



**ADA TOWNSHIP RESCHEDULED BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Moran at 6:00 P.M.**

**Members Present:** Treasurer Moran, Trustees Carter, Jacobs, Proos and Hurwitz.

**Members Absent:** Clerk Smith and Supervisor Leisman.

**Staff Present:** Manager Suchy, Deputy Clerk McIntosh, Planning Director Said, Township Engineer Groenenboom.

**Public Present:** John Conklin, GR Triathlon Race Director. Frank Hoover, Resident.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Trustee Hurwitz, supported by Trustee Carter to approve the September 28, 2023 agenda. **Motion Carried 5-0.**

**GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

Moved by Trustee Hurwitz, supported by Trustee Proos, to approve the following minutes and file the below reports and communication under consent agenda. **Motion Carried. 5-0.**

**A. APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2023
2. Special Work Session Meeting Minutes – August 30, 2023

**B. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2023
2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2023
3. Historical Society Regular Meeting Minutes – August 10, 2023
4. Grand Valley Metro Council Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2023
5. Kent County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2023
6. Water Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2023

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

Treasurer Moran presented the following total amounts for Hand Check and Warrants:

Hand Checks- \$633,603.64

Warrants- \$136,485.92

Total all checks and warrants- \$770,089.56

Moved by Trustee Carter, supported by Trustee Proos, to approve the Warrant Report for September 28, 2023, in the total amount of \$770,089.56. **Roll Call: Yes- Carter, Proos, Moran, Jacobs, Hurwitz; No- 0; Absent- 2. Motion Carried. 5-0.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no public hearings.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Consider Proposal from Lawn Doctor for Lawn Restoration Related to Adacraft, Adaridge, and Ada Woods Watermain Work Project for an Amount Not to Exceed \$23,502.**

Manager Suchy Presented maps of the watermain project and the continued issues regarding grass growth due to the drought at the beginning of the spring. 135 properties that would need assistance regarding additional growth. Steve Groenenboom, engineer, stated the initial proposal was for \$35,000 but following additional negotiation the price was reduced. Trustees discussed timing regarding weather and the upcoming seasonal change and regarding final pay application and project wrap up. Moved by Trustee Proos, supported by Trustee Hurwitz to approve the proposal, with additional language added regarding this planting being the final step for the project. **Motion Carried. 5-0.**

##### **Resolution R-092823-1: A Resolution Authorizing Santa Parade Road Closure for 2023.**

Manager Suchy presented memo to be submitted to the Kent County Road commission for the upcoming road closure. Trustee Proos encourages sheriff department visibility regarding these large events. Manager Suchy provided information on the involvement of emergency management into township events. Moved by Trustee Proos, supported by Trustee Jacobs, to approve Resolution R-092823-1. **Roll Call: Yes- Carter, Proos, Moran, Jacobs, Hurwitz; No- 0; Absent- 2. Motion Carried. 5-0.**

##### **Resolution R-092823-2: A Resolution Approving a Request from GR Triathlon to Hold Event on June 8-9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Ada Park and Associated Road Closures.**

John Conklin, GR Triathlon Race Director, submitted request early due to an improvement to their event management. Numbers are back to pre-COVID and people enjoy the two-day race, with an increase in new athletes involved.

Trustees discusses the good relationship that the triathlon has with the township. Conklin thanked Amway for allowing the athletes to utilize their large lot for a shuttle and parking for the event. Moved by Trustee Hurwitz, supported by Trustee Jacobs, to approve Resolution R-092823-2. **Roll Call: Yes- Carter, Proos, Moran, Jacobs, Hurwitz; No- 0; Absent- 2. Motion Carried. 5-0.**

**Request from GR Triathlon for Alcohol Waiver for Event on June 9, 2024.**

No board discussion as item was discussed as part of previous agenda item. Moved by Trustee Proos, supported by Trustee Hurwitz, to approve alcohol waiver for the June 9, 2024 event.  
**Motion Carried. 5-0.**

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

##### **A. Township Manager Report – September 20, 2023**

Manager Suchy held first interviews for the Parks and Recreation Director, with the timeline to bring the recommendation to the October 9<sup>th</sup> Township board meeting. He made an offer regarding second shift BFG position. Lawns of distinction is set to do the repair work with no additional cost. Finally, the Township closed on the River Street property on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2023.

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Trustee Hurwitz raised concern regarding speed, and inquires regarding speed limit display under signs regarding speed on Ada Drive. Asked for update regarding cross walk signs communication with the road commission. Manager Suchy reached out to KCRC and would prefer to bring options to the road commission and the movement of the temporary speed monitor in relationship to calls received by the sheriff.

Trustee Proos inquired regarding construction on Ada Drive. Inquired regarding trail repairs. Manager Suchy stated the construction begins on Saturday September 30 and will consist of spot repairs and flags with message boards placed to notify drivers. Steve Groenenboom, engineer, was able to confirm the trail repairs are complete.

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Trustee Hurwitz, supported by Trustee Jacobs to adjourn. Motion Carried. 5-0.**  
**Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.**