

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 9, 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, Sytsma and Westra. Also present: Planning Director Ferro, Recording Secretary Smith and seven community members. Members absent: Trustee Proos

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deleted from the agenda under Old Business: Item A. Headley Rollback/Truth in Taxation. Deleted from the agenda under New Business: Item D. Clements Mill-Final Phase Approval.

Moved by Sytsma, supported by Pratt, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

June 25, 2007, Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Zoning Board of Appeals - 6/5/07; 2. GVMC - Transportation Division - Policy Committee Minutes - 5/16/07; 3. West Michigan Regional Planning Commission - Master Plan - 6/21/07; 4. Utility Advisory Board Minutes - 5/17/07; 5. REGIS Board Minutes - 5/23/07.

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 \$6,875.18; #205 \$20,429.48; #208 \$20,479.50; #211 \$915.00; #590 \$112.94; #591 \$112.95; #592 \$37.42. Total Hand Checks \$48,962.47. Warrants: #101 \$20,090.17; #205 \$3,863.30; #208 \$18,097.63; #211 \$3,585.23; #590 \$3,822.91; #591 \$16,774.54; #592 \$1,325.10. Total Warrants: \$67,558.88. Total Checks and Warrants \$116,521.35.

Moved by Westra, supported by Damstra, to approve the Warrant Report of July 9, 2007, in the amount of \$116,521.35. Roll Call: Yes - Westra, Sytsma, Damstra, Pratt, Ensing Millhuff, Haga. No - 0. Absent - Proos. Motion carried.

PAY APPLICATION #1 - LEONARD FIELD RESTROOM

Moved by Sytsma, supported by Pratt, to approve the pay application #1 to B.D.D. Construction Co. LLC for \$13,500.

Roll Call: Sytsma, Westra, Haga, Pratt, Damstra, Ensing Millhuff. No - 0. Absent - Proos. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandy Andrews, 8699 Vergennes, graduate and faculty member of Grand Rapids Community College stated the millage increase for GRCC was defeated by 738 votes countywide in May; adding in the Fall 2006 semester, 20% of the 2006 Forest Hills graduate class attended classes at GRCC. Lowell saw 21% and KISD 28% of graduates attending classes at GRCC. GRCC serves 15,000 credit and 11,000 non-credit students per semester. There are financial challenges due to limited state aid and classes such as science are 99% full. She reminded everyone to vote in the August 7 election and stated a vote for the millage is an investment into our future.

Wendy Bieri, 11 Carl Drive, a 22-year employee of GRCC, explained the Workforce Development Department served over 100,000 this year. Funds for the program are received from grants through Michigan Works. She noted they service all of Kent County.

Chris Barlow, Ada resident, stated he attended GRCC and when he first moved to the area and was very impressed with the level of education he received.

Karen Holt, 5701 Three Mile, GRCC retiree, was a part-time instructor and counselor for 11 years. She strongly supports the endorsement of GRCC's millage. She volunteered last time to get the vote out and will again.

BOARD COMMENT

Treasurer Pratt thanked everyone who helped and participated in the 4th of July parade.

Trustee Sytsma didn't expect the presentation regarding GRCC but stated she took some "catch-up" courses when she moved here from Texas; adding community college students receive a higher level of personal attention from instructors not found at big universities. Trustee Sytsma also commented on Arts in Ada scheduled for Friday August 3rd and the various business participation.

Trustee Westra had been contacted regarding a zoning enforcement issue. He encouraged the board to monitor the progress of the Zoning Administrator and stated there is a committee meeting after which information will come back to the board for additional ordinances.

Clerk Ensing Millhuff stated the ABA has been hosting Arts in Ada for over a decade, which is always held the first Friday in

August. Clerk Millhuff thanked everyone who helped with the 4th of July Celebration and announced the float winners: 1st - Koetsier's Greenhouse; 2nd - Ada Historical Society; and 3rd - Grand River Grocery. Clerk Millhuff added she too had received her Associates Degree at GRCC and the college has always been held in high esteem among junior colleges in the country.

Supervisor Haga referred to the 2006 water quality reports for the Grand Valley and Ada systems and the promotional by REGIS related to the public internet map services for the Grand Valley region.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

2008 ORTHOPHOTOGRAPHY FLIGHT FOR KENT COUNTY

Supervisor Haga explained the oblique orthophotography. The approximate cost is approximately 50% higher. **Moved by Sytsma, supported by Westra, to not support the oblique photography portion of the orthophotography the County will be doing in 2008.** There were other questions/comments by board members regarding the capabilities of BS&A, doing a cost analysis, Kent County's plans, REGIS long-term viability due to new technology, available free services, use for emergency procedures and Ada's lack of multi-story structures. Supervisor Haga stated additional staff in the Assessing Department was not needed and Ada's current BS&A system has pretty good measuring capabilities. **Moved by Ensing Millhuff, supported by Sytsma to postpone action on the orthophotography project with oblique presentation until the next board meeting. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION R-070907-1 - AUGUST IN ADA CHILDREN'S FAIR ROAD CLOSURE

Moved by Sytsma, supported by Damstra, to adopt Resolution R-070907-1, which is the resolution for road closure for August in Ada. for Friday, August 3, between 10 am and 3 pm. No one appeared on behalf of the Arts in Ada, and there was discussion by board members whether to go forward with this agenda item. An insurance certificate was attached. It was noted there was no change from prior years' events. **Roll Call: Yes - Damstra, Pratt, Haga, Westra, Sytsma, Ensing Millhuff. No - 0. Absent - Proos. Resolution adopted.**

CONTRACT AWARD TO ADA TRAIL SYSTEM - PHASE 1, CONTRACT 2

Steve Groenenboom, Moore & Bruggink, explained the bidding process for Contract 2, for Grand River Drive. Work is anticipated to start early August and complete by the end of October. **Moved by Westra, supported by Pratt, to award the Contract 2 to CL Trucking & Excavating in the amount of \$869,664.90. Motion carried.**

Mr. Groenenboom gave an update on Contract 1. He also explained Contract 2 takes advantage of asphalt provided by Rieth-Riley as a result of the recent settlement. Trustee Damstra stated progress reports would be helpful.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

RS: JS