

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 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 and Westra. Also present: Planning Director Ferro, Recording Secretary Smith and 12 community members. Members absent: Trustees Proos and Sytsma.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

July 28, 2008, Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. AT&T Annual Report to MPSC – 07/18/08; 2. GO!Bus April-June Report – 07/10/08; 3. Law Weathers – Appeal Update – 07/22/08; 4. Kent County, Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment – 07/29/08; 5. MTA Legislative Update Fax – 07/18/08 & 07/25/08; 6. 1st Quarterly FY 08/09 Revenue/Expenditure Report.

Moved by Westra, supported by Damstra, 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 \$2,748.48; #205 \$1,005.28; #208 \$1,457.19; #211 11,369.80; #590 \$3,826.33; #591 \$2,150.17; #592 \$758.92. Total Hand Checks: \$23,316.17. Warrants: #101 \$32,403.03; #205 \$2,766.20; #208 \$19,456.28; #590 \$1,339.49; #591 \$2,776.21; #592 \$131.45. Total Warrants \$58,872.66. Total All Checks and Warrants \$82,188.83. **Moved by Westra, supported by Damstra, to approve the Warrant Report of August 11, 2008, in the amount of \$82,188.83.** There were questions/clarifications regarding the expense to Kent County Treasurer for 877 Forest Hills Avenue rental for the East Precinct. **Roll Call: Yes – Damstra, Westra, Haga, Pratt, Ensing Millhuff. No – 0. Absent – Proos, Sytsma. Motion carried.**

PAYMENT #1 KNAPP STREET RAIL – ADA TRAILS CONTRACT 3

Moved by Damstra, supported by Westra, to approve Payment #1 Regarding Knapp Street Trail, at a cost of \$164,710. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Art Koon congratulated the successful candidates for election, adding the Ada Advocate was informative. Mr. Koon stated another cell tower was unsightly and not needed, suggesting AT&T be requested to rent space on another tower. Supervisor Haga replied the tower issue would be on the Planning Commission's agenda for the 21st and the decision would not be made by the township board.

Resident Deb Emery, asked if the DDA boundary map, eliminating most of the residential properties that Supervisor Haga had instructed Planning Director Ferro to redraw was available yet. Supervisor Haga replied nothing had been done at this time and would probably not be done until the board made a decision. Mrs. Emery stated Supervisor Haga had told her personally the changes were going to be prior to the board meeting. Mrs. Emery asked if the traffic study Treasurer Pratt had asked about at the last meeting for Fase St. was available. Supervisor Haga stated he had just received the report from the Road Commission and it included both traffic counts and speed. Mrs. Emery stated she had personally observed four cars in a row traveling well over posted speed limits.

BOARD COMMENT

Clerk Ensing Millhuff presented a fact sheet, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, regarding the accomplishments of current and previous boards and committee's to enhance and promote businesses and community.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-081108-1 – AUTHORIZE AN ALTERNATIVE STARTING DATE FOR THE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

Moved by Westra, supported by Pratt, to adopt Resolution R-081108-1, which is a resolution to authorize an alternative starting date for the March Board of Review. Supervisor Haga explained the request came from the township assessor because she works for more than one township. **Roll Call: Yes – Ensing Millhuff, Pratt, Haga, Westra, Damstra. No – 0. Absent – Proos, Sytsma. Resolution adopted.**

RESOLUTION R-081108-2 – “PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION RECOGNITION DAY”

Moved by Westra, supported by Ensing Millhuff, to adopt Resolution R-081108-2, which is a “Prisoner of War/Missing In Action Recognition Day.” Trustee Westra encouraged all to keep those who defend our freedom in their thoughts every day, not just this one day. **Roll Call: Yes – Westra, Pratt, Ensing Millhuff, Damstra, Haga. No – 0. Absent – Proos, Sytsma. Resolution adopted.**

RESOLUTION R-081108-3 – AQUATIC CONSULTING SERVICES – GYPSY MOTH POPULATION SURVEY

Supervisor Haga distributed pictures of Forest Glen, an area he had received numerous calls from. Brian Kroll, Aquatic Consulting Services, explained the history of gypsy moths and efforts to eliminate them. He had done some observing in the township and stated there are some areas of infestation in the township.

Clerk Ensing Millhuff asked for clarification of whether the BT spray terminates other species as well as gypsy moths. Supervisor Haga clarified the recommendation is for the survey which would give areas recommended for spraying.

Moved by Ensing Millhuff, supported by Pratt, to approve the agreement with Aquatic Consultants in an amount not to exceed \$8,600 to do a gypsy moth egg mass survey in the entire township.

Trustee Westra suggested checking out the possibility of an educational institution, i.e. a biology class, to do the survey work. Trustee Damstra referred to Dr. Greg Forbes and his recommendation in the past to not do anything.

Moved by Westra, supported by Damstra, to postpone action on the agreement for the gypsy moth survey for further research and discussions with Dr. Greg Forbes. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Mieras, from the Forest Glen neighborhood, has seen the defoliation of two trees on her property, and is not sure if the trees will survive after two years of being completely eaten. She believed that the last time the township sprayed the area where she lives was 1998. She hoped the survey work would be completed and a plan put together in a timely manner.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

RS: JS