

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 12, 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, Sytsma and Westra. Also present: Planning Director Ferro, Recording Secretary Smith and six community members. Trustee Proos arrived at 7:58 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

April 28, 2008, Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Supervisor Report – 05/08; 2. REGIS Board Minutes – 03/26/08; 3. GO! Bus Report – 04/09/08; 4. Utility Advisory Board Minutes – 03/20/08; 5. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Notice – 04/28/08; 6. MTA Legislative Update Fax – 04/18/08 & 04/25/08; 7. Kent District Library Newsletter – 04/08; 8. Grand Rapids Association of Realtors – 04/07/08; 9. Petition – 3 Mile Road “Hill” Paving – 05/02/08; 10. Clerk’s Report – Website Survey Answers & Statistics.

Moved by Westra, supported by Pratt, to approve items on the Consent Agenda. Trustee Sytsma clarified she had asked for the letter to be added to the minutes, not read into the minutes. Trustee Westra added he had suggested it be read into the minutes. Clerk Ensing Millhuff stated the standard policy is to attach prepared statements from Township Board members to the minutes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS AND RECEIPTS

Treasurer Pratt presented Warrants and Receipts in the following amounts: Hand Checks: #101 \$1,353.46; #205 \$2,223.61; #208 \$372.97; #590 \$43,783.52; #591 \$75,304.07; #592 \$1.84; Total Hand Checks \$123,039.47. Warrants: #101 \$35,327.35; #205 \$4,431.14; #208 \$11,638.56; #590 \$21,773.20; #591 \$10,598.28; #592 \$3,280.70. Total Warrants \$87,049.23. Total Checks and Warrants \$210,088.70. **Moved by Sytsma, supported by Damstra, to approve the Warrant Report of May 12, 2008, in the amount of \$210,088.70.** There were questions and clarifications regarding the payments to Jaran Construction, Zach’s Lawn Care and Ada Body Shop. **Roll Call: Yes – Sytsma, Westra, Haga, Pratt, Damstra, Ensing Millhuff. No - 0. Absent – Proos. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Wood, 8060 Vergennes, commented about elections and getting immediate results from the voting machines, and he distributed copies of instructions. He also commented on attorney fees.

BOARD COMMENT

Clerk Ensing Millhuff distributed copies of the State of Michigan worksheets for reimbursement of the Presidential Primary Election. Clerk Millhuff explained references by Mr. Wood, stating the Optec voting machines from 2004 are no longer in use; however the new M100 machines are also programmed by the county. Millhuff clarified the difference between a recall and a recount.

Trustee Damstra stated he was receiving positive feedback regarding Roselle Park and the trails, encouraging the board to move forward with trail expansion. Damstra also recommended moving forward with road repairs in the future; suggesting the formation of a task force to establish a strategy for roads and funding.

Supervisor Haga explained an e-mail from John Swartz from AT&T and stated if board members were interested in seeing a presentation they could call and make an appointment, either independently or as a group. He gave an update on the Thornapple River road repairs, with the township’s cost at \$94,000 and an anticipated date of June 9 through June 20. The road will be open to local traffic only.

Trustee Sytsma stated there was a productive meeting between the Planning Commissions of Ada and Cascade Townships regarding heliports and other issues. Supervisor Haga suggested she submit a written report to the board.

Trustee Westra was encouraged about AT&T bringing broadband to Ada, but expressed concern about the upkeep of the building on Ada Drive and suggested the opportunity be taken to encourage property improvements.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

CEMETERY ORDINANCE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Clerk Ensing Millhuff explained the importance for cemetery ordinances; adding she had prepared the ordinance based on a model from the Michigan Township Association. The attorney reviewed and suggested a small wording change in Sections 7 and 15. Clerk Millhuff explained the prices in Section 4 refer to a separate resolution and any fee changes would be reflected by amending the current resolution. Trustee Westra suggested Section 13 be changed to reflect from dawn to dusk. Supervisor Haga stated this ordinance will be put back on the agenda with the suggested revisions for board approval at the next board meeting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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