



**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Leisman at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Leisman, Treasurer Moran, Clerk Smith, Trustees Jacobs and Proos. Members absent: Trustees Hurwitz and Winczewski. Also present: Manager Suchy, Planning Director Said, DDA Director Stitchman, Parks Director Fitzpatrick, Assessor Boerman, and approximately 14 community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to approve the January 24, 2022, agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Moved by Jacobs, supported by Proos, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022, board meeting, and accept the Trails Committee Meeting Summary of December 8, 2021. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Treasurer Moran presented the following: Hand Checks: \$3,412.29, Warrants: \$145,928.11. Total of all Checks and Warrants: \$149,340.40. **Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to approve the Warrant Report for January 24, 2022, in the total amount of \$149,340.40. Roll Call: Yes - Jacobs, Proos, Smith, Leisman, Moran; No - 0; Absent - Hurwitz, Winczewski. Motion carried.**

Adatowne & Adacroft Water Main & Street Improvements Phases 2 & 3 Pay Application #8 to CL Trucking & Excavating LLC for an amount not to exceed \$94,985.12

Steve Groenenboom, Moore & Bruggink, explained that this did not cover construction but was to lower the retainage. **Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to approve Pay Application #8 for the Adatowne & Adacroft Water Main & Street Improvements Phases 2 & 3 to CL Trucking & Excavating LLC for an amount not to exceed \$94,985.12. Motion carried.**

Consider Payment of Ada Drive Trail Paving & Boardwalk Replacement Pay Application #3 from Katerberg VerHage for an amount not to exceed \$83,398.51

Steve Groenenboom answered questions from board members regarding this pay application request. **Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to pay \$49,161.67 to Katerberg VerHage. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Kniff stated that a social district would be an important part of creating critical mass in Ada.

U. Turan stated the social district would be a great attraction to the township.

Matt Michiels stated social districts have been very successful in other communities.

Nevin Zolenski stated he was unhappy with new board meeting rules, stating that comment times have never been limited before. He also spoke about the International Property Maintenance Code and the Build Back Better program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

PUBLIC HEARING

FIVE-YEAR COMMUNITY PARKS, RECREATION AND LAND PRESERVATION PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Public Hearing regarding the Five-Year Community Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation Plan was opened at 7:30 p.m.

Parks Director Fitzpatrick explained the plan. Supervisor Leisman added that this was recommended unanimously by the PRLP Committee.

Nevin Zolenski stated the township spends too much on land acquisition, that improvements never happen, and there should be more focus on recreation and less on land acquisition.

The public hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-012422-2: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A NEW FIVE-YEAR COMMUNITY PARKS, RECREATION AND LAND PRESERVATION PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Treasurer Moran asked for the difference between neighborhood and community parks, asked about the maintenance of the bridge, and stated that one of the goals was for a social district.

Supervisor Leisman stated the DNR requires the plan in order to apply for grants.

Moved by Jacobs, supported by Proos, to adopt Resolution R-012422-2, which is a resolution to adopt a new five-year community parks, recreation and land preservation plan as required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Proos, Leisman, Moran, Smith; No – 0; Absent – Hurwitz, Winczewski. Resolution adopted.

DOWNTOWN ADA SOCIAL DISTRICT CONCEPT

DDA Director Stichman explained the reasoning behind this concept. Parks Director Fitzpatrick added details. There were questions from board members regarding restrictions (days/times), the issue of the township prohibition of alcohol, other concerns, and expected responses. No action was taken at this time.

RESOLUTION R-012422-1: A RESOLUTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL FOR LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FROM SCOPO HOSPITALITY LLC

Paul Berglund explained his plans to open a restaurant and his request for a redevelopment liquor license. There was discussion about the township being allowed an additional quota license. **Moved by Smith, supported by Moran, to postpone this item until the February 14 board meeting. Motion carried.**

CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION FROM BUILDING/GROUNDS/UTILITIES COMMITTEE TO APPROVE GRAND VALLEY WATER TOWER TANK IMPROVEMENTS DESIGN ENGINEERING TO DIXON ENGINEERING FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,000

Manager Suchy explained this request and its history. **Moved by Smith, supported by Jacobs, to approve the recommendation from Building/Grounds/Utilities Committee to approve the Grand Valley Water Tower Tank Improvements Design Engineering to Dixon Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$28,000. Motion carried.**

SCHEDULE FY 2022/2023 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Manager Suchy asked board members to send the dates between February 1 and February 16 that they had conflicts with regarding scheduling a budget work session and he will determine a date. **Moved by Moran, supported by Jacobs, to hold the budget work session between February 1 and February 16 at a time to be determined. Motion carried.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Township Manager Report – January 20, 2022

Manager Suchy talked about results of the census and our time to express needed corrections.

He also stated the current Parks & Recreation administrative assistant has announced her resignation and the plan is to make that position full-time.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Clerk Smith announced the MTA Conference dates, including that there is a “virtual” option this year. She also explained tentative results of the redistricting, stating that several of the positions have Ada entirely moving to a different district.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Nevin Zolenski stated (regarding the social district) that we need to treat people like adults.

Matt Michiels stated that implementing a social district would give an opportunity to use the town as responsible adults. He suggested we give it a try and keep an open mind.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jacobs, supported by Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Jacqueline Smith
Ada Township Clerk

Date