

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2008**

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, Sytsma and Westra. Also present: planning Director Ferro, Recording Secretary Smith and 17 community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Sheriff Larry Stelma explained the East Precinct has been in existence for nearly five years and there has been a good working relationship between the Department and the townships of Ada, Cascade and Grand Rapids. As part of the agreement, the Sheriff's Department supplies a command officer. Sheriff Stelma introduced Lt. Steven Chanter as the new command officer to replace the previous officer who retired.

Lt. Chanter stated it is a privilege to be put in this position, and he appreciated the precinct concept. He looked forward to providing good sound policing to meet the township's needs.

Both Lt. Chanter and Sheriff Stelma gave a summary of Lt. Chanter's background.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

March 24, 2008, Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Fire Call Report - 02/08; 2. Supervisor Report; 3. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes - 2/5/08; 4. Open Space Preservation Advisory Board Minutes - 2/14/08; 5. Utility Advisory Board Minutes - 2/21/08; 6. Comcast - Channel Update - 3/21/08; 7. Board of Review Report - 4/14/08; 8. MTA Legislative Update Fax - 3/14/08, 3/21/08 & 3/28/08; 9. Ada Business Association News - 4/08; 10. Moore & Bruggink - Trails Progress Report - 4/3/08.;

11. Kent County Road Commission Township Meeting – 4/8/08; 12. Kent County Road Commission Emergency Expenditure – 4/11/08; 13. Ada Township Trail Estimate – 4/28/08; 14. East Fulton Street Property Purchase – 4/8/08; 15. Township Documentation Alteration – 4/8/08

Moved by Westra, supported by Sytsma, 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 \$52,796.12; #205 \$3,446.03; #208 \$6,369.68; #213 \$42,289.91; #590 \$3,758.11; #591 \$1,672.62; #592 \$517.84. Total Hand Checks \$110,850.31. Warrants: #101 \$44,888.29; #205 \$16,204.99; #208 \$12,702.39; #211 \$264,252.50; #213 \$1,681.59; #590 \$134,247.36; #591 \$171,882.89; #592 \$943.54. Total Warrants \$646,803.55. Total Checks and Warrants \$757,653.86. **Moved by Proos, supported by Westra, to approve the Warrant Report of April 14, 2008, in the amount of \$757,653.86.** Clarifications were made regarding the bond interest payments, the Grand Rapids City Treasurer, and the plantings at Roselle Park.. **Roll Call: Yes – Damstra, Proos, Sytsma, Westra, Pratt, Ensing Millhuff, Haga. No - 0. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Westra stated in the past week he had noticed graffiti in the tunnel under the railroad. Supervisor Haga responded there was also graffiti in other parts of the township and an offender had been apprehended.

Clerk Ensing Millhuff announced the need for volunteers for the 4th of July parade and celebration.

Trustee Damstra asked about trail budgets.

Trustee Proos asked about an anticipated completion date for the trail.

Trustee Proos asked about planned road repairs.

Supervisor Haga read a memo from the Administrative Committee regarding a discovery of altered documents and the committee's recommendations regarding computer, website, and document security and further actions to be taken, including referral to the Kent County Prosecutor.

Clerk Ensing Millhuff added additional research and investigation uncovered possible violations to Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act, and that information would be forwarded along with the other document.

OLD BUSINESS

READOPTON OF R-121007-1 – CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

The original resolution was rejected by the Liquor Control Commission, and a revised resolution was received. **Moved by Westra, supported by Ensing Millhuff, to transfer the location of the liquor license from 392 Pettis to 396 Pettis under the new name Victory Club LLC. Roll Call: Yes - Ensing Millhuff, Haga, Pratt, Proos, Damstra, Westra, Sytsma. No - 0. Absent - 0. Resolution adopted.**

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-041408-1 – ADA CRITERIUM BICYCLE RACE ROAD CLOSURE

Moved by Sytsma, supported by Ensing Millhuff, to adopt Resolution R-041408-1, which is the road closure request for the Ada Criterium Bicycle Race, scheduled for August 2, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It was noted there were no changes from last year and there would be an additional certificate of insurance for the children's bicycle race. Trustee Proos expressed concern the township doesn't supplement funds for the event. **Roll Call: Yes - Proos, Westra, Sytsma, Damstra, Pratt, Haga, Ensing Millhuff. No - 0. Absent - 0. Resolution adopted.**

M-21 BRIDGE LIGHTS

Planning Director Ferro gave some history of the bridge and explained the planned bridge replacement to begin in Spring 2009. The lighting options were reviewed by the charrette committee, and input was received from the public. **Moved by Sytsma, supported by Westra, to support the recommendation from the Charrette Task Force, which is for the antique streetlights similar to the village streetscape lights.** There was board comment about the optimizing the dimensions, minimizing the uplighting, and the possibility of additional lighting on M-21. **Motion carried.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Planning Commissioner Tom Korth, 8805 Conservation, read a statement regarding the completed fundraising of \$124,435.00 in partnership with the West Michigan Land Conservancy and local volunteers to off-set the purchase cost of the "Billboard Property" on Fulton Street. A copy of the complete text is on file with the Township Clerk.

Karen Holt., 5701 Three Mile, asked several questions about fundraising and the billboard land, and alignment and tree removal for the bike path.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Ensing Millhuff, CMC
Ada Township Clerk