



**ADA TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday August 30, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.
Amy Van Andel Library Community Room #1
7215 Headley Avenue, Ada MI**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Leisman called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Leisman, Hurwitz, Moran, Proos, Carter, Jacobs

Board Members Absent: Smith

Staff Present: Assessor Boerman, Deputy Clerk McIntosh, Manager Suchy, Accountant Rodriguez, Director Said, Director Brinks

Public Present: Ryan Formsma Erhardt Construction and Scott Vyn and Darrell Dehaan from Integrated Architecture. Two members of the public.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda by Moran, supported by Proos. Motion Carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Timeline Update

Manager Suchy provided an update to the board regarding the \$1.55 million in ARPA funding. Manager Suchy provided an update regarding the changes at the state level regarding state revenue sharing. Leisman encouraged additional ARPA discussion during agenda item C.

b. Township Hall Site Feasibility Preliminary Presentation – Integrated Architecture

i. Location #1 – 7171 Headley St. SE (Across from Library)

ii. Location #2 – 7330 Thornapple River Dr. (Current Twp Hall Site)

iii. Location #3 – 7185 Headley St SE (Next to Library)

Manager Suchy referred to the provided map that highlighted the three options. He gave an update regarding the site across from the library neighboring the church and updated the board regarding the deed restrictions.

Scott Vyn, Integrated Architecture referred to the impact of the space need study on the current project. He has applied the same two-story footprint on the parcels that are being considered for a potential location. He went over the positives and negatives regarding each site.

Ryan Formsma from Erhardt Construction stated that the prices will remain the same regarding building cost as he had included a 5% increase for inflation. The estimates for construction are based on similar construction to the Amy Van Andel Library.

Trustee Proos raised a concern regarding the visibility of the church from the road. He inquired about MDOT and the issues construction may face at the library location

Treasurer Moran encouraged the purchase of the 7171 Headley Street property. Renovation of the current townhall is just not feasible and is a unique area that can be used in a different way.

Trustee Jacobs agreed with other points regarding building on the current townhall site. She agreed with other Trustees regarding the 7171 Headley Street site.



Trustee Carter encouraged the township staff to develop a campaign regarding why the townhall is moving, he said it will be important to provide good communication for a project of this scale.

Trustee Hurwitz agreed that 7171 Headley Street site is the most desirable property but there is a worry regarding the churches idea of the view being obstructed.

Supervisor Leisman stated that the existing property is very difficult and doesn't want to damage the current assembly hall. He also agreed with the trustees regarding the 7171 Headley Street property.

c. Township Hall Cost & Funding Discussion

Manager Suchy presented the spreadsheets and the cost estimate provided by Erhardt. The board asked general questions regarding the building process, construction costs, and overall estimation and maintenance cost.

Board members do not have any questions regarding finance due to the early stages of the estimations. Staff who were present agreed with board regarding the community connection and future planning regarding the site across from the library. The Township staff looks forward to the future and growth potential for the township.

d. Next Steps

Supervisor Leisman discussed the several millages and township funding that creates complexity. The Township is encouraged to be under contract to utilize these ARPA funds by 2024. Supervisor Leisman encouraged the finance sub-committee to address these finance discussions and report back to the board with additional funding information.

Ryan, Erhard, stated that this contract is possible to be approved by the end of 2024, and it is encouraged by contractors to move quickly in order to stay on schedule.

Manager Suchy will bring an updated proposal from Integrated Architecture for the re-programming of the required space for a new Township Hall to the September 11th Township Board meeting for consideration.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nevin Zolenski, 3131 3 Mile Road, encourages the township to not sell its current property in order for them to appreciate and reassess what the community needs are for the current parcels that are town hall. General concern regarding parking and favors adding to the library instead of building on a separate site.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjournment moved by Trustee Carter, supported by Trustee Hurwitz. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:47pm.