Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously to approve the Agenda.

- Approval of the minutes from the Township Meeting held on June 22, 2021.
  - K.Carey moved to approve the minutes from the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Township Board Meeting; J.Sperling seconded. Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.
- Payment of the bills:
  - Anedra Lewis presented Clerk's report for payment of bills
  - T.Hall asked if Trustees had reviewed the bills; both Trustees, yes
  - J.Sperling Moved to approve the Payment of the Bills; C.Starkey seconded. Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Financial Report – Karen Carey
  - Fund balances remain the same; summer taxes have been sent out; researching online tax payment companies—should be in place by Winter tax payment.
  - J.Sperling Moved to approve the Financial Report; A.Lewis seconded. Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Correspondence

- Concerning Republic Services- received response.
- Township sent certified letter to Republic; Meeting time established for July 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Discussion ensued
  - A.Lewis moved that Supervisor Hall will pursue not paying for services that did not occur while also working to negotiate an extended contract. C.Starkey seconded. Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Public comments
  - Residents may have at least one, three-minute, opportunity to address the Board. Please state your name and address for the record. (This is not a requirement to speak.)
    - Bill Carey said the Board is doing a fine job; all Board members are equal and all have the same authority and should be paid by the same means, i.e. salary.

- No further public comment given; public comment closed at 7:57pm.
- Old Business
  - Vote on Resolutions
    - Motion to approve Resolution 2021-04: C.Starkey moved; J.Sperling seconded.
      - K.Carey moved to strike verbiage from “Federal COLA” through “May” and be replaced with “percentage increase of overall taxable value of Edenville Township”. A.Lewis seconded.
      - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.
    - Motion to approve Resolution 2021-04: A.Lewis moved; K.Carey seconded.
      - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.
    - Motion to approve Resolution 2021-05: A.Lewis moved; J.Sperling seconded.
      - A.Lewis moved to strike from “Federal COLA” through “May” and be replaced with “percentage increase of overall taxable value of Edenville Township.” K.Carey seconded.
        - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.
    - Motion to pass Resolution 2021-05: A.Lewis moved; K.Carey seconded.
      - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed

unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.

- Motion to Approve Resolution 2021-06: J.Sperling moved; K.Carey seconded.
  - J.Sperling moved to strike from “Federal COLA” through “May” to be replaced with “percentage increase of overall taxable value of Edenville Township.” K.Carey seconded.
    - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.
- Motion to pass Resolution 2021-06: A.Lewis moved; K.Carey seconded.
  - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2021-07: C.Starkey moved; A.Lewis seconded.
  - J.Sperling moved to strike from “Federal COLA” through “May” to be replaced with “percentage increase of overall taxable value of Edenville Township.” K.Carey seconded.
    - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.
- Motion to pass Resolution 2021-07: A.Lewis moved; K.Carey seconded.
  - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.

- Motion to approve Resolution 2021-08: J.Sperling moved; A.Lewis seconded.
  - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2021-09: J.Sperling moved; K.Carey seconded.
  - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2021-10: A.Lewis moved; J.Sperling seconded.
  - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2021-11: C.Starkey moved; J.Sperling seconded.
  - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2021-12: J.Sperling moved; A.Lewis seconded.
  - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.
- Motion to approve Resolution 2021-13: J.Sperling moved; C.Starkey seconded.
  - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed



unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.

- Motion to approve Resolution 2021-15: A.Lewis moved; C.Starkey seconded.
  - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.
- Vote on GAA
  - Motion to approve Resolution 2021-16: J.Sperling moved; K.Carey seconded.
    - A.Lewis moved to strike from “Federal COLA” through “May” and be replaced with “percentage increase of overall taxable value of Edenville Township” for all Township Board Members. K.Carey seconded.
      - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.
  - Motion to pass Resolution 2021-07: A.Lewis moved; K.Carey seconded.
    - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.
- New Business
  - Baker Road signage: J.Sperling said Road Commissioner will trim trees but since no accidents have been recorded, can’t endorse new flashing stop sign. Collect documentation from Township residents. Conduct traffic study, etc. Would be willing to put up reflective tape. Hopefully there will be no accidents in the meantime.
    - C.Starkey said she is not in favor of waiting for accidents to occur to justify a new, flashing stop sign.

- K.Carey noted the reflective tape/”popsicle” could help in the meantime.
  - T.Hall asked if Township has to have permission from County to install a new flashing stop sign.
    - C.Gosen: Yes, it is a County area and have to go through them.
- Vote on Resolution in support of homeowner canal cleaning
  - Motion to approve Resolution 2021-14: T.Hall moved; K.Carey seconded.
  - C.Starkey moved; A.Lewis seconded to add the phrase “with appropriate permits, as required” to follow the first sentence after the second “Whereas,” after the word “beaches” and before the period (.). Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Hall declared this Resolution adopted.
- Vote on Dennis Lewis appointment to the ZBA
  - Motion to appoint Dennis Lewis as member of the Zoning Board of Appeals: J.Sperling moved; A.Lewis seconded.
  - Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Code Authority: J.Sperling- as of the most recent meeting, Code Authority would like authority to state that Representatives on the Code Authority Board must be an Elected Official from their Township
  - C.Gosen recommended that the Code Authority Attorney make this decision, not the Code Authority Board. Inter-Governmental Agreement.
  - T.Hall said there is an historical document that states something along the lines of a Township Board member who represents the Township on the Code Authority Board. Will check on this. Would like the Code Authority to follow the

Water District Board model, which states the elected official (Township Supervisor) plus one.

- Motion to Adjourn at 8:47pm; next meeting August: C.Starkey moved; A.Lewis seconded. Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Terrance A. Hall Jr.  
Edenville Township Supervisor