

Minutes Edenville Township Board Meeting

April 12, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

Swanton Memorial Center, 6422 N. Water Rd.

- Invocation given at 5:32pm
- Call meeting to order and pledge to the flag given at 5:33pm.
- 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: K.Carey motioned to approve; A.Lewis seconded. Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of the minutes from the regular monthly Board Meeting held on March 09, 2022: A.Lewis motioned to approve; K.Carey seconded. Voice vote: Motion passed unanimously.
- Payment of the bills – Anedra Lewis
 - Report given by Clerk, A.Lewis
 - Discussion ensued: J.Sperling inquired about having the packets and bills available/ready by Friday if at all possible.
 - A.Lewis moved to approve the payment of the bills; K.Carey 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
 - Report given by Treasurer, K.Carey
 - Discussion ensued:
 - Made an additional payment of \$100,000 to the smaller water bond.
 - Three residents have paid double for their trash pickup—will be issued reimbursement.
 - Edenville has submitted for written authorization from the State Tax Com for the next three years to use a computerized database system.
 - We will pay off the M-30 Water Assessment once we receive the final numbers from the county—we split this with Hope Township, so that may be the hold up.

- J.Sperling moved to approve the Financial Report; K.Carey seconded.
Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes;
A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Correspondence
 - FLTF Letter regarding At-Large Assessment
 - See the letter FLTF sent—they reduced Edenville Township's Assessment
 - Craig Gosen Letter
 - Township has addressed most of the concerns raised
- 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.) Public comments opened at 5:46pm
 - Jeanette Snyder, 4740 N. Anna Lane: Running again as County Commissioner for fourth term. Shared some information from the County.
 - Mr. ~~Un~~animous, would like to thank the Supervisor for having such a significant change resulting from the FLTF reducing our Assessment.
 - Jim Sperling, 490 Cedar: I was upset last month when the L44 letters sent out by our Assessor had the wrong dates/times listed for BOR. I called MTA; they told me to seek out the Michigan Tax Tribunal, which I plan to do. If the BOR changes days/dates/times, we have to be notified because our Assessor sent out a state certified form with that information; this should be addressed. We will have to settle this somehow.
 - Public comments closed at 5:54pm
- Committee and appointment reports:
 - Fire Department Report - Roger Dufresne
 - Kevin Bettendorf gave report of the multitude of runs and assistance and the Robinson fire where surrounding Townships came to assist—even from different counties.

- T.Hall: the Midland Daily News did not mention the Edenville Township Fire Department in their article, so I would like to personally say Thank You.
 - R.Dufresne explained to the Board that one Fire Truck did have a break down—the bill we be coming.
- Code Authority – Jim Sperling
 - At last meeting, March 24th, we have our survey up on the website and will evaluate responses.
 - Permit reports given
 - Next meeting is April 28th at 5:00pm at the County Building; everyone is welcome.
 - T.Hall: the Board is hearing that permits are being issued by the County that are not being recorded or on file in any way through the Township. The Township should be issuing their permits first before the County issues it.
- Cemetery Manager- Mary Herkner
 - A.Lewis provided report
- Parks and Recreation Committee – Mary Beth Seasholtz
 - Email correspondence provided—A.Lewis presented
 - Diamond dust to be delivered to Gransden Ball Fields soon. SYL will remove fence, apply the dust, then replace the fencing.
 - T.Hall: Administrators from the Edenville Seventh Day Adventist came to the Township Office today and wished to have their students spread the mulch at Gransden park (just not on a Saturday)
 - A.Lewis moved to set time for the Township Beautification Day as Saturday, April 23rd starting at 11:00am, meeting at Gransden Park; K.Carey seconded. Residents could bring gloves, wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes. Some food provided, bring a dish to pass if you'd like.
- Planning Commission – Mark Haydanek
 - M.Haydanek presented: Planning Commission met in March; Minutes provided to Clerk. Discussion ensued.

