

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 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: Proos, Sytsma and Westra. Also present: Planning Director Ferro, Recording Secretary Smith and 12 community members. Members absent: Trustee Damstra.

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

June 23, 2008, Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Planning Commission Minutes – 05/15/08; 2. Financial Investment Report – 05/31/08; 3. Supervisor Report – 07/08; 4. Representative Sheen – Copper Theft Legislation – 06/12/08; 5. Open Space Advisory Board Minutes – 05/08/08; 6. Utility Advisory Board Minutes – 05/22/08; 7. Comcast – Fee Adjustment – 06/20/08; 8. MTA Legislative Update Fax 06/13/08, 06/20/08 & 06/27/08; 9. 3 Mile Road Paving Informational Petition – 07/02/08.

Moved by Westra, supported by Pratt, 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 \$14,540.45; #205 \$2,176.00; #208 \$3,181.07; #213 \$83,386.13; #590 \$2,704.61; #591 \$1,349.99; #592 \$68.92. Total Hand Checks: \$107,407.17. Warrants: #101 \$38,191.96; #205 \$42,052.22; #208 \$14,444.60; #211 \$30.08; #213 \$65.58; #590 \$5,463.45; #591 \$9,998.49; #592 \$189.56. Total Warrants \$110,435.94. Total All Checks and Warrants \$217,843.11. **Moved by Proos, supported by Sytsma, to approve the Warrant Report of July 14, 2008, in the amount of \$217,843.11. Roll Call: Yes – Sytsma, Westra, Haga, Pratt, Proos, Ensing Millhuff. No – 0. Absent – Damstra. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Hoover, 700 Marbury, asked if the retaining wall owned by the Township was saved and recycled where the Villas of Ada construction project is and if not was the township reimbursed. Supervisor Haga replied it was taken care of by the contractors and recycled.

Nancy Nagel, also referring to the Villas of Ada, asked what the board was doing about getting public transportation. Supervisor Haga responded an e-mail was just forwarded regarding public transportation and there was additional work needed on the issue.

Jon Sarb, 590 River Street, suggested the township spend some money to place bushes and flowers where the brush was removed from under the railroad tracks. Board members responded the property has been an concern for many years and the railroad had been contacted several times and currently was changing owners.

Trustee Sytsma noted she had been given an unsigned memo from someone and she couldn't read it because it was not signed.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Sytsma encouraged residents to attend the informational meeting regarding the DDA on Tuesday, July 15, at 7 p.m. She also noted in the correspondence regarding the trails, the Public Works Committee had submitted maps that were clearly marked preliminary.

Trustee Westra stated the bus service issue had been brought to the board before and he was glad to hear it would be moving forward. He stated he had received a number of requests for sandwich-board style temporary signs to be allowed and suggested the Planning Commission and Planning Director look at potential changes to the sign ordinance. He also commented about the size limit on political signs and the fact it was being violated by some candidates. He inquired whether Roselle Park could be treated for mosquitoes. Supervisor Haga explained the past treatments were done in development areas where there were storm drains and he didn't order any this year due to low supplies.

Clerk Ensing Millhuff announced a thread had been put on the web-site for discussion regarding the DDA. The 4th of July was a big success and everything seemed to go smoothly. The Clerk reminded residents the GO! Bus was available with discounted prices for seniors if the paperwork was completed. She added further explanation of the train trestle property and the amount of time it took to get it painted a few years ago.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-071408-1 – AUGUST IN ADA ROAD CLOSURE

Moved by Westra, supported by Ensing Millhuff, to adopt Resolution R-071408-1, which is the August in Ada road closure on August 1. Supervisor Haga noted a certificate of insurance had been provided. Roll Call: Yes – Ensing Millhuff, Proos, Pratt, Haga, Westra, Sytsma. No – 0. Absent – Damstra. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION R-071408-2 – RESOLUTION TO SET ALTERNATIVE DATE FOR THE JULY OR DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

Moved by Pratt, supported by Westra, to adopt Resolution R-071408-2, which is a resolution to set alternate date for the July or December Board of Review. Roll Call: Yes – Haga, Ensing Millhuff, Proos, Pratt, Sytsma, Westra. No – 0. Absent – Damstra. Resolution adopted.

GRAND VALLEY ESTATE EXTERIOR TANK CLEANING

Supervisor Haga explained he was only able to obtain two quotes. Moved by Proos, supported by Ensing Millhuff, to approve the proposal of Scrub-A-Home in the amount of \$3,450 to clean and scrub the exterior tank of the Grand Valley Estates water system. There was discussion among board members regarding references, the reported 15-story man lift, workmen's comp and safety features, skill and experience, and the large discrepancy in the bids.

Moved by Westra, supported by Sytsma, to postpone action on the matter of cleaning of Grand Valley Estates tank until our next meeting when additional information as requested relative to services and abilities. Motion carried

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Norm Rhoades, 571 Rookway, talked about the amount of gypsy moths this year. Supervisor Haga explained Ada hasn't sprayed for gypsy moths for four years and he had received over 50 calls adding, traps were still available at the clerks office.

Jon Sarb, 590 River Street, suggested because Ada paid for half of the paving of Thornapple River we could ask the County if we could beautify the area spoken of earlier. Trustee Sytsma stated it could be referred to the Public Works Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ensing Millhuff, CMC
Ada Township Clerk

RS:JS