



**ADA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Supervisor Korth called the regular meeting of the Township Board to order at 7:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Supervisor Korth, Clerk DeMarco, Treasurer Moran, Trustee Hurwitz, Trustee Damstra, Trustee Proos.

Board Members Absent: Trustee Carter.

Staff Present: Township Manager Suchy, Planning Director Said, Assessor Boerman.

Public Present: One member of the public

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Moved by Trustee Proos, supported by Trustee Hurwitz to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.**

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

**Motion 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 – January 13, 2024

B. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ada Historical Society Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2024
2. Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2024
3. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2024
4. Parks, Recreation, and Land Preservation Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2024

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Treasurer Moran presented the Township General Warrants in the following amounts:

Hand Checks: \$1,650.00

Warrants: \$106,143.06

Total All Checks and Warrants: \$107,793.06

Motion to approve the January 27, 2025, Warrant Report in the total amount of \$107,793.06.

Roll Call: Yes-6 (Korth, DeMarco, Damstra, Moran, Hurwitz, Proos); No- 0; Absent- Carter.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was recorded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution R-012725-1: Boards & Meeting Calendar for FY 2025-26

Moved by Trustee Proos, supported by Treasurer Moran to approve R-012725-1. Roll Call: Yes-6 (Korth, DeMarco, Damstra, Moran, Hurwitz, Proos); No- 0; Absent- Carter. Motion Carried.

Resolution R-012725-2: A Resolution to Appoint Jo DeMarco as Township Board Liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Moved by Trustee Hurwitz, supported by Trustee Damstra to approve R-012725-1. Roll Call: Yes-6 (Korth, DeMarco, Damstra, Moran, Hurwitz, Proos); No- 0; Absent- Carter. Motion Carried.

Resolution R-012725-3: A Resolution to Appoint Jacob Heglund & Mike Terwilliger to the Compensation Commission

Board members discussed the commission's effectiveness, the creation of a roadmap to assist the commission with decision-making, and the timing of the fiscal year transition. Board members discussed the current ordinance, with members in agreement of the antiquated nature of several township ordinances. Township Manager Suchy clarified the timeline outlined in the ordinance.

Moved by Proos, supported by Trustee Hurwitz to approve R-012725-3. Roll Call: Yes- 4 (Proos, Damstra, Korth, Hurwitz); No- 2 (Moran, DeMarco); Absent- Carter. Motion Carried.

Consider Grant Agreement for MSHDA Housing Readiness Program

Township Manager Suchy presented the grant agreement, citing the documentation provided by Planning Director Said. Director Said stated that this aligns directly with the Master Plan, and this is a step in a positive direction to meeting those goals outlines. Trustee Proos expressed hesitancy to vote yes. He stated he is hesitant to vote yes due to not wanting MSHDA involved. **Moved by Treasurer Moran, supported by Trustee Damstra to accept the grant agreement. Yes-5 (Korth, DeMarco, Moran, Damstra, Hurwitz); No-1 (Proos); Absent- Carter. Motion Carried.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Township Manager Report – January 22, 2025

Township Manager Suchy noted the Michigan Earned Sick Time Act changes and his work with legal counsel. He stated that Lieutenant Brandon Holmes has left the Ada Fire Department, and thanks Lieutenant Holmes for his 15 years of service to the Township. He stated that he will attend the upcoming Kent County Road Commission meeting where they will consider the request to pave a portion of 3 Mile Rd.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Clerk DeMarco wanted to provide an update on the Clerk's office. She stated that she has revised the cemetery ordinance and fees and is set to provide the information and present it at the February 10, 2025, board meeting. She stated that she ordered a new drop box for absentee ballots, new security cameras and utilized a cybersecurity and election infostructure grant to provide reimbursement funding for this new equipment.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Hoover, 700 Marbury Dr. wanted to discuss the Compensation Commission. He stated that he was on the original commission and stated that the commission followed the law and expressed a desire to fill the last open seat on the commission. He expressed disappointment with the board for requesting that business owners be members of various board and commissions over non-business owner residents. He stated that that appointment process is isolating to residents. He stated that the board over-analyzes topics and should work with residents to provide for the average Ada taxpayer.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Clerk DeMarco, supported by Trustee Damstra to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Date

Jo DeMarco, Clerk