- When I look on the website, I haven't been able to find where the Solar Ordinance is—A.Lewis responded about its whereabouts.
- Zoning Board of Appeals – Jim Sperling
 - T.Hall moved to have ZBA meet before the next Township Board meeting, so that elections can be held; J.Sperling seconded. Voice vote: motion passed unanimously.
- Water District No. 1 – Terrance Hall
 - awaiting WD to set date to execute purchase agreement and transfer of funds.
 - Closing set for Thursday, 4/14/22 at 10:00am
 - A.Lewis moved to approve \$28,925.80 to purchase the parcels from the Water District; C.Starkey seconded. Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously.
 - M.Haydanek requested both the Water District and the Township Board bring a site plan presentation to the Planning Commission.
 - J.Sperling asked which fund where these dollars are coming from—ARPA has its own line item within the General Fund.
 - Discussion concerning changing make up of Water District
 - T.Hall: there are discussions of reducing from two Township representatives on the Water District to one Township representative.
- Old Business
 - Items Tabled: None
 - Weed Mitigation/ Surface debris removal on Sanford Lake Bed
 - Completed first round of weed mitigation.
 - Swanton Hall Maintenance
 - R.Dufresne: replaced the ballast in the conference room, replaced/repaired the gas meter, seeking estimates on the inside repairs needed.

- Estimates submitted for kitchen countertops, men's and women's vanities and bathroom countertops and sinks.
- Fireplace insert bid to convert current wood fireplace to gas fireplace.
 - K.Carey—we should get another bid before we approve this
 - J.Sperling moves that if Positive Chimney & Fire Place will take the tax-exempt status and knock of the tax, then we will take this quote. The new total would be \$6,036; seconded. T.Hall seconded. Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: No; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: No; A.Lewis: No. Motion failed.
 - R.Dufresne—need a new dumpster; the bottom is virtually completely out of it. I have tried to contact them but gotten nowhere.
- Township Office Improvement:
 - Bid from JBS to improve entryway and update to Handicap accessibility with electronic door openers.
 - Roger recommended we talk to Joe who did the work on the Fire Department.
 - T.Hall will follow up.
 - Repairs to parking and handicap parking relook
 - Consensus on pursuing this project
- Lake Stabilization:
 - Public Notice of Edenville Public Hearing on Weed Assessment April 19th at 6:00 PM Swanton Memorial Center Main Area
 - Chemical treatment of lake bottom—two permits needed, takes several months to obtain.
 - Don Zackett: NPDES permit is good for five years (required if you are spraying more than 80 acres near water; Edenville Township has approx. 600 acres, approx. 100 acres of water, buffer along shoreline—60 acres not needed, leaves approx. 200 acres); the ANC permit has an annual fee. These two permits will allow the spray to occur. FLTF has spoken with

PLM. D.Zackett is willing to interact with PLM to provide maps, etc.

- T.Hall moves to retain PLM to apply for the Phase One, multiple year permit, paying \$5,000 for the Sanford Lake permit to be paid out of the Lake Weed Fund, K.Carey seconded. Roll Call Vote: J.Sperling: Yes; K.Carey: Yes; T.Hall: Yes; C.Starkey: Yes; A.Lewis: Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

- Resolution Renewal-- NA

- New Business

- Library Board application: T.Hall asked the Board to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of nominating Crystal Starkey for the Library Board. Voice vote: motion passed unanimously.

- Trustee Comments:

- Jim Sperling- Reviewing the bills—past procedure is that any MTA meetings/conference is only paid a flat rate of \$50 per training/session.
 - K.Carey said this is in the policy book. A.Lewis will look into that. T.Hall recommended looking into the GAA.
- Karen Carey- None.
- Terrance Hall-
 - T.Hall moved to open the Township's Latrines; K.Carey seconded. Voice vote: motion passed unanimously.
 - T.Hall asked the Board if it is interested in purchasing a foreclosed piece of property on Verity Shores.
 - K.Carey moved to decline; J.Sperling seconded. Voice vote: motion passed unanimously.
 - T.Hall: I am excited with everything that has been going on and the responses I receive from the citizens. Would also like to reiterate my pride in the Edenville Township volunteer firefighters.
- Crystal Starkey- LWCF grant webinars.
- Anedra Lewis- Solar Ordinance must be re-numbered to 187; A.Lewis is contact with Midland County to re-number and rectify this situation.

- A.Lewis moved to adjourn at 7:27pm; J.Sperling seconded. Voice vote: motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Terrance A. Hall Jr.

Edenville Township Supervisor

Board approved 5-10-22

Amedra Lewis

