

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 28, 2008**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Treasurer Pratt, Trustees: Proos, Sytsma and Westra. Also present: Planning Director Ferro, Fire/Rescue Chief DuVall, Parks Director Fitzgerald, Deputy Clerk Thompson, Recording Secretary Smith and 14 community members. Members absent: Clerk Ensing Millhuff, Trustee Damstra. Supervisor Haga stated the Clerk was absent due to a Michigan Township Association meeting regarding cemetery management and election issues.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

April 14, 2008, Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Planning Commission Report - 1/22/08, 2/21/08 & 3/20/08; 2. Building Permit Report/Trends - 4/9/08; 3. Sheriff Report - 1/1/08-3/31/08; 4. Kent County Road Commission - Primary Road Mill & Fill - 4/17/08; 5. Siegfried Crandall - Auditor Communication - 3/11/08; 6. Ada Historical Society Newsletter - 5/08; 7. Open Space Preservation Advisory Board Minutes - 3/13/08; 8. MTA Legislative Update Fax - 4/4/08 & 4/11/08; 9. Ada Historical Society Minutes - 3/8/08; 10. Investment Report - 3/31/08; 11. Land Preservation Guide - 4/08; 12. AT&T Michigan Video Service Notification - 4/18/08; 13. Grant Award for Purchase of 12 Portable Radios - for Fire Department - 4/25/08; 14. Documentation Alteration - 4/26/08; 15. Planning Commission - Primary Road Paving - 4/22/08; 16. Consumers Energy - Public Hearing on Rates- 4/21/08; 17. Survey Monkey.com and web site usage stats - 4/08. **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 \$1,153.77; #205 \$13.14; #208 \$4,320.00; #590 \$35.35; #591 \$35.36; #592 \$1.44. Total Hand Checks \$5,559.06. Warrants: #101 \$30,624.31; #205 \$29,968.70; #208 \$6,186.64; #590 \$10,077.15; #591 \$6,963.67; #592 \$3,131.22. Total Warrants \$86,951.69. Total Checks and Warrants \$92,510.75. **Moved by Westra, supported by Sytsma, to approve the Warrant Report of April 28, 2008, in the amount of \$92,510.75. Roll Call: Yes - Sytsma, Westra, Haga, Pratt, Proos. No - 0. Absent - Ensing Millhuff, Damstra. Motion carried.**

PAYMENT #4 - JARAN CONSTRUCTION - SILO PROJECT

Moved by Proos, supported by Sytsma, to approve Payment #4 to Jaran Construction for the silo project in the amount of \$11,688.00. There was discussion regarding the camera system. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Wood, 8060 Vergennes, expressed concern about election procedures and training of inspectors.

Anna Barlow, 3000 Mela Via Court, asked about the status of paving on Three Mile Road.

John Toigo, 3011 Mela Via Court, encouraged paving of Three Mile Road for safety reasons.

Jon Sarb, 590 River Street, stated he was appalled at Trustee Westra's response of "Much Ado about Nothing" to the reporter regarding an altered township document: adding he believed it was a serious issue.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Proos expressed displeasure in the road conditions and urged the township to pursue any funds available for road repair and make demands known to the Kent County Road Commission.

Treasurer Pratt agreed with Trustee Proos and noted the difficulty of working with the Road Commission.

Trustee Sytsma referred to a letter addressed to the Township Board and written by the Planning Commission regarding road repairs in relation to the charrette recommendations and indicated her endorsement of the letter, which is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Trustee Westra asked for an update on elimination of graffiti within the township.

Supervisor Haga explained planned road projects and stated he would put as much pressure as he could on the Road Commission, but indicated the need to continue to work with the Road Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

REEDS LAKE TRIATHLON - MDOT PERMIT AUTHORIZATION

Susan Perry, East Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation, gave information about the Reeds Lake Triathlon. **Moved by Westra, supported by Pratt, to authorize the use of M-21 through the permit process for the Reeds Lake Triathlon, scheduled for Saturday, September 6. Motion carried.**

ADA PARK GARAGE ADDITION CONTRACT APPROVAL

Fire/Rescue Chief DuVall explained the bid process and recommended Thomet Construction. **Moved by Westra, supported by Pratt, to authorize the contract for construction of storage building to house the Kubota tractor and other vehicles with Thomet Construction, in the amount of \$19,962.** Trustee Proos recommended a fire alarm system with heat detection monitoring. **Moved by Westra, supported by Pratt, to amend the motion to include an amount up to \$4,000, to install appropriate fire detection and monitoring system for the building. Motion to amend carried. Main motion, as amended, carried.**

OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Moved by Sytsma, supported by Pratt, to confirm the appointment of Richard Steketee to the vacant position on the Open Space Advisory Board. Trustee Proos stated the importance of placing qualified residence on this board, and Trustee Sytsma expressed thanks to Bette Roberts for all her hard work. **Motion carried.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Lloyd Paul, 1268 Pettis, reported other states were having the same issue with road deterioration and suggested there may have been a change in materials used. He asked if a copy of the "altered" document was available.

Brent Corpe, property owned in Mela Via development, explained a focus committee and its recommendation regarding the paving of Three Mile Road and a petition that had circulated.

John Toigo stated he had the petition in his possession but not with him currently.

Karen Holt, 5701 Three Mile, was strongly in favor of keeping Three Mile gravel. She stated a well-maintained gravel road was safer than pavement, the hill had been there forever, and the road had been designated as a natural beauty road since 1974.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Ensing Millhuff, CMC
Ada Township Clerk

RS: js