

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
March 13, 2017**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Treasurer Moran, Trustees Jacobs and Proos. Absent: Clerk Smith and Trustees Hurwitz and LeBlanc. Also present: Planning Director Jim Ferro, Parks Director Mark Fitzpatrick, and seven community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Haga noted a correction to New Business Item D, which should be Resolution R-031317-5. **Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to approve the Agenda as corrected. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING-FY 17/18 TOWNSHIP BUDGETS

Moved by Jacobs, supported by Proos, to proceed into the Public Hearing regarding the FY 17/18 Township Budgets. Motion carried. Supervisor Haga summarized the estimated taxable value, millage rates, expenses, and revenues for each of the funds.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Jacobs, supported by Proos, to close the Public Hearing regarding the FY 17/18 Township Budgets. Motion carried.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes and Accept Reports and Communications

Approval of minutes from the 2/27/17 Board Meeting and Amended Minutes from the 01/26/17 Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission and DDA.

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Building Permit Report - 2/17; 2. Comcast Update - 2/24/17; 3. Special Ethics Committee Minutes - 2/10/17. **Moved by Jacobs, supported by Proos, to approve the Minutes and accept the Reports and Communications under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

ADA TOWNSHIP GENERAL WARRANTS

Treasurer Moran reported the general township warrants, with receipts in the following amounts: Hand Checks: #101 \$24,518.12; #205 \$1,721.29; #208 \$1,218.39; #248 \$68.13; #590 \$4,334.31; #591 \$860.77; #592 \$313.97; Total all Hand Checks \$33,034.98. Warrants: #101 \$30,122.36; #205 \$2,620.02; #208 \$3,397.77; #248 \$3,419.25; #590 \$142,475.36; #591 \$98,275.87; #592 \$5,905.09; Total Warrants: \$286,215.82. Total All Checks and Warrants \$319,250.80. **Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to approve the Warrant Report for March 13, 2017, in the total amount of \$319,250.80. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Moran, Proos, and Haga; No - 0; Absent - Smith, Hurwitz, LeBlanc. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD COMMENT

Proos stated he is looking for an update on Fifth/Third, and hoping it is all set for the 20th. Supervisor Haga stated we are waiting for Chase Bank to sign off; everything else has been signed and ready to go; they're the ones holding us up. All the Fifth Third agreements are signed.

Supervisor Haga noted the schedule for the Parks and Recreation programs for 2017.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-031317-1, MICRO BREWERY LICENSE-SIETSMA CIDER, LLC

Jerry Sietsma, Sietsma Orchard, stated their plans are to obtain their license to begin serving beer. They are trying to open the door to more people coming out to see them 365 days a year. **Moved by Jacobs, supported by Proos, to adopt Resolution R-031317-1, Micro Brewery License - Sietsma Cider, LLC. Roll Call: Yes – Proos, Moran, Jacobs, and Haga; No - 0; Absent - Smith, Hurwitz, LeBlanc. Resolution adopted.**

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-031317-2, FY 17/18 HOLIDAYS AND MEETING SCHEDULE

Supervisor Haga stated January 1, 2017 should be 2018. **Moved by Jacobs, supported by Moran, to adopt Resolution R-031317-2, FY 17/18 Holidays and Meeting Schedule. Moved by Proos supported by Jacobs, to amend Resolution R-031317-2, FY 17/18 Holidays and Meeting Schedule, to delete the May 22, June 26, and July 24 Township Board meetings due to a lack of agenda items as has been done in the past. Roll Call: Yes – Proos, Jacobs, Moran, and Haga; No - 0; Absent - Smith, Hurwitz, LeBlanc. Resolution adopted as amended.**

RESOLUTION R-031317-3, APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LICENSE - “BEERS AT THE BRIDGE”

Supervisor Haga stated at the last Board meeting a motion was adopted to waive some of the rules relating to alcohol at the parks and the fire station. The three dates tentatively scheduled for holding the “Beers at the Bridge” are June 23, July 21, and August 18, and part of the application to the Liquor Control Commission is to adopt a local application for the special license as a resolution. **Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to adopt Resolution R-031317-3, Application for Special License - “Beers at the Bridge.” Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Proos, Moran, and Haga; No - 0; Absent - Smith, Hurwitz, LeBlanc. Resolution adopted.**

RESOLUTION R-031317-4, CONSUMERS ENERGY STREET LIGHT REMOVAL

Supervisor Haga stated we have three street lights on poles located at the old Headley Street, and it's taken since last summer to get approval for removal. There is also a fee of \$1,854 for removal of the street lights. **Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to adopt Resolution R-031317-4, Consumers Energy Street Light Removal request. Roll Call: Yes – Moran, Jacobs, Proos, and Haga; No – 0; Absent - Smith, Hurwitz, LeBlanc. Resolution adopted.**

RESOLUTION R-031317-5, RECOMMENDATION TO PROVIDE OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION FUNDS TO KENT COUNTY FOR LAND ACQUISITION TO EXPAND CHIEF HAZY CLOUD PARK

Planning Director Jim Ferro summarized the Kent County Parks grant application to the DNR for grant funds to help purchase 145 acres of land along the Grand River on Pettis Avenue. The Township committed to providing \$300,000 in local matching funds, and that grant has been recommended for approval by the State and is waiting for legislative appropriations and a grant agreement with the State so that Kent County Parks can close on it by the end of the year, at which time we will provide our local matching funds to the County. This is in the proposed budget for FY 2017-18. He stated this year they are submitting another grant application to the DNR to seek assistance for the acquisition of 124 acres of additional land on Pettis Avenue along the Grand River, and is again seeking matching funds from Ada Township. The county is requesting \$400,000 in matching funds, and if they are successful the project wouldn't be funded until 2018 and the expenditure wouldn't occur until the next FY. He stated the Parks Recreation and Land Preservation Advisory Board recommended approval of matching funds for the request with the provision that \$60,350 held by the Land Conservancy of West Michigan be substituted as a portion of our match for this year. **Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to adopt Resolution R-031317-5, Recommendation of the matching amount of \$400,000, the original draft resolution a portion to be removed that states “comprised of approximately \$60,350 from the Land Conservancy of West Michigan, the Ada Project Fund and the balance.” Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Proos, Moran, and Haga; No – 0; Absent - Smith, Hurwitz, LeBlanc. Resolution adopted.**

Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to utilize the \$60,350 from the Land Conservancy of West Michigan and the Ada Project Fund to be applied to this year's grant funding that has been previously approved. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Jacqueline Smith
Ada Township Clerk

Date

JS/dr