

## MINUTES

### Edenville Township Board Meeting

September 14, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd.

- Invocation—given at 5:27pm.
- Meeting called to order at 5:30pm by T.Hall; pledge to the flag
- Township Board attendance by roll call (verifying quorum):
  - J.Sperling: Here; K.Carey: Here; T.Hall: Here; C.Starkey: Here; A.Lewis: Here.
- Approval of agenda with changes:
  - J.Sperling moved to add retreats coming up in October; County Township Association meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> to be included—both under New Business. A.Lewis seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of the minutes from the regular monthly Board Meeting held on August 10, 2021.
  - C.Starkey moved to add changes and deletions; C.Starkey will make changes and re-submit revised Minutes. J.Sperling seconded. Voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.
- Payment of the bills – Anedra Lewis painting came in 5071. Vs 5002.
  - Report given by A.Lewis. T.Hall asked if the Trustees reviewed bills; correction will be made regarding Trustee pay.
  - Motion made to approve the payment of bills by J.Sperling; seconded by C.Starkey. 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
  - Report given by K.Carey.
  - Motion made to approve Treasurer’s Report by C.Starkey; seconded by A.Lewis. Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey:Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey:Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Beginning with Winter taxes: All-Pay will have 2.65% processing fee for paying online, unless an e-check payment, which will be \$2.45. No charges to the Township.

- Trustee Sperling:
  - Cedar Street residents submitted a petition regarding excessive speed violations.
  - A.Lewis: the County declined doing a speed study, since 25 mph is the minimum—see email from the MCRC’s Art Buck.
- Trustee Starkey:
  - Par Plan Grant update—to be submitted mid-October
- Correspondence
  - Speed Study petition—Township did receive a triplicate petition about the Speed Study.
  - Email received from Art Buck regarding County response to the petition for the Speed Study
- 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.)
  - Jason Lafave 4757 N. Water Rd.—would like to discuss the complaint process and lack of follow-up with the complaint filed. The complaint is in regards to the uncut trees as well as single family dwelling requirements—see Article 4. Friday before Labor Day, chased and bitten by one of their unleashed dogs.
  - Carol Service 916 Genessee—neighbors with significant trash at 920 Genessee—behind the house and the garage is filled trash/junk. Residents are not living there; rather, picking up trailers of trash and taking it there; actually live on Coleman Road in Coleman. Another problem exists at 919 Genessee, where yard is full of trash, broken windows covered by blankets. Trash extends into the ditches and beyond property lines. Just as bad as before the dumpster was brought there. No electricity because Consumers cut them off; they tapped into electricity next door; goat living in the house as well.
  - No name or address given: same problem with 6355 N. Water Rd. living in campers, cars are not drivable, digging holes next to the road. There are people in and out of there, parked on the side of the road. If we aren’t going to enforce the Township rules for them, then

when we build our pole barn no one had better say we can't. I have also submitted a complaint, and nothing has been done.

- Jason Lafave: So, what happens with this? We have filed written complaints, we have come here to speak. Nothing has been done.
- Public Comments closed at 5:54pm
- Committee and appointment reports:
  - Fire Department Report - Roger Dufresne
    - Fire Report give by R.Dufresne
    - Fire Dept Open House will be on October 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 3:00pm
    - Utilized the side-by-side on multiple calls; if we get called to a different location, we have no way of getting the side-by-side outside of the Township. Would like to request \$5,290 14 ft. aluminum trailer.
      - T.Hall: what line item would this come from?
      - R.Dufresne: either way, out of the truck fund or other line
      - K.Carey: did you pursue other bids?
      - R.Dufresne: not yet; have secured a good price
      - Motion made to purchase the 14-ft. aluminum trailer for \$5,290 by J.Sperling; seconded by A.Lewis. Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey:Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey:Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously.
      - R.Dufresne: we are going to need a new pumper in the next 4-5 years. Had ours re-serviced because a new one is in the ballpark of \$400,000.
  - Code Authority – Jim Sperling
    - Report given by J.Sperling: computer glitch through Quikbooks reviewed by Auditor. Next month's meeting is September 23 at 5:00pm.
  - Parks and Recreation Committee – Mary Beth Seasholtz
    - Five Year Parks and Rec Plan:
      - Harper Park JBS Quote approved last month minus the staining

