



**ADA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY JULY 8, 2024 at 12:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Leisman at 12:00 P.M.**

**Board Members Present:** Trustees Jacobs, Hurwitz, and Carter, Clerk Burton, Supervisor Leisman, Treasurer Moran.

**Board Members Absent:** Trustee Proos.

**Staff Present:** Fire Chief Murray, Planning Director Said, Assessor Boreman, Accountant Rodriguez, Zoning Administrator Bajdek, Downtown Development Authority Director Stichman, Parks and Recreation Director Deason, Township Manager Suchy, Deputy Clerk McIntosh.

**Public Present:** 9 members of the public

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Trustee Jacobs, supported by Trustee Hurwitz to approve the July 8, 2024, agenda with the addition of line item 'C' under General Township Business. Motion carried.**

**GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

**Moved by Trustee Jacobs, supported by Trustee Hurwitz, to approve the following minutes and accept and file the following reports and communication under the consent agenda. Motion carried.**

A. APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2024

B. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ada Historical Society Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2024
2. Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2024
3. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2024
4. Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2024
5. Utility Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2024
6. Forest Hills Public Schools Letter re: Forest Hills Eastern Athletic Field Relocation – June 18, 2024

C. Introduction of new members of the Clerk's Office.

Supervisor Leisman welcomes Clerk Burton to the board. Clerk Burton introduced Karen Brower as an election consultant for the upcoming August and November election.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

Treasurer Moran Presented the following total amount for Hand Checks and Warrants:

Hand Checks- \$49,850.00

Warrants- \$717,937.98

Total all checks and warrants- \$767,787.98

**Moved by Trustee Hurwitz, supported by Trustee Jacobs, to approve the Warrant Report for July 8, 2024, in the total amount of \$767,787.98. Roll Call: Yes- Hurwitz, Jacobs, Burton, Leisman, Moran, Carter; No- 0; Absent- 1. Motion carried.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nevin Zolenski, 6151 3 Mile Road. Brought concerns to the board regarding the recent purchase of the Mosaic Property, floodplain management, open space, and utilization of township funds. Zolenski also brought concerns to the board regarding deer management through Kent County Road Commission, stating the township can address the road brush to reduce incidents between cars and deer crossings.

Justin Alexanders, 8683 Winding Brook Lane. Thanks the board members for their service to their community. He brought concerns to the board regarding zoning of the KCCL, and stated that neighbors feel unsafe and encourages the board to enforce the ordinance and hire a range inspector to ensure current and future compliance.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no public hearings

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Update on Plan to Eliminate Knapp Street Water Being Trucked and Dumped into Grand River - Ken Yonker, Kent County Drain Commissioner.**

Ken Yonker, Kent County Drain Commissioner, provided an update to the board regarding Knapp Street water. He summarized his report and the anticipated impact on well residents in the area of the watershed. Yonker stated that his office is working with the West Michigan Environmental Action Council (WMEAC) to study the area of flooding and gather data to better understand the issue going forward. Supervisor Leisman expressed his dislike for the plan. **Moved by Trustee Jacobs, supported by Trustee Hurwitz to authorize the Township Manager, Township Engineer and Township Legal Council to review alternative solutions and report back. Motion carried.**

**Consider Request from Kent County Road Commission for Deer Management Program Participation – Jerry Byrne, Managing Director (KCRC).**

Supervisor Leisman disclosed that his law firm represents KCRC. KCRC wants to study the deer population to come up with recommendation for deer management throughout the county.

