



**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 22, 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, and Trustees, Carter, Hurwitz, and Jacobs. Members absent: Treasurer Moran and Trustee Proos. Also present: Township Manager Suchy, Planning Director Said, Parks Director Fitzpatrick, Assessor Boerman, and approximately ten members of the community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Hurwitz, supported by Jacobs, to approve the May 22, 2023, agenda as presented. Motion carried.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes & Accept Reports/Communications

1. Special Board Meeting Minutes - April 25, 2023
2. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2023

Receive and File Various Reports and Communications

1. Parks, Recreation & Land Preservation Board Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2023
2. Ada Historical Society Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2023
3. Utility Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2023
4. Water Advisory Council Minutes – March 8, 2023
5. Resident Letter (John Heredia) re: Excessive Gunfire in Township

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

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

ADA TOWNSHIP GENERAL WARRANTS

Manager Suchy presented the following Hand Checks and Warrants: Hand Checks: \$2,444.94; Warrants: \$150,354.48. Total Checks and Warrants: \$152,799.42. **Moved by Jacobs, supported by Hurwitz, to approve the Warrant Report for May 22, 2023, in the total amount of \$152,799.42. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Hurwitz, Carter, Smith, Leisman; No - 0; Absent – Moran, Proos. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Neven Zolenski confirmed heavy and fast traffic on Pettis, said the gunfire issue at KCCL should be addressed, and that there is no need for a parking study.

Sara Easter also stated the noise from KCCL is a problem and should be investigated. She has been unable to sell her home due to the noise.

Mike Sullivan thanked everyone for the opportunity of the internship in the Manager's office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings.

NEW BUSINESS

Leonard Field Park Riverfront Improvement Project Bid Award to Ben Thomet Construction for an Amount Not to Exceed \$638,573.80

Parks Director Fitzpatrick and Jim Morgan presented this item. **Moved by Jacobs, supported by Hurwitz, to approve the project bid award to Ben Thomet Construction for an Amount Not to Exceed \$638,573.80. Motion carried.**

Consider Approval of Parking Study Proposal from Rich & Associates for an Amount Not to Exceed \$18,500.00

Planning Director Said and Manager Suchy explained the history and the current request for a new parking study. There was discussion among board members. **Moved by Carter, supported by Jacobs, to table the issue until the July meeting. Motion carried.**

MEDC RAP 2.0 Grant Project – Pedestrian Bridge over Thornapple River along Thornapple River Drive

Manager Suchy explained this grant opportunity and the process for applying. **Moved by Jacobs, supported by Carter, to authorize the Township Manager to apply for the MEDC Rap 2.0 Grant to Build a Pedestrian Bridge over the Thornapple River. Motion carried.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Township Manager Report – May 17, 2023

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

There was no Board Comment.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Parks Director Fitzpatrick commented on Legacy Park repairs.

CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Jacobs, supported by Carter, to proceed into closed session at 8:02 p.m. to consider the purchase of real property pursuant to MCL 15.268 Section 8 (1)(d) of the Open Meetings Act and Consider Written Legal Opinion Pursuant to MCL 15.268 Section 8(1)(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and to discuss litigation. Roll Call: Yes- Jacobs, Hurwitz, Carter, Smith, Leisman; No – 0; Absent – Moran, Proos. Motion pending.

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CLOSED SESSION

(Minutes prepared separately)

Moved by Jacobs, supported by Hurwitz, to return to open session at 9:27 p.m. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Hurwitz, supported by Jacobs, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Jacqueline Smith
Ada Township Clerk

Date