



**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at noon. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Clerk Smith, Treasurer Moran, and Trustees Hurwitz, Jacobs, McAleenan and Proos. Also Present: Parks Director Fitzpatrick, Planning Director Ferro, Fire Chief Murray, DDA Coordinator Hilbrands, and approximately 10 community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Hurwitz, supported by Jacobs, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Township Board Minutes - 08/12/19 and 08/16/19

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Ada DDA Minutes -07/08/19; 2. Ada Historical Society Minutes - 07/11/19; 3. Kent County Sheriff Department Reports 04/01/19 and 06/30/19; 4. Ada Township Water Quality Report - 2018; 5. Grand Valley Estates Water Quality Report - 2018; 6. AT&T Twelfth Annual Video Report - 08/09/19; 7. Planning Commission Minutes - 07/18/19; 8. Utility Advisory Board Minutes - 06/20/19; 9. Ada Library & Community Center - Project Status Report -08/14/19; 10. Park Director's Report - 08/15/19; 11. Comcast Update - 08/16/19.

Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, 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 presented the following Hand Checks: #101, \$2,447.12; #214, \$136.90; #590, \$72.80; #591, \$72.80; #592, \$16.18. Total of all Hand Checks: \$2,745.80. Warrants: #101, \$115,617.77; #205, \$4,033.96; #211, \$2,743.12; #214 \$2,904.74; #248 \$10,559.67; #401 \$26,930.91; #590 \$1,154.59; #591 \$2,318.08; #592 \$366.04. Total of all Warrants: \$166,628.88. Total of all Checks and Warrants: \$169,374.68. **Moved by Jacobs, supported by Proos, to approve the Warrant Report for August 26, 2019, in the total amount of \$169,374.68. Roll Call: Yes - Hurwitz, Jacobs, McAleenan, Proos, Moran, Smith, Haga; No - 0. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee McAleenan asked for an update regarding the paving on Pettis.

Trustee Proos asked for an update on the AV system. Trustee McAleenan replied that due to a backorder the project had been delayed until September 10. Proos also thanked Parks Director Fitzpatrick for his work. Proos also commented regarding the Comcast update that these companies are monopolies and they should consider older people's wants and needs.

Treasurer Moran commented on the record attendance and revenue at Beers at the Bridge.

Trustee Hurwitz commented that it's good to see the library moving forward.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2019 TAX RATE REQUEST - OPERATING, PUBLIC SAFETY, PARK & NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS, FORM L-4029

2019 TAX RATE REQUEST - ADA DDA, FORM L-4029

Supervisor Haga explained that typically a notice is sent in February. In the past there have been discussions regarding truth in taxation both with and without a hearing. Historically the township has adopted the maximum without the hearing. Research with the county and meeting with the Admin Committee and township legal counsel has shown that the resolutions have not reflected millage rates. The recommendation is to postpone this item until September 9 so proper publication can be done. **Moved by Smith, supported by Jacobs, to postpone these items until the September 9 board meeting, at which time a public hearing will be held. Motion carried.**

CITIZEN'S REQUEST TO APPOINT A TASKFORCE TO EXPLORE WHAT A NEW MODEL OF GOVERNANCE MIGHT LOOK LIKE AND HOW TO MOVE FORWARD

Ginny Seyferth stated that in this time of growth it may be time to look at different models of government. Susan Burton stated that as clerk she was aware as the township grew that demands increased. The 2020 election is coming and it may be appropriate to settle this before then. **Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, for the Supervisor to put together a task force to investigate and bring back a recommendation.** Supervisor Haga stated he would like to accomplish this by the end of the year. **Motion carried.**

CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR UPDATE OF TOWNSHIP NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL PLAN

Planning Director Ferro explained that a group has been working for several months regarding trail issues, including pedestrian safety. A combined meeting has been held with this group and the Trail Committee. A consultant group has been chosen, and to avoid dealing with the township's purchase policy, private funding has been identified for 75% of the cost. **Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to approve a total of \$59,325 for a consultant, with the township's share not to exceed \$15,000.** Planning Director Ferro stated that this should be subject to a final review by our counsel. The goal is an updated plan for future trail projects and funding and funding for maintenance of existing trails, and to develop information for a millage request. Trustee Proos stated the focus should be where we believe trails should be and "how to move around the village easily and safely." **Roll Call: Yes - Proos, Hurwitz, McAleenan, Jacobs, Smith, Haga, Moran. No - 0. Motion carried.**

ADA TOWNSHIP SPECIAL EVENT WAIVER REQUEST - "BRATS AND BONFIRES"

DDA Coordinator Brian Hilbrands explained this is the fifth year for Brats and Bonfires, and as in the past a waiver of our township alcohol policy is needed. **Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to approve a waiver of the township's policy of prohibition of alcohol on township property.** Trustee Proos recommended the DDA look at an event to hold near the amphitheater. **Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION R-082619-1 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LICENSE - "BRATS AND BONFIRES"

DDA Coordinator Brian Hilbrands explained this is the fifth year for Brats and Bonfires, and as in the past an application for liquor license must be submitted to the State. **Moved by Jacobs, supported by Moran, to adopt Resolution R-082619-1, which is a resolution Authorizing the Application for Special License.** **Roll Call: Yes - McAleenan, Jacobs, Hurwitz, Proos, Smith, Moran, Haga; No - 0. Resolution adopted.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Jacqueline Smith
Ada Township Clerk

Date