

**ADA TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
MAY 23, 2016**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Clerk Smith, Trustee LeBlanc, Treasurer Rhoades, and Trustee Hurwitz. Absent: Trustee Jacobs and Trustee Proos. Also present Planning Director Jim Ferro and ten community members.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by LeBlanc, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

**ADA TOWNSHIP GENERAL WARRANTS**

Treasurer Rhoades reported the general township warrants, with receipts in the following amounts: Hand Checks: #101 \$10,728.44; #205 \$1,515.18; #208 \$692.40; #590 \$429.32; #591 \$701.89; #592 \$227.22; Total all Hand Checks: \$14,294.45. Warrants: #101 \$20,971.65; #205 \$2,574.23; #208 \$6,922.33; #248 \$450.00; #401 \$24,490.07; #590 \$29,532.55; #591 \$12,233.16; #592 \$9,218.18; Total Warrants: \$106,392.17. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$120,686.62.

**Moved by LeBlanc, supported by Hurwitz, to approve the Warrant Report for May 23, 2016 in the total amount of \$120,686.62. Roll Call: Yes - Hurwitz, LeBlanc, Rhoades, Smith, and Haga; No - 0; Absent - Jacobs, Proos. Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO ACCESS EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ADA TOWNSHIP AND OWNER OF 584 ADA DRIVE PROPERTY TO REDUCE REQUIRED NUMBER OF ON-SITE PARKING SPACES FROM FOUR TO TWO**

Jim Ferro, Planning Director, stated when 584 Ada Drive was changed from retail to restaurant use, a proposed kitchen addition was approved by the Planning Commission. The original 1990 Access Easement Agreement between Ada Township and the owner of 584 Ada Drive required four on-site parking spaces with property access through the Township parking lot from Bronson Street. He stated the property owner and restaurant owner are now requesting modification of the site plan and an amendment to the recorded Access Easement Agreement to permit the number of parking spaces be reduced to two, with one being a barrier-free space. The owner is proposing to provide \$9,000 to the Township for use in constructing additional public parking in the village to compensate for the loss of two parking spaces.

Kevin Einfeld, BDR, stated there would be a net gain with them funding three parking spaces.

Trustee LeBlanc asked if there is anything in the agreement that would specify where the parking would be located within a specific distance of the restaurant. Planning Director Ferro stated there hasn't been any distance established or any time frame for when the public spaces need to be built.

Clerk Smith stated she is not happy when builders have plans and they know what the requirements are and then they change them without permission.

**Moved by LeBlanc, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Request for Amendment to Access Easement Agreement between Ada Township and Owner of 584 Ada Drive Property to Reduce Required Number of On-Site Parking Spaces from four to two, plus the offer of compensation in the amount of \$9,000 for three additional parking spaces, location to be determined. Roll Call: Yes - Hurwitz, LeBlanc, Rhoades, Smith, and Haga; No - 0; Absent - Jacobs, Proos. Motion carried.**

**GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST - HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Bernie Veldkamp, President, Ada Historical Society, explained their request that the Township apply for a grant that can be used to put an addition on the museum. He stated we need room for archiving, room for our collections, room to store the collections that will be shown; there just isn't enough room. The historical society

has collected approximately \$100,000 through donations, and this grant from the ACMC would match that \$100,000. The deadline for the grant application is June 1. Veldkamp added that because the township owns the property, it is the township who would apply for the grant.

Ken Dixon, Architect, went over the preliminary plan, which includes a 1,280 square foot addition on the south side of the museum, wood frame structure, single story, with a partial basement for storage.

Kevin Moran, 5176 Clear Springs Drive, Treasurer of the Ada Historical Society, stated the historical society is in the process of putting together the financials that will be needed for the grant application.

**Moved by LeBlanc, supported by Hurwitz, to approve the Grant Application Request - Historical Society in the amount of \$100,000, and authorizing the Supervisor to sign off on the grant application. Roll Call: Yes - Hurwitz, LeBlanc, Rhoades, Smith, and Haga; No - 0; Absent - Jacobs, Proos. Motion carried.**

**KCRC WORK ORDER - HALL STREET**

Supervisor Haga stated this work order is for the Kent County Road Commission to spot mill and fill with a two-inch overlay on Hall Street from Fox Hollow Avenue to east of Paradise Lake Drive. The Township's share of the cost is \$32,500. Cascade Township's share is \$32,500, and KCRC's share is \$65,000.

**Moved by LeBlanc, supported by Rhoades, to approve the KCRC Work Order to spot mill and fill with a two-inch overlay on Hall Street from Fox Hollow Avenue to east of Paradise Lake Drive, in the amount of \$32,500. Roll Call: Yes - Hurwitz, LeBlanc, Rhoades, Smith, and Haga; No - 0; Absent - Jacobs, Proos. Motion carried.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Thomas Murray, Jr. currently a resident of Cascade but owning property in and planning to move to Ada, introduced himself as a candidate for Circuit Judge.

Lt. Troy Woodwyk, Kent County Sheriff's Department, introduced himself as the new East and South Second Commander. He stated they would continue to provide the best service possible for Ada Township.

Matthew VanderWerff, introduced himself as a Republican candidate for the 86<sup>th</sup> District House of Representatives. He stated he currently operates the farm his great grandfather began in 1837 in Vergennes Township, and he is also an accountant.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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Jacqueline Smith  
Ada Township Clerk

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