

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 27, 2006**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Treasurer Pratt, Clerk Ensing Millhuff, Trustees Damstra, Proos and Westra. Also present: Planner Ferro, Recording Secretary Smith and six community members. Members absent: Trustee Sytsma.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Proos, supported by Damstra, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

**GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Approval of Minutes**

February 13, 2006, Regular Board Meeting

**Receive and File Various Reports**

1. Sheriff Report - 2005 Year End East Precinct Report; 2. Zoning Board of Appeals - 2/06; 3. "Getting There Together" Citizens' Agenda to Move Transit Forward in the Grand Valley Region; 4. Ada Township Fire Department 2005 Annual Report.

**Receive and File Various Communications**

1. MTA Legislative Update Fax - 2/3/06 & 2/10/06; 2. Kent District Library Minutes - 1/19/06; 3. 1101 Pettis Zoning Violations Letter - 2/15/06; 4. Kent County Detail- 2/06; 5. Ada Historical Society Minutes - 1/14/06; 6. GRETS Minute s- 1/18/06; 7. Ada Moorings Advisory Committee on Traffic Issues Minutes (Draft), 1/14/06 & 2-3-06; 8. Moore-Eagle Scout - 2/8/06; 9. Varnum - Filings with Federal Communications Commission - 2/14/06; 10. Utility Advisory Board Minutes - 1/19/06; 11. Eastbrook Homes - Withdrawal of Rezoning Request - 2/16/06; 12. Representative Koetje - Capitol Briefing - 2/8/06.

**Moved by Westra, supported by Pratt, to approve items on the Consent Agenda.** Trustee Damstra asked for clarification regarding correspondence, specifically the 8 e-mails regarding the Pettis Recycling presented to the board by the Supervisor at the previous meeting are noted on the Agenda or in the minutes. Clerk Ensing Millhuff explained any correspondence received prior to the meeting would not be noted individually on the Agenda under correspondence; stating otherwise the minutes would reflect the total number received.  
**Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS AND RECEIPTS**

Treasurer Pratt presented Warrants and Receipts in the following amounts: Hand Checks: #101 \$1,857.66; #205 \$368.57; #208 \$392.11; #590 \$45.89; #591 \$383.47. Total Hand Checks \$3,047.70. Warrants: #101 \$17,413.27; #205 \$20,967.10; #208 \$1,943.14; #590 \$54,487.55; #591 \$97,508.29; #592 \$1,904.00. Total Warrants \$194,223.35. Total Checks and Warrants \$197,271.05.

**Moved by Westra, supported by Proos, to approve the Warrant Report of February 27, 2006, in the amount of \$197,271.05. Roll Call: Yes - Damstra, Proos, Westra, Pratt, Ensing Millhuff, Haga. No - 0. Absent - Sytsma. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Koetje, Wyoming, MI announced his candidacy for the 20<sup>th</sup> District of the State Senate. He felt the most difficult challenge facing the state was the economy, and he had focused on that issue during his time as a representative.

**BOARD COMMENT**

Clerk Ensing Millhuff announced that the Elections Commission had met and the precincts would be consolidated again for the May 2006 School Election.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION R-022706-1 - GREATER GRAND RAPIDS MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Planning Director Ferro explained the Executive Summary of the Grand Rapids Metro-Wide Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was prepared cooperatively by all of the local governments in Kent and Ottawa counties, with leadership from two counties and Grand Rapids. Having such a plan approved within the area is a prerequisite

for eligibility for grant funding. Ada currently has a grant pending for assistance to acquire a flood-prone property on Pettis. In order to keep eligibility for the grant, the Township would need to adopt this resolution. The plan itself identifies the relative risk of different types of natural or human-caused disaster hazards and identifies mitigation standards to minimize the risk. **Moved by Westra, supported by Ensing Millhuff, to adopt Resolution R-022706-1, which is the Greater Grand Rapids Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution. Roll Call: Yes - Westra, Ensing Millhuff, Haga, Pratt, Proos, Damstra. No - 0. Absent - Sytsma. Resolution adopted.**

#### **T-MOBILE LEASE AMENDMENT - DISCUSSION/DIRECTION**

Supervisor Haga explained the two proposals from T-Mobile. The current agreement consists of a rental rate of \$1,650 per month, with a 10% escalation per term. The current contract would provide \$108,900 over the 10 years, while T-Mobile's proposals would provide \$74,497 or \$83,160.

**Moved by Westra, supported by Damstra, to forward this matter on a team level to the Information Technology Committee. Motion carried.**

#### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **1. GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE**

**Moved by Damstra, supported by Pratt, to approve the recommendation from the Personnel Committee, regarding the employees contributing 5% of group health insurance premium, deleting the short-term sickness and accident, deleting the life insurance for township trustees, continuing to monitor the health insurance programs and making future recommendations as may be necessary.**

There were questions and comments by board members regarding the dollar figure for current insurance for purposes of comparison, coverage differences, network programs, short-term disability benefits, continued reviews, staff morale, overall compensation, Section 125 plan, performing a compensation study, and regular reviews of compensation. **Motion carried.**

##### **2. FY 06/07 STAFF WAGES**

Supervisor Haga explained the Personnel Committee recommended a 4% cost of living increase to be effective April 1st. **Moved by Ensing Millhuff, supported by Pratt, to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation for staff wages for 2006-07, for up to a 4% cost of living increase, effective April 1, and with a Department supervisor review of staff.** There were questions/comments from board members regarding the sick and/or /personal days and considering the whole compensation package. **Motion carried.**

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

Lloyd Paul, 1268 Pettis, thanked the trustees for listening and taking action regarding the recommendation to the Zoning Administrator regarding the Pettis & Associates property. He requested that everyone check the web-site of Riethriley.com, which gives a description of the Ada location. He claimed that Rieth-Riley had not played by the rules, and the township should place a time limit or have the Court place an injunction to remove the aggregate and slow down production.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Deborah Ensing Millhuff, CMC  
Ada Township Clerk**

RS: JS