



**ADA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.**

**Supervisor Korth called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.**

**Board Members Present:** Trustees Proos, Damstra, Hurwitz, Carter, Supervisor Korth, Treasurer Moran

**Board members Absent:** Clerk DeMarco

**Staff Present:** Township Manager Suchy, Deputy Clerk McIntosh, Staff Account Rodriguez, Buildings, Facilities and Ground Director Brinks, Parks and Recreation Director Deason, Planning Director Said, Assessor Boerman.

**Members of the Public Present:** Two members of the public

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Trustee Hurwitz, supported by Trustee Carter to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.**

**GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

Trustee Proos requested additional information from staff regarding the communication from the Railroad Company. Township Manager Suchy stated that transmittal order stating the project was approved and staff will continue to work with the railroad regarding project completion.

**Moved by Trustee Proos, supported by Trustee Hurwitz to approve minutes and accept and file reports/communications under consent agenda. Motion Carried.**

**A. APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2024

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

1. Ada Historical Society Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2024
2. Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2024
3. Michigan Department of Transportation Crossing of Grand Rapids Eastern Railroad Company with Kamp Twins Dr Transmittal Order – November 18, 2024

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

Treasurer Moran presented the Warrant Report with the following amounts:

Hand checks: \$10,595.45

Warrants: \$364,831.86

Total all checks and warrants: \$375,427.31

**Moved by Trustee Hurwitz, supported by Trustee Carter to approve the warrant report for the November 25, 2024 meeting in the total amount of \$375,427.31. Roll Call: Yes-6 (Moran, Proos, Hurwitz, Carter, Damstra, Korth); No-0; Absent-1 (DeMarco).**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There was no public comment.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Tall Grass Ordinance Discussion**

Planning Director Said presented the summary to the board. He stated that research was done by staff regarding surrounding communities tall grass ordinances. He is requesting direction from the board on if a tall grass ordinance is needed in the township. Manager Suchy stated that if the board requests the ordinance, it will be brought to the board for approval. Director Said stated that the ordinance may only be in certain zoning areas of the township if needed. Board members discussed enforcement, number of complaints, and the desire to take a community centered approach to addressing concerns like this from residents. Treasurer Moran dissented with the other board members, expressing desire for the ordinance in developed areas. Supervisor Korth stated that natural gardening and pollinator centered gardening is becoming very popular. Board members agree that there will be no action taken regarding the implementation of an ordinance, and request staff to begin to gather qualitative data regarding calls to ensure proper response in case of increase resident concerns.

### **Michigan State Housing Development Authority Housing Readiness Incentive Grant Program to Support Zoning Ordinance Update**

Planning Director Said provided a summary to the board members. Upon board request, Director Said consulted with legal regarding concerns of housing requirements and funding match requirements. He stated that legal had no concerns with the request, and staff is requesting to pursue the \$50,000. Director Said stated that this program aligns perfectly with the Master Plan and ongoing work within the planning department to increase transparency and clarity through a review of the zoning ordinance update. Board members expressed support for the application.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**There was no public hearing**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolution R-112524-1: A Resolution to Determine the Township Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2025/2026**

Manager Suchy presented the annual resolution to the board members. He stated that the public work session will be scheduled after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, targeting the last week in January as scheduling allows. **Moved by Trustee Carter, supported by Treasurer Moran to approve R-112524-1 to determine the Township budget schedule for fiscal year 2025/2026. Roll Call: Yes-6 (Carter, Damstra, Proos, Hurwitz, Moran, Korth); No-0; Absent-1 (DeMarco). Motion Carried.**

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **A. Township Manager Report – November 20, 2024**

Manager Suchy provided an update regarding the public hearing on December 9, 2024 for a public hearing for 3 Mile Road paving. He stated that the Planning Commission approved the Holland Home PUD that will also appear on the December 9, 2024 agenda. He also noted that board and committee assignments will be discussed with Supervisor Korth, and stated that the Drain Commission case will appear in front of a judge on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Trustee Hurwitz welcomed the new members to the board.  
Treasurer Moran stated that his door is always open for new and returning board members.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment

**CLOSED SESSION**

Discuss Written Legal Opinion Pursuant to MCL 15.268 Section 8(1)(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and Pending Litigation Pursuant to MCL 15.268 Section 8(1)(e) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act

Moved by Trustee Proos, supported by Trustee Hurwitz to move into a closed session for the purpose outlined. Roll Call: Yes-6 (Carter, Damstra, Proos, Hurwitz, Moran, Korth); No-0; Absent-1 (DeMarco). Motion Carried.

The Township Board reentered open session at 8:11 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Hurwitz, supported by Trustee Proos to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 P.M.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Date: December 9, 2024

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Jo DeMarco, Clerk