- A.Lewis: deposit has been paid, nothing scheduled yet
- MB.Seasholtz: quote coming for staining from Edgar Co.
- Howden cleaned weeds at Harper Park; when contracts come due, consider building-in a grounds care portion to be added to our contract
- A.Lewis: currently soliciting bids
- Bike Rack: Installing a secure bike rack in at Harper Park
  - Asking for approval of up to \$400 to purchase and install the bike rack. Use Metro Funds to do this?
  - K.Carey: Not sure the Metro money would pay for a bike rack.
  - T.Hall: What line item will it come out of?
  - Table this discussion until October Twp Meeting; MB.Seasholtz will bring bids, documentation
- No cigarette receptacle at the Board Room entrance at Swanton Hall. Recommend the Board purchase one for this location.
- Five-Year-Plan: conduct a survey-- online survey, currently ready. Recommendations on how it should be dispersed:
  - Website; ad in the newspaper; try to get it on the Midland County Parks website; posters to be placed around the Township; facebook; also have a .pdf file of the survey as well as paper copies.
- Planning Commission –
  - Solar Ordinance public hearing date to be set for November 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm, an hour before the regularly scheduled Township Board meeting. T.Hall will call Fahey for clarification regarding public hearing and the required notifications for that. Voice vote: motion passed unanimously.
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Jim Sperling

- Vacancy on Zoning Board of Appeals—would like to receive applications. B.Carey submitted his application; will be open for 30 days. A.Lewis will post this opening on the website.
- Vacancy on Board of Review—Alternate position needed. A. Lewis will post this position on the Township website.
- Water District No. 1 – Terrance Hall / Craig Gosen
  - Bulk Water rates have increased .03 cents per thousand gallons
    - C.Gosen: City can raise it every year, but they haven't, so we are in good shape. Ron Rose will be retiring in the next 1-2 years; hoping to bring someone new on to train prior to his retirement.
    - Edenville Water Tower inspection went well; minor repairs. Is inspected every 5 years.
    - Water District received FEMA funds, which helped fund meter replacements, repairs, and other projects.
- Seven-minute recess called back to order at 6:35pm
  - Ordinance Enforcement- Terrance Hall
    - T.Hall: we have had an astronomical number of total complaints; T.Hall requests A.Lewis to bring a total number of complaints by address to next meeting. Complaint process is posted on the Twp website; follow-through process further described by T.Hall. Ordinance Officer investigates, determines if violation has occurred, decides on action (if any) to be taken. Thirty days of grace given to correct citation; after 30 days, if not rectified, civil violation/court is pursued. If they are found guilty, they are fined/jail time, otherwise, charges dropped. If they are fined/serve time, they are given a timeframe to address that. Complaints are logged and given a complaint number in the system.

- Ordinance Enforcement Report: Reviewed complaint 21-35, finding no violations of Township Ordinances, the complaint is to be filed closed.
    - West Side Report: Genessee, Ingham, Telegraph: Township has historically fielded complaints from this area of the Township.
  - Old Business
    - Items Tabled:
      - Physical Security of Township Properties (Re-Keying)
        - Will cost between \$185-\$200 to re-key exterior doors on Swanton Hall and Township Office by the KeyShop in Midland, MI.
        - Motion to approve re-keying cost up to \$200 made by A.Lewis; seconded by K.Carey. Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey:Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey:Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously.
      - Interlocal Agreement Code Authority
        - Leave this Tabled until next meeting when copies of the old agreement as well as the new agreement can be present.
    - JBS Bid for Harper park, updated.
      - Submitted the beginning portion of the bid
    - Linked In contract
      - Motion made to approve Linked In Contract for three years in the amounts of \$582; \$3,605.36 by K.Carey; seconded by A.Lewis: Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling:Yes; K.Carey:Yes; T.Hall:Yes; C.Starkey:Yes; A.Lewis:No. Motion passed by majority vote.
    - Bid to redo Swanton Memorial parking \$64,825 + \$2735
    - Bid to repair Grandsen Park \$1570
    - Bid to repair Township Office Asphalt \$25,310
      - Motion made to approve Resolution to conduct needed repairs and improvements to Township properties by line item: A.Lewis; seconded by K.Carey.

