



**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
MAY 8, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Leisman at 7 p.m. The roll was called. Members present: Supervisor Leisman, Clerk Smith, Treasurer Moran, and Trustees, Hurwitz, and Jacobs. Members absent: Trustees Carter and Proos. Also present: Township Manager Suchy, Planning Director Said, Fire Chief Murray, Parks Director Fitzpatrick, Assessor Boerman, and approximately seven members of the community.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Jacobs, supported by Hurwitz, to approve the May 8, 2023, agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

**GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes & Accept Reports/Communications**

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes - April 24, 2023
2. Closed Session Meeting Minutes - April 24, 2023

**Receive and File Various Reports and Communications**

1. Planning Commission and DDA Special Meeting Minutes – February 6, 2023
2. Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2023
3. Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2023
4. Kent County Fire Commission Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2023
5. Consumer Confidence Report for 2022 – Ada Township Water System
6. Consumer Confidence Report for 2022 – Grand Valley Estates Water System

**Moved by Jacobs, supported by Hurwitz, to approve the Minutes and Accept the Reports/Communications under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

**ADA TOWNSHIP GENERAL WARRANTS**

Treasurer Moran presented the following Warrants: \$452,400.70. There was a question about the payment to Lions and Rabbits (whether it was for the full amount). **Moved by Jacobs, supported by Hurwitz, to approve the Warrant Report for May 8, 2023, in the total amount of \$452,400.70. Roll Call: Yes – Hurwitz, Jacobs, Smith, Moran, Leisman; No - 0; Absent – Carter, Proos. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jay Morris, Pettis Avenue, spoke about the location of the Pettis Trail, referencing traffic and speed in the area.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **PETTIS AVENUE PHASE II TRAIL LOCATION – Consider Pausing Project on North Side of Pettis Avenue to Further Review South Side Alternatives**

Manager Suchy stated there is little to no chance of receiving further funding for this project from the Greenway Group. Trustee Jacobs stated she felt the need to pause the project and listen to residents concerns and suggestions for south side placement.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no public hearings.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Consider Preliminary Survey, Design and Permitting Proposal from Moore & Bruggink for Pettis Avenue Trail Phase II to be Located on South Side of Road for an Amount Not to Exceed \$105,000.00**

Moved by Hurwitz, supported by Jacobs, to table the matter of pausing the planning to consider south side placement as well as considering the preliminary survey, design and permitting proposal for a period of one month. Motion carried.

### **Discuss Potential Grant Application to MEDC Revitalization and Placemaking Program**

Manager Suchy explained the 50% match grant and said this would be a good option for pedestrian bridge from Legacy across the Thornapple River. Board consensus was that it was a good idea. Suchy will bring Cost estimates to next meeting.

### **Ordinance O-050823-1 – an Ordinance to Amend the Ada Township Zoning Regulations to Amend Regulations Regarding Planned Village Mixed Use Overlay District and Village Residential District Requirements**

Planning Director Said explained the proposed ordinance and its purpose. Moved by Jacobs, supported by Smith, to adopt Ordinance O-050823-1, an Ordinance to Amend the Ada Township Zoning Regulations to Amend Regulations Regarding Planned Village Mixed Use Overlay District and Village Residential District Requirements. Roll Call: Yes- Jacobs, Hurwitz, Smith, Leisman, Moran; No – 0; Absent – Carter, Proos. Ordinance adopted.

### **Ordinance O-050823-2 – An Ordinance to Amend the Ada Township Zoning Regulations to Impose a Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of Any Zoning Approvals, Rezoning, Permits, Variances, Licenses, or other Similar Approvals on Any Property Within the Villages Proper 2 Transect Zone of the Village Mixed-Use Overlay District**

Planning Director Said explained this proposed ordinance. Moved by Smith, supported by Hurwitz, to adopt O-050823-2, which is An Ordinance to Amend the Ada Township Zoning Regulations to Impose a Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of Any Zoning Approvals, Rezoning, Permits, Variances, Licenses, or other Similar Approvals on Any Property Within the Villages Proper 2 Transect Zone of the Village Mixed-Use Overlay District. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Hurwitz, Smith, Moran, Leisman; No – 0; Absent – Carter, Proos. Ordinance adopted.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- A. Township Manager Report – May 3, 2023
- B. Assessing Department Report – April, 2023
- C. Downtown Development Authority Director Report – May 8, 2023
- D. Fire Department Report – April, 2023
- E. Historical Society Museum Manager Report – May 1, 2023
- F. Parks and Recreation Department Report – May 1, 2023
- G. Planning Department Report – April, 2023
- H. Engineering Monthly Report – May 3, 2023
- I. F & V Operations and Resource Management Utility Report – May 3, 2023

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Clerk Smith reported on the May 2 election for Northview Schools, stating there were 38 absentee ballots processed, and only one person came to the precinct on election day. She also reported that she had attended the Rix Robinson family board meeting.

Supervisor Leisman talked about the DDA and its demographics.

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

Frank Hoover, 700 Marbury, requested board members to speak up and speak into the microphones.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Hurwitz, supported by Jacobs, to adjourn. Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Jacqueline Smith  
Ada Township Clerk

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Date