

MINUTES

Edenville Township Board Meeting

February 8, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd.

- Invocation given by T.Hall at 5:29pm.
- Call meeting to order and pledge to the flag done at 5:30pm.
- 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:
 - A.Lewis moved to approve the agenda and add an item to the agenda regarding the cost to re-card everyone in the Township under New Business. J.Sperling seconded the motion. Voice vote: motion passed unanimously.
 - K.Carey moved to approve this addendum; A.Lewis seconded. Voice vote: motion passes unanimously.
- Approval of the minutes from the regular monthly Board Meeting held on January 11, 2022. Motion moved by Karen, seconded by Jim.
 - Voice vote: motion passes unanimously.
- Approval of the Minutes from Special Meeting: Parks and Rec Public Hearing for adoption of 5 Year Parks and Rec Plan January 25, 2022. Motion moved by J.Sperling; seconded by A.Lewis.
 - Voice vote: motion passes unanimously.
- Payment of the bills – Anedra Lewis
 - Report given by A.Lewis. J.Sperling moved to support motion; K.Carey supported motion. Voice vote to approve the payment of bills: motion passed unanimously.
 - Roll Call Vote to approve payment of bills: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion approved unanimously.
 - Discussion ensued—J.Sperling submitted a document regarding the payment of bills discrepancies, as well as a resolution. J.Sperling

introduces a motion to pass the resolution regarding the sales tax; T.Hall seconded the motion. A.Lewis moved to amend the motion to strike the last sentence of the resolution; C.Starkey seconded. Voice vote: motion passed by majority decision.

- K.Carey moved to table the motion for the resolution; A.Lewis seconded. Voice vote: motion passed by majority decision.

- Financial Report – Karen Carey

- Report given by K.Carey.
 - Discussion ensued.
- K.Carey moved to approve the financial report; J.Sperling seconded. Roll Call Vote to approve the financial report: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion approved unanimously.

- Correspondence

- Consumers notice to (raise) set Natural Gas Base factor to 3.6996 CFU. This equates to an increase in our Township's gas prices.
- Bottomland access granted by FLTF
- Received Grant from Par Plan for Gransden Park
- T.Hall moved to accept drafted letter (with intent to send upon Board approval next month) to FLTF regarding the at-large assessment for Edenville Township and Board agreement to purpose; K.Carey seconded. Voice vote: 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.)
- Karen Thurlow, administrator with Midland Conservation District (MCD)—report provided to the report.
- Anonymous—thank the board for initiating the cutting of the bottom lands.
- Karl Kacel—support the previous comment about thanking the Board for the mowing of the bottom lands.
- Neil Wackerly—on the lake since 1963, would like to show my support for the Board taking care of the bottom. The FLTF is

comprised of people a lot better off than I am. I am not in favor of these assessments on residents or the township. Some folks won't stay until the lakes come back; and who knows if the lakes will come back at all, depending upon ensuing litigations.

- Ms. Anonymous— regarding the at-large assessment, if the FLTF receives the dollars they are seeking, will the Township and/or the residents get their money back? What happens if the legislation isn't passed until after the assessments are already applied.
- Mr. Anonymous—litigation is not going to be passed by December, so we are going to have to pay. Who is our local representative? Mark Boone has much more money than I do, and he is making decisions for me? Transparency is key—if we are not represented fairly, they have to answer our questions.
- Robert McManus—have you heard anything about 30% of the cost being forced out to the rest of the County (not just the Townships directly connected to the lakes). Perhaps that would help light the fire to motivate other folks to be involved.
- Public Comments closed at 6:29pm
- Committee and appointment reports:
 - Fire Department Report - Roger Dufresne
 - Report given—no injuries occurred in either Township fires.
 - Code Authority – Jim Sperling
 - Report given—J.Sperling asked Clerk A.Lewis about the Township Agreement communication from Edenville Township being received by the Code Authority.
 - Next meeting is February 24th at 5:00pm in the County Building.
 - Cemetery Manager- Mary Herkner
 - Report given— New sexton for Edenville Township; now can do funerals in the winter due to his equipment. Need new posters/signs for cemeteries.
 - Parks and Recreation Committee – Mary Beth Seasholtz
 - Five Year Parks and Rec Plan report given by T.Hall; new five year plan should be on the website.

- Beautification volunteer date
- Gransden Park Mulch volunteer date
- 150th anniversary coming up next year
- Planning Commission – Mark Haydanek
 - T.Hall discussed removal due to ineligibility/ incompatibility of office: Mary Herkner is on ZBA and can't simultaneously serve on Planning Commission. T.Hall moved to appoint Kim Brochard to replace M.Herkner; A.Lewis seconded. Voice vote: motion passes unanimously.
 - Planning Commission report given by C.Starkey.
 - T.Hall would personally like the Board to consider revisiting the side and corner setback ordinances, especially if the property is a plotted parcel.
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Jim Sperling
 - Report given— small lots are non-buildable, so ordinances should be re-visited.
 - T.Hall moved to fill the vacancy on ZBA with Tim Dana. A.Lewis seconded. Voice vote: motion passes unanimously.
- Water District No. 1 – Terrance Hall / Craig Gosen
 - T.Hall gave report regarding moving forward with property acquisition to build Bulk Water Filling Station at former ice-cream "Scoops" property.