- 467 Moore St: Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: No; K.Carey:No; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey:No; A.Lewis: No. Motion denied by majority vote.
- Gransden Park: Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey:Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey:Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Swanton Hall Part 1: Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey:No; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey:No; A.Lewis:No. Motion denied by majority vote.
- Swanton Hall Part 2: Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: No; K.Carey:No; T.Hall:Yes; C.Starkey:No; A.Lewis:No. Motion denied by majority vote.
- Motion to Table the denied motions until we obtain additional bids to seal coat and stripe Swanton Memorial Hall parking lot and the Township Office public and official parking lots made by A.Lewis; seconded by K.Carey. Put ad in the paper to solicit bids. Voice vote: motion passed unanimously.
- Swanton Center Management
  - Dead tree removal—no further pursuit as of yet
  - Electric repairs/update—no further pursuit as of yet
  - Restroom repairs—no further pursuit as of yet
  - Coffee maker purchase? \$ 262.99—
    - Motion to purchase the Bunn Coffeemaker for \$262.99 from the Swanton Center Fund: Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey:Yes; T.Hall:No; C.Starkey:Yes; A.Lewis:Yes. Motion passed by majority vote.
- CLFRF Funds: due in by Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021—should receive roughly half
  - Water line extension versus Broadband—discussion ensued
    - C.Gosen to send Board members research re: various scenarios he conducted on extending the water line.
- Traffic Issues:
  - Fike Rd Street Light \$485 Resolution from Consumers
    - Motion to install light at the corner of Fike Rd and Water Rd by Consumers made by T.Hall; seconded by K.Carey.

Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling:Yes; K.Carey:Yes; T.Hall: Yes;  
C.Starkey:Yes; A.Lewis:Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

- Stop Sign Baker and Water
      - Midland County Road Commission will not do anything further to make this intersection safer.
    - Cedar Street Speed Study
      - Email from Midland County Road Commission rejects requested speed study
      - Township Board has addressed the speed study but no action to be taken, per the MCRC email
- New Business
  - Swanton Hall sign—T.Hall called Art and he will help us out with that
  - Assessor replacement—
    - Moment of silence in honor of the passing of Linda Lewandowski
    - Board reviewed both applicants for the Edenville Twp Assessor position
    - Motion to offer Kayla Ripley the position of Township Assessor at the rate of \$12 per parcel annually (\$23,196) to include township payment of social security and medi-care made by C.Starkey; seconded by K.Carey. Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling:Yes; K.Carey:Yes; T.Hall:Yes; C.Starkey:Yes; A.Lewis:Yes. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Solicit Applications for ZBA seat: website posting, closed in 30 days.
  - Solicit Applications for BOR seat: website posting, closed in 30 days.
  - Solicit Applications for ordinance enforcement officer: website posting, closed in 30 days
  - Michigan Township Association 2021 Professional Development Retreats
    - Motion for the Twp Board to cover the cost of the MTA 2021 PD Retreat fees and mileage to and from, and one-night stay in Frankenmuth made by J.Sperling; seconded by Anedra. Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling:Yes; K.Carey:Yes; T.Hall:No; C.Starkey:No; A.Lewis:Yes. Motion passed by majority vote 3-2.



- T.Hall: I don't think the Township should cover lodging
- Motion for the Twp Board to cover the cost of the Midland County Township Officials Association (MCTOA) up to \$25 per person. Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling:Yes; K.Carey:Yes; T.Hall:Yes; C.Starkey:Yes; A.Lewis:Yes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Alarm System Update:
  - Motion to choose either the \$6 per month for once a month report when requested or \$200 one-time fee to allow users to receive immediate reports on phone app made by J.Sperling; seconded by A.Lewis. Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling:Yes; K.Carey:Yes; T.Hall:Yes; C.Starkey:Yes; A.Lewis:Yes. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Next Board Meeting will discuss Swant Hall Manager's fees
- Motion to Adjourn made by K.Carey; seconded by A.Lewis. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm. Voice vote: motion passed unanimously.

Terrance A. Hall Jr.  
Edenville Township Supervisor