

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 26, 2009**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Treasurer Rhoades, Clerk Burton, Trustees: Proos, Smith, and Westra. Absent: Trustee Sytsma. Also present, Recording Secretary Alt, and 9 community members.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Westra, Supported by Burton, to approve the agenda as amended. New item added under New Business; DDA Special Counsel Services. Yes - 6; No - 0; Absent-1. Motion carried.**

**GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Approval of Minutes**

January 12, 2009 Regular Board Meeting

**Receive and File Various Reports/Communications**

**1. Building Permit 2008 Summary; 2. Open Space Preservation Advisory Board Minutes 12/11/08; 3. Ada Historical Society Newsletter 1/09; 4. MTA Legislative-Legislative Fax 1/9/08, 1/16/09; 5. Ada Township – Helicopter Landing and Takeoff, 12/12/08.**

**Moved by Westra, Supported by Rhoades, to approve the (revised) minutes and to accept the Reports and Communications under the Consent Agenda. Yes - 6; No - 0; Absent - 1. Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS AND RECEIPTS**

Treasurer Rhoades presented Warrants and Receipts in the following amounts: Hand Checks: #101 \$2,202.04; #205 \$532.31; #208 \$770.75; #590 \$970.31; #591 \$220.00; #592 \$8.98. Total Hand Checks \$4,704.39. Warrants: #101 \$7,257.59; #205 \$12,820.48; #208 \$682.78; #211 \$21,266.69; #213 \$0; #590 \$11,255.60; #591 \$3,039.66; #592 \$218.34. Total Warrants \$56,541.14. Total Checks and Warrants \$61,245.53. **Moved by Proos, supported by Smith, to approve the Warrant Report of January 26, 2009, in the amount of \$61,245.53. Roll Call: Yes - Proos, Smith, Westra, Rhoades, Burton, Haga. No - 0. Absent - 1. Motion carried. (Trustee Sytsma- arrival at 7:35 p.m.)**

**PAY APPLICATION #6, ADA TRAILS - KNAPP STREET TRAIL**

**Moved by Westra, Supported by Smith to approve change order for payment #6 in the amount of \$64,696.00. Yes - 7; No - 0. Motion carried.** Steve Groenenboom from Moore & Bruggink outlined change order and letter regarding the budget summary. He stated the project finished under budget. Projects in reports show a multi-element phase as work goes.

**Moved by Westra, Supported by Smith to amend main motion to approve the net change order amount in the amount of \$14,126. Yes - 6; No - 1. Absent - 0. Motion carried.**

**Moved by Proos, Supported by Westra to approve payment #6 to Katerberg-Verhage for Contract No. 3, in the amount of 76,876.00. Roll Call; Yes - 7 - Smith, Proos, Westra, Sytsma, Rhoades, Haga, Burton. No - 0. Absent - 0. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Todd- 8025 Fulton St., Ada – stated he had submitted a petition in regard to a brush pile at the January 12, 2009 meeting; he had not received any type of reply, and would like some type of answer as to where it stands. Clerk Burton stated she would get back to him on the matter.

Tricia Haney & Jennifer Wilson from Hospice of Michigan outlined their organization. They stated they have relocated to a new location- 989 Spaulding Ave.; they outlined the services they offer and extended an invitation to their open house on Friday, January 30, 2009.

**BOARD COMMENT**

Treasurer Rhoades commented on the interest amounts from the checking accounts which varied from month to month. He explained they were sweep accounts the banks set up and outlined how the bank operates those sweep accounts.

Trustee Westra commented on the graffiti on the train trusses, and asked for an update.

Supervisor Haga stated the graffiti on the covered bridges had been taken care of; the graffiti on the railroad overpasses have not been taken care of. He is in communication with the railroad on how to get the graffiti covered up. Haga stated they have reported it to the Community Policing Dept. of the Sheriff Dept. to get communication out to the schools to help catch the perpetrators with regard to the Smart Reward Program.

Trustee Westra suggested the township up the reward amount, possibly doubling the amount to help to assist catching the perpetrators. Trustee Westra commented on the petition Mr. Todd had submitted, stating follow up is important.

Supervisor Haga commented on the request for the street name change with regard to Buttrick Avenue to Kamp Twins Drive. The change was approved through the Kent County Road Commission. He stated street name signs with the new name of "Kamp Twins" will be placed shortly and gave a brief history of the Kamp twins. He commented on an email sent to him in regard to property taxes - he stated there were two articles in the Grand Rapids press, out of the Detroit News, and thought it would be interesting reading for all.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **RESOLUTION R-012609-1, KENT COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT**

Dennis Kmiecik, Director Solid Waste Operations from DPW outlined the amended management plan. Westra stated the recycle information would be useful content for the township website. Sytsma stated many residents in the township would be interested in the program.

**Moved by Proos, Supported by Sytsma to adopt Resolution R-012609-1, KENT COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT. Roll call; Yes - 7; Smith, Westra, Proos, Sytsma, Rhoades, Haga, Burton. No - 0; Absent - 0. Resolution Adopted.**

##### **PETITION OF ADA TOWNSHIP TREASURER TO STRIKE PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM TAX ROLLS**

Treasurer Rhoades outlined petition.

**Moved by Proos, Supported by Westra to authorize PETITION OF ADA TOWNSHIP TREASURER TO STRIKE PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM TAX ROLLS. Yes - 7; No - 0; Absent - 0. Motion carried.**

##### **DDA (Downtown Development Authority) SPECIAL COUNSEL SERVICES**

Supervisor Haga stated the DDA had its first successful meeting last Friday and outlined the business from the meeting.

**Moved by Smith, Supported by Westra to approve DDA (Downtown Development Authority) SPECIAL COUNSEL SERVICES of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones in the amount of (and not to exceed) \$4,800. Yes - 7; No - 0; Absent - 0. Motion carried.**

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Frank Hoover-700 Marbury St. stated an updated microphone system would be beneficial with regard to township meetings.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Burton  
Ada Township Clerk

RS/ba