**Moved by Trustee Jacobs, supported by Treasurer Moran to table to topic due to no representative from Kent County Road Commission. Motion carried.**

**Resolution R-070824-1: A Resolution to Support the Redevelopment Liquor License Application for Vino Vibrations LLC.**

DDA Director Stichman presented the resolution to the board. DDA Board reviewed and adopted the resolution for this establishment. **Moved by Trustee Jacobs, supported by Clerk Burton to approve R-070824-1 to approve the redevelopment liquor license application for Vino Vibrations LLC. Roll Call: Yes- 6; No- 0; Absent- 1. Motion carried**

**Resolution R-070824-2: Local Government Unit Approval for a Social District Permit for Vino Vibrations LLC.**

DDA Director Stichman recommends approval for inclusion in social district. Restaurant is in the social district, and all other restaurant are in the district. **Moved by Treasurer Moran, supported by Trustee Carter to approve a social district permit for Vino Vibrations LLC. Roll Call: Yes- Hurwitz, Jacobs, Burton, Leisman, Moran, Carter; No- 0; Absent- 1. Motion carried.**

**Consider Award of Ada Park Pickleball Resurfacing Bid to Racquet Sports Inc. for an Amount Not to Exceed \$32,200.00.**

Parks and Recreation Director Deason summarized memo submitted to board members. He stated an increase in demand of the courts being rented out for parties and events and general use has increased over the past several years. He stated that work the contractors did in other communities was great and staff recommends their services. **Moved by Trustee Carter, supported by Trustee Hurwitz to approve the resurfacing bid to Racquet Sports Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$32,200.00. Motion carried.**

**Consider Purchase of Tender Truck from Spencer Manufacturing for an Amount Not to Exceed \$495,000.00.**

Fire Chief Murray presented the memo to the board. He stated that the Township has purchased two trucks previously from Spencer Manufacturing, and while the current tender truck is 24 years old, it will stay a part of the fleet. Staff are able to coordinate with Spencer Manufacturing for a delivery date of April 1, 2025. To avoid purchasing multiple trucks in the same fiscal year, the Public Safety Committee provided a forecasting of funding to schedule purchasing and replacement trucks. Township Manager Suchy stated that the Public Safety Committee recommended this purchase. **Moved by Trustee Hurwitz, supported by Trustee Carter to approve purchase of Tender Truck from Spencer Manufacturing for an amount not to exceed \$495,000.00. Motion carried.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A. Township Manager Report – July 3, 2024

Township Manager Suchy thanked community members for coming out to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events and thanked staff for their support and work the day of. Suchy announced that the committee will be addressing concerns raised from residents to continue to make the events family friendly. He summarized the remainder of the report citing the swearing in of the new Clerk, and Developer Day.

B. Assessing Department Report – July 1, 2024

C. Building, Facilities & Grounds Department Report – July 1, 2024

D. Downtown Development Authority Director Report – July 8, 2024

E. Fire Department Report – June, 2024

Fire Chief Murray had a successful 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pancake Breakfast with 750 people attending.

F. Historical Society Museum Manager Report – June, 2024

G. Parks & Recreation Department Report – July 1, 2024

H. Planning Department Report – June, 2024

I. Engineering Monthly Report – July 2, 2024

J. F&V Operations & Resource Management Utility Report – June, 2024

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Clerk Burton thanked the board for the warm welcome and is pleased to be a part of the board. Treasurer Moran welcomed Clerk Burton and commended the Planning Commission for their advocacy regarding a recent PUD Expansion.

Trustee Carter received an email from candidate Paul Hudson and Hudson's desire to meet with board members. He thanked Chief Murray for effective fiscal management of the public safety fund regarding the Tender Truck purchase.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nevin Zolenski, 6151 3 Mile Road. Zolenski stated that he was disappointed to see that Trustee Proos was not at the meeting. He brought concerns regarding the Open meetings Act, the Hidden Lakes agreement, and the growing cost of property taxes.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved by Trustee Hurwitz, supported by Trustee Jacobs to enter closed session. Roll Call: Yes- Hurwitz, Jacobs, Burton, Leisman, Moran, Carter; No- 0; Absent- 1. Motion Carried. The Township Board entered closed session at 1:20pm.**

- A. Consider Written Legal Opinion Pursuant to MCL 15.268 Section 8(1)(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act

Board returned to open session at 1:45pm.

**Moved by Jacobs, supported by Hurwitz to proceed as recommended by legal counsel regarding the matter discussed in closed session. Motion Carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Hurwitz, supported by Jacobs to adjourn. Board adjourned at 1:46pm**