

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 29, 2007**

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, Fire/Rescue Chief DuVall, Parks Director Tatar, Recording Secretary Smith and 14 community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

May 14, 2007, Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Planning Commission Minutes - 04/19/07 & 04/26/07; 2. Comcast - Lineup changes - 05/03/07 & 05/15/07; 3. Region 8 Notes - 05/07; 4. Ada Historical Society Minutes -04/14/07; 5. MTA Legislative Update Fax - 05/04/07, 05/11/07 & 05/18/07; 6. Kent County Detail - 05/07.

Moved by Proos, 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 \$11,788.24; #205 \$1,946.72; #208 \$878.79; #590 \$287.47; #591 \$287.47; #592 \$11.92. Total Hand Checks \$15,200.61. Warrants: #101 \$47,344.37; #205 \$4,753.90; #208 \$11,094.90; #590 \$51,118.98; #591 \$91,324.06; #592 \$49.11. Total Warrants \$205,685.32. Total Checks and Warrants \$220,885.93.

Moved by Proos, supported by Westra, to approve the Warrant Report of May 29, 2007, in the amount of \$220,885.93. There were questions, comments and clarifications made regarding Eccentric Entertainment Corp., Crosby & Henry Insurance, MTA annual dues, and Weed & Fee Lawn Care. **Roll Call: Yes - Sytsma, Westra, Haga, Pratt, Damstra, Proos, Ensing Millhuff. No - 0. Absent - 0. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lloyd Paul, 1268 Pettis, commented on the concrete crushing at Pettis & Associates and the previous information he had given to board members regarding contaminants. He encouraged board members to be strong on enforcement and to have the Pettis property on Conservation reclaimed.

BOARD COMMENT

Treasurer Pratt distributed copies of the most recent financial statement.

Clerk Ensing Millhuff gave an update on the cost of the May school election, which was reduced due to combining precincts and "shoe string" staffing. She announced there would be a special election for GRCC millage on August 7 adding if the timing on the reimbursement for the May School Election was quick enough the budget would not have to be amended to add an additional election.

Supervisor Haga explained an e-mail he had received from Representative Hildenbrand regarding House Bill 478, which had been a major topic of discussion among townships.

OLD BUSINESS

THORNAPPLE RIVER DRIVE PAVEMENT PROJECT

Supervisor Haga explained a meeting with the Road Commission had included a discussion regarding the availability of colored pavement, colored concrete, making Thornapple a boulevard, using the street for parades and community events, removable islands and additional costs. There were questions and comments from board members regarding timing issues, the boulevard idea, colored pavement, the charrette recommendations, traffic calming, aesthetics, temporary moveable concrete pads, future Road Commission plans, roundabouts and adding a boulevard later.

Moved by Proos, supported by Sytsma, to pursue overlay repair of the stretch of Thornapple from Bronson to Ada Drive, striping it as a three-lane road, as presented in the proposal.

There was board discussion about setting a precedent by paying for "Primary" road repairs which are statutorily the

responsibility of the County.

Moved by Westra, supported by Sytsma, to amend the motion to incorporate language that if the Road Commission does not agree to pave the entire length, that in the alternative Bronson to Ada Drive be paved as a three-lane road.

There were questions and comments by board members regarding timing, the condition of other roads in the township, future funding, negotiating and dealing with the Road Commission, the greater good of the community, following through with charrette recommendations, budgets, the Township's ability to pay, prioritizing, other projects (i. e. the railroad bridge) and the Township having no say in the Road Commission's decisions.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment: Yes - Proos, Westra, Sytsma. No - Damstra, Pratt, Haga, Ensing Millhuff. Absent - 0. Motion to amend failed.

Main motion, as originally made, failed on a Roll Call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

REED LAKE TRIATHLON STATE TRUNKLINE ROW USE PERMIT

Moved by Proos, supported by Westra, to approve the processing of the application and permit for use of the state trunkline (M-21) for the Reeds Lake Triathlon.

Susan Perry, Assistant Director of Parks for East Grand Rapids (and race director), explained this would be for the bike portion of the triathlon. The turnaround point would be in front of Altacor.

Clerk Ensing Millhuff verified permit request for road closures are processed through the Clerk's Office.

Motion carried.

THIRD AMENDMENT TO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - EASTBROOK DEVELOPMENT - CLEMENTS MILL APARTMENTS

Moved by Proos, supported by Ensing Millhuff, to approve the Third Amendment to Settlement Agreement for the Eastbrook Development, Clements Mill Apartments. There were questions and comments from board members regarding traffic volume; this project was a court settlement therefore would be built irregardless of the road situation, the types of units to be built, and the building design. **Motion carried.**

KCRC WORK ORDER, PETTIS - CONSERVATION PAVING

Moved by Westra, supported by Ensing Millhuff, to approve the local road maintenance re-paving for Conservation from Pettis, approximately 1,100 feet, in the amount of \$22,500 for the Township's share. Motion carried.

KCRC WORK ORDER, 2 MILE RD. GRAVELING

Moved by Westra, supported by Ensing Millhuff, to approve the local road construction authorization for graveling on 2 mile road from Pettis to Egypt valley, with the Township share being \$13,750. There were questions and comments by board members regarding traffic volume, location of a cemetery, whether the whole road will be graded and the amount budgeted. **Motion carried.**

KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GO! BUS CONTRACT

Moved by Proos, supported by Pratt, to approve the GO! Bus Contract with Interurban Transit which becomes effective July 1st, for the use of our \$10,000 allocated through CDBG funds. Motion carried.

GRAND VALLEY ESTATES ELEVATED TANK INSPECTION

Moved by Proos, supported by Sytsma, to approve the proposal and contract agreement with Dixon Engineering for the Grand Valley Estates elevated tank inspection, in an amount not to exceed \$2,160. Motion carried.

MOTION TO PROCEED INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION - PETTIS MATTER

Moved by Westra, supported by Sytsma, to proceed into closed session to discuss pending litigation regarding the Pettis matter. Roll Call: Yes - Damstra, Sytsma, Westra, Proos, Pratt, Ensing Millhuff, Haga. No - 0. Absent - 0. Motion carried.

MOTION TO PROCEED INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION - EGYPT VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

Moved by Westra, supported by Sytsma, to proceed into closed session to discuss pending litigation regarding the Michigan Tax Tribunal matter regarding Egypt Valley Country Club. Roll Call: Yes - Ensing Millhuff, Haga, Pratt, Proos, Damstra, Sytsma, Westra. No -0 . Absent - 0. Motion carried.

Moved by Proos, supported by Damstra, to return to regular session. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Ippel, Ada Bike Shop, asked if the board realized there could not be a bike race if the road was not repaired. He wondered how the project was originally talked about (paving Thornapple from Bronson to Ada) became a bigger project. Stating he believed the project had originally had board support, and the matter had been referred back to the Public Works Committee to investigate precedent and charrette task force issues. He thought the Road Commission had been supportive of this project as well, but financing was an issue. As a member of the charrette task force, he stated they had missed the fact a boulevard would not work for a race such as the criterium. He asked if the board could still vote on the original repaving request.

Clerk Ensing Millhuff stated based on parliamentary procedure board discussion was not allowed during public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

RS: JS