

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
October 24, 2016**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Clerk Smith, Treasurer Rhoades, Trustees Hurwitz, Jacobs, and Proos. Absent: Trustee LeBlanc. Also present: 3 community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Jacobs, supported by Hurwitz, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

10/10/16 Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications: 1. Treasurer's Investment Report - 8/31/16; 2. DDA Board Minutes - 9/12/16, 9/26/16; 3. Building Permit Trends Report - 10/5/16; 4. GVMC Board Meeting Minutes - 9/1/16; 5. Hope Network Transportation Activity - 9/16; 6. Ada Historical Society Board Minutes and Balance Sheet - 9/8/16; 7. Siegfried Crandall Merger Letter - 10/5/16; 8. Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation Advisory Board Minutes - 8/11/16; 9. Assessing Department Field Reviews 2016. **Moved by Jacobs, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Reports and Communications under the Consent Agenda. 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 \$5,254.18; #205 \$121.03; #208 \$149.61; #248 \$200.00; #590 \$24.58; #591 \$24.58; #592 \$5.46. Total all Hand Checks: \$5,779.44; Warrants: #101 \$52,453.33; #205 \$13,074.28; #208 \$7,898.90; #248 \$129.99; #401 \$15,252.06; #590 \$23,329.55; #591 \$36,255.76; #592 \$4,480.17. Total Warrants: \$152,874.04. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$158,653.48.

Moved by Proos, supported by Hurwitz, to approve the Warrant Report for October 24, 2016, in the total amount of \$158,653.48. Roll Call: Yes - Smith, Rhoades, Hurwitz, Jacobs, Proos, and Haga; No - 0; Absent - LeBlanc. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Butch Visser stated interest in knowing what's going on with the Fire Chief, and doesn't like the way it's being handled. He asked if the Township has a complaint policy, and would like to know who is investigating.

BOARD COMMENT

Clerk Smith stated we are two weeks away from the election, and our office is very busy. We now have about 2,200 absentee ballots, which is about one-half of the ballots. Looking forward to November 8th.

Proos stated it would be nice to know what is going on with the Fire Chief so we can "put this to bed". Also, would like to get an update on Envision Ada at one of the next couple of meetings.

Supervisor Haga stated over the last couple of weeks our Township attorney from Miller Johnson has interviewed many witnesses, and many documents. The attorney is expected to provide the

Personnel Committee with a report this week, which will contain the finding of fact with respect to the investigation. The Personnel Committee will carefully consider the report based on what it learns and any other applicable considerations. Our primary concern is taking the complaint serious, which was filed by one of the department members, and conduct a fair and thorough investigation without jeopardizing that primary goal. The Township also wants to conclude the matter in order to minimize the substantial disruption this process has taken. He stated we have a fine department and in this process we wanted to be sure we maintain the level that we have; Also, the members of the department have been doing a fine job, and I think they have all found that the process has been appropriate in using an independent investigator. The Fire Chief is on paid administrative leave.

Jacobs stated you indicated the policy was not followed directly, what did you mean by that.

Supervisor Haga stated the complaint went to the Personnel Committee and they reviewed it and the process went directly to our legal counsel because of the complaint.

Jacobs asked how that deviated from the policy at hand.

Supervisor Haga stated actually it didn't deviate much from the plan as we went directly to the attorney, and we provided the Fire Chief with a memorandum of the matter.

Rhoades asked how long it will take the Personnel Committee to make their determination.

Supervisor Haga stated we will be consulting the attorney this week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-102416-1, DELINQUENT WATER AND SANITARY SEWER CHARGES

Supervisor Haga stated the total roll for the Delinquent Water & Sewer Utility Charges is \$7,266.00, which may be reduced because of payments coming in before the roll was filed. This is an annual process that we do for delinquent water and sewer bills in order to get these on the tax rolls, which is a lien. **Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to adopt Resolution No. 102416-1, Delinquent Water and Sanitary Sewer Charges in the amount of \$7,266.00. Roll Call: Yes - Hurwitz, Jacobs, Proos, Smith, Rhoades, and Haga; No - 0; Absent - LeBlanc. Resolution adopted.**

RESOLUTION NO. R-102416-2, REFUNDING OPPORTUNITY OF 2007 BONDS

Jim White, Bond Counsel, Mika Meyers, stated this resolution is to determine whether it is your intent to proceed with the possible refinancing of the bonds sold in 2007 for the Trails. This could save having to repay the debt, and the way it works is the Township would sell a new bond issue at interest rates that would show your future debt servicing on the new bonds would be less expensive than the current interest on the old bonds. This is regulated by the State. There are payments due for four years, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021. **Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to adopt Resolution No. R-102416-2, Refunding Opportunity of 2007 Bonds for the Trails. Roll Call: Yes - Smith, Rhoades, Hurwitz, Jacobs, Proos, and Haga; No - 0; Absent - LeBlanc. Resolution adopted.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Butch Visser stated my assumption was right; it was a complaint from one of the firefighters. In most employment if you're in charge you don't make a lot of friends. If this launders out to be retaliation of some kind by one of the employees for some correction, we should be ashamed of

ourselves for the way we've treated this 27 year employee of the Township. Every day that he is on suspension is hurting his career. I'm disappointed that we didn't follow our own complaint policy in the Township. Also, we have a Deputy Chief, why wasn't he put in charge.

Supervisor Haga stated the Personnel Committee felt that because we have a permanent Chief in place, and because the Deputy is working every day, we felt it was important to have somebody working there full time.

Frank Hoover stated agreement with what Visser said; Dave was treated shabbily. There is a Personnel Committee and this should have been handled in house. This was done wrong.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Jacqueline Smith
Ada Township Clerk

Date

JS/dr