~ ~ ~ Quick Recess at 6:43; Meeting will resume at 6:50pm ~ ~ ~

- Old Business
 - Mitigation of Invasive Weeds/bottomland maintenance
 - Daryl Marsh present to represent John Marsh.
 - A.Lewis read J.Marsh's email regarding removal of surface lake bed debris for remaining 75 contractual hours. T.Hall praised J.Marsh's work thus far. A.Lewis moved to approve J.Marsh to utilize the remainder of contractual hours (75) to remove the

surface debris from the lakebed; T.Hall seconded. Voice vote: motion passed unanimously.

- New Business

- Resolution opting to maintain status as General Law Township
- All things Weed Assessment
 - Set Date for Public Hearing in April 2022 on the Weed Special Assessment—roughly \$38,000 left in the weed fund; can come to the Supervisor to request funding for having lake bed mowed in front of your property.
 - In April, we need to re-allocate the amount for the Weed Assessment. These monies would be to further weed mitigation in the coming years before the lakes come back.
- Vote on Lawn Maintenance contracts (\$)
- Set date for Special Meeting : Working Session: to swear in Committee Members and discuss organization/meeting times/budget requirements.
 - K.Carey moved to hold the public Hearing to be held Tuesday, April 19th at 5:30pm until 7:30pm at Swanton Hall; seconded by A.Lewis. Voice vote: motion passed unanimously.
- Resolution 2022-04 regarding the opposition to the incorporation of Edenville Township. C.Starkey moved to dispense with the reading of the Resolution; A.Lewis seconded. Voice vote: motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion ensued. K. Carey moved to adopt Resolution 2022-04 which opposes the incorporation of Edenville Township. A.Lewis seconded. Roll Call Vote to approve resolution 2022-04: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion approved unanimously.
 - Clerk will follow up on legal requirements
- Poverty Guidelines:
 - T.Hall presented changes to the poverty exemptions
 - State Tax Commission Amendment to Resolution 2022-05 is to add “(25%, 50%, 100%)....in accordance to with State law.” Motion to pass amendment in accordance to

State Tax Commission. Voice vote: motion passed unanimously.

- T.Hall changes to Poverty Two vehicles, increased additional personal property to \$13,590 and an additional family unit size \$4,720 in personal property
 - Roll Call Vote to approve Poverty Guidelines Resolution 2022-05: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: No; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion approved unanimously.
- Lawn Mowing quotes/costs:
 - A.Lewis moves to accept Howden's bid on Township lawn maintenance contract; K.Carey seconded.
 - Roll Call Vote to approve Howden's lawn bids: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion approved unanimously.
- Special Meeting to swear in new/incumbent members of various Boards.
 - No special meeting; these will occur at March 1, Board Meeting.
 - Clerk will send out notification of this whole-group swear-in; those who can't make it will set up individual meeting with the Clerk.
- 150th Anniversary is in 2023
 - Board would like to receive public input regarding the ways in which we celebrate our 150th Anniversary
 - Karen Thurlow said she would put this out on the Midland Conservation District FB page
 - Clerk A.Lewis said she would put this on the Township website
- Re-Card all voters in Edenville Township presented by A.Lewis
 - Discussion ensued— a company will do this for everyone in the county provided each Township agrees to do this.
 - A.Lewis moves to approve that Edenville Township opts in to the county voter-card re-print at a cost of .23 cents

per card (x 2,500 residents = \$575) plus postage.
J.Sperling seconded.

- Roll Call Vote to approve payment of bills: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion approved unanimously.
- Trustee Comments:
 - Karen Carey—None given
 - Jim Sperling—None given
 - Crystal Starkey—will research next steps on Par Plan grant received
 - Anedra Lewis— thank everyone who came to the meeting tonight for attending
 - Terrance Hall—
 - Is it true NCRS is no longer conducting erosion control? Karen Thurlow said no, if folks are having an erosion issue, residents to complete an application, then we work through applications depending on funding and application date. Karen Thurlow will send T.Hall contact and application information that can be published to the public.
 - Hidden Heroes resolution for the state to be renewed on Valentine's Day
 - Appreciated A.Lewis coming to the County Commissioners Meeting and taking the stances she did; T.Hall attended the County Road Commission and MAT's meetings.
- Motion to Adjourn made by K.Carey, seconded by A.Lewis. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Terrance A. Hall Jr.
Edenville Township Supervisor