

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 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: Proos, Sytsma and Westra. Members absent: Trustee Damstra. Also present: Recording Secretary Smith and six community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Westra, supported by Pratt, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

March 13, 2006, Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports

1. Planning Commission report - 1/12/06 & 1/19/06; 2. Board of Review Report - 3/16/06.

Receive and File Various Communications

1. MTA Legislative Update Fax - 3-10-06 & 3-17-06; 2. The Michigan Legislature - Fire Services - 3-14-06; 3. Kent County Road Commission - Road Condition - 3-6-06; 4. Ada Historical Society Minutes - 2-11-06; 5. Grand Rapids Association Realtors - Keyperson letter - 3-1-06; 6. Utility Advisory Board (UAB) Minutes - 2-16-06; 7. Grand Valley Regional Biosolids Authority Report; 8. Region 8 Notes - 3-06; 9. Ada Township Annual Meeting Reports: 1. Supervisor Report; 2. Clerk Annual Report; 3. Treasurer Update; 4. Minutes 2005 Annual Meeting.

Moved by Sytsma, supported by Proos, to approve items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS AND RECEIPTS

Treasurer Pratt presented Warrants and Receipts in the following amounts: Hand Checks: #101 \$1,760.53; #205 \$350.25; #208 \$581.86; #590 \$183.67; #591 \$378.42; #592 \$21.44; #701 \$932.14. Total Hand Checks \$4,208.31. Warrants: #101 \$13,684.20; #205 \$3,330.14; #208 \$1,949.11; #249 \$34.60; #590 \$50,431.81; #591 \$80,064.23; #592 \$102.02. Total Warrants \$149,596.11. Total Checks and Warrants \$153,804.42.

Moved by Westra, supported by Sytsma, to approve the Warrant Report of March 27, 2006, in the amount of \$153,804.42. Roll Call: Yes - Proos, Sytsma, Westra, Pratt, Ensing Millhuff, Haga. No - 0. Absent - Damstra. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Wood, 8060 Vergennes, express concern about the Edie Pettis issue. Stating he believes the township had been harassing Ms. Pettis for the past 10 years, with nothing to show for it. Adding, the board was close to exceeding its authority to do the legitimate business of the township and it should back off.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Westra commented on the success of the Ada Business Association Ada Live Expo. He felt the ABA had done a great job, the turnout had exceeded expectations, and it was a really good thing for the community. He also commented on the semi tractor trailer had become lodged underneath the railroad overpass and wanted to make sure there was adequate signage it was not a truck-friendly route. Clerk Ensing Millhuff added at this was the third incident in the past month. Trustee Westra asked for an update on the charrette task force. Supervisor Haga responded they were reviewing the RFQs.

Clerk Ensing Millhuff explained the State had reported approximately 50,000 people who were on the last voter rolls were actually deceased. Ada Township had been informed by the State of Michigan 12 were deceased. However, 2 were incorrectly reported by SSA and two others had moved from the township but were still alive making the actual number from Ada Township 8 deceased out of almost 8,000 registered voters. Clerk Millhuff noted the Township did not always get timely notification, especially if a resident passed away while out of state.

Supervisor Haga announced the invitation to board members for the annual Kent County Road commission dinner. He gave an update on the charrette process. Recently approximately 150 e-mails had been sent to prospective candidates both local and afar, along with an RFQ for responses. So far 12 responses had been received. Committee members had been given a set of documents on a CD put together by Trustee Westra to help analyze

and rate the prospective candidates, and a meeting was scheduled for March 28 to narrow the selection to send out requests for proposals. The group continues to be excited about its task. A pilot project was planned to have an internet link between the committee members to facilitate communication.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-032706-1 - FY 06/07 BUDGET ADOPTION

Supervisor Haga noted there were three adjustments made in the recommended budget. There was an increase of \$3,000 for the Ada Historical Society for their architectural or general services project. There was a slight increase in the allowable millage rates without holding a public hearing (Headley). The health insurance line item related to employees was reduced by 5% in light of the recent board action. **Moved by Proos, supported by Westra, to adopt Resolution R-032706-1, which is the resolution to adopt the general portion of the Appropriations Act under PA621 for budgets of all township funds for fiscal year April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007. Roll Call: Yes - Sytsma, Westra, Pratt, Ensing Millhuff, Haga, Proos. No - 0. Absent - Damstra. Resolution adopted.**

RESOLUTION R-032706-2 - "LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN MICHIGAN ELIMINATES LOCAL CABLE FRANCHISING."

Supervisor Haga stated there had been a fair amount of communications among other townships. Clerk Ensing Millhuff had communicated with Representative Hildenbrand. There was information in the latest legislative news from the MTA. Trustee Westra stated the way communication is delivered is changing very rapidly and competition brings prices down. He also thought it was important to stop looking for revenue from the State and seek revenue locally. Clerk Millhuff noted this was not state revenue and had nothing to do with receiving state funds.

Moved by Pratt, supported by Ensing Millhuff, to adopt Resolution R-032706-2, which is legislation introduced in Michigan that eliminates local cable franchising.

. Roll Call: Yes - Pratt, Ensing Millhuff, Haga, Proos, Sytsma. No - Westra. Absent - Damstra. Resolution adopted.

HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Haga stated the recommended group had consented to be part of the study committee.

Moved by Proos, supported by Sytsma, to approve the committee membership for the Ada Township Historic District Study as presented in the memo from Supervisor Haga on March 18, 2006.

STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION (SWPPI)

Planning Director Ferro explained that Ada participates with most of the communities in the metro area in a cooperative management program for managing stormwater pollution. As part of that, the SWPPI is required. The intention is to identify specific actions the Township either has or plans to undertake to control water quality problems due to run-off. The draft document was prepared by the consultant with input and participation from Planning Director Ferro and Supervisor Haga. It is subject to approval by the DEQ and must be updated every two years. There is a commitment to evaluating whether a local wetlands ordinance should be adopted. **Moved by Pratt, supported by Ensing Millhuff, to adopt the Stormwater Pollution Preventative Initiative as presented to the Township Board on the document dated March 22, 2006, from Planning Director Ferro to the Township Board.**

Clerk Ensing Millhuff stated a lot of what was asked for is already in place.

Planning Director Ferro added a couple other items include evaluating the effectiveness of the riparian rules and committing to developing hazardous materials spill response measures. **Motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

TOWNSHIP AUDITOR, ATTORNEY AND ENGINEER REVIEWS

Supervisor Haga explained the Administrative Committee had met with a number of auditor companies and recommended Siegfried Crandall. Treasurer Pratt stated she did a lot of reference-checking, and glowing references were given for Siegfried Crandall. Another consideration was Siegfried Crandall's experience with BS&A and with township accounting.

The engineer and attorney had also been reviewed, and the recommendation was to retain them. There were new rates reflected in the hourly rate section for the attorney.

Moved by Westra, supported by Sytsma, to adopt the recommendation from the Administrative Committee regarding the township auditor, attorney and engineer.

Dan Veldhuizen, from Siegfried Crandall, stated he was looking forward to working with the township and commended Ada for its financial soundness, good system of internal controls and capable progressive board.

Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

RS: JS