

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 14, 2006**

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, Recording Secretary Smith and 10 community members.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Added to the agenda under New Business: Item G. New millage proposal for Invasive Insect Suppression. **Moved by Proos, supported by Sytsma, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.**

**GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Approval of Minutes**

July 24, 2006 Regular Board Meeting and August 3, 2006 Special Board Meeting

**Receive and File Various Reports**

1. Fire Call Reports; 2. Building Permit Report - 7/06; 3. Investment Report - 06/06/ 4. Ada Village Design Charette Update - 7/20/06; 5. GO! Bus Activity Report 7/21/06; 6. First Quarter FY 06/07 Revenue & Expenditure Report - 8/3/06.

**Receive and File Various Communications**

1. MTA Legislative Update Fax - 7/14/06, 7/21/06 & 7/28/06; 2. Senator Levin - Cable -o 7/12/06; 3. Wilder's - Thank You Note - 7/21/06; 4. Forest Hills Community Services - Thank You Note -7/6/06; 5. United Growth - Update - 7/26/06.

**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 \$7,381.12; #205 \$1,970.42; #208 \$1,090.65; #590 \$134.86; #591 \$134.86; #592 \$20.07. Total Hand Checks \$10,731.98. Warrants: #101 \$41,040.62; #205 \$28,722.84; #208 \$43,423.31; #590 \$9,799.45; #591 \$8,837.53; #592 \$4,280.33. Total Warrants \$136,104.08. Total Checks and Warrants \$146,836.06.

**Moved by Sytsma, supported by Westra, to approve the Warrant Report of August 14, 2006, in the amount of \$146,836.06.** Questions/clarifications were made regarding the public access computer and furnishings. **Roll Call: Yes - Sytsma, Westra, Ensing Millhuff, Haga, Pratt, Proos, Damstra. No - 0. Absent - 0. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**BOARD COMMENT**

Trustee Proos commented on the building permit report, stating it was the first time he had not seen dollar figures, adding the Treasurer's investment report was very good. Also asked for an update on the charrette preparation and Township Hall termite control issue.

Trustee Westra gave an update on the charrette process. A number of stakeholder meetings had been held, and a lot of information was gathered. Additional information was gathered at the August in Ada and 4th of July celebrations. A tentative schedule had been finalized, resulting in a slight delay in the final process. He commented on an interesting document received from Bob Redd. A little over \$3,500 had been raised, even though the fundraising had no been pushed so far. Trustee Sytsma requested a roster of citizens be added to help sort out comments.

Clerk Ensing Millhuff distributed a schedule of the 4th of July parade broadcast. She noted that all the ballot proposals passed. She noted the low turnout percentage and reported that the new machines worked well.

Supervisor Haga referenced the copy of communication from Kent County Road Commission and stated that he had previously sought input. He also noted his intention to request regular updates to the board regarding the charrette process.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

## NEW BUSINESS

### AMENDMENT TO GROUP PENSION PLAN

Supervisor Haga reported that the Administrative Committee had reviewed the information and recommended this amendment be adopted. There would be no additional cost to the township. **Moved by Damstra, supported by Proos, to approve the amendment to the Ada Township Pension Plan, lowering the retirement age eligibility to 59 1/2, effective September 1, 2006. Motion carried.**

### AMENDMENT 8 TO GO! BUS SERVICE AGREEMENT

**Moved by Proos, supported by Ensing Millhuff, to approve Amendment Number 8 to the agreement with the InterUrban Transit Partnership for the GO! Bus program for Ada Township. Motion carried.**

### NPDES PHASE II-ILLCIT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION PLAN SERVICES AGREEMENT

Planning Director Ferro explained that Ada participates with other communities in the metro area in a coordinated program to control water pollution from storm water runoff. Part of the EPA requirement is to investigate possible illicit discharges. Two possible illicit discharges have been identified. Follow-up investigation is needed to identify the sources. **Moved by Pratt, supported by Sytsma, to approve the agreement for services with FTCH, in the amount of \$4,400, for illicit discharge investigation as proposed in the July 28, 2006, memo from Planning Director Ferro.** There were questions about recovering costs from the responsible party. **Moved by Proos, supported by Sytsma, to amend the motion to include the statement, "not to exceed \$4,400 for two purported illicit discharges."** **Motion to amend carried.** There was discussion regarding other possible contractors. **Main motion, as amended, carried.**

### T-MOBILE FIRST AMENDMENT TO STANDARD LEASE AGREEMENT

**Moved by Westra, supported by Ensing Millhuff, to take no action regarding the T-Mobile contract at this time.** Supervisor Haga noted that the proposed agreement had not been reviewed by legal counsel. **Motion carried.**

### RESOLUTION 4-081406-1 - ACCEPTANCE OF MDNR TRUST FUND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AGREEMENT - ROSELLE PARK PROJECT

**Moved by Westra, supported by Ensing Millhuff, to adopt Resolution R-081406-1, which is the acceptance of MDNR trust fund development project agreement as related to Roselle Park.** Board members discussed the status of the project. **Roll Call: Yes - Damstra, Proos, Sytsma, Westra, Pratt, Ensing Millhuff, Haga. No - 0. Absent - 0. Resolution adopted.**

### RESOLUTION 4-081406-2 - NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL MILLAGE PROPOSAL FOR NOVEMBER BALLOT

Planning Director Ferro explained that the Trail Committee had met to review the non-motorized trail plan. They were recommending a millage proposal of .5 mills for 15 years. The millage would support a bond issue of \$4.3 million and generate revenue to pay for operation and maintenance of the Township's trail system.

**Moved by Westra, supported by Pratt, to adopt Resolution R-081406-2, which is the non-motorized trail millage proposal for the November ballot.**

Jim White, Mika Meyers, stated that the estimates all used conservative assumptions.

Charles Leedham, 3000 Grand River Drive, stated trails look good and sound good, but they were expensive to develop and maintain and used by a minor segment of the taxpayers. Adding the Ada Drive Trail and others were developed without additional taxing to the public.

Phil Vogelsang, 554 Roundtree, stated it is never easy to ask the public for additional taxes for any purpose and that is why he supports the Millage question which would leave the decision for a millage and trail development in the hands of the voter.

Frank Hoover, 700 Marbury, inquired about repair to existing trails. Clerk Ensing Millhuff replied if the voters choose to pass the millage, the additional revenue would help with the maintenance of existing, as well as, new trails.

Trustee Westra stated hours of work, discussion and research went into the recommendation.

**Roll Call: Yes - Proos, Sytsma, Westra, Pratt, Ensing Millhuff, Haga, Damstra. No - 0. Absent - 0. Resolution adopted.**

**MILLAGE PROPOSAL FOR INVASIVE INSECT SUPPRESSION**

Supervisor Haga explained that the Administrative Committee had recommended a proposal as recommended by the Township Trustee's at the last meeting.

Clerk Deborah Ensing Millhuff said

she had discussed the ecology/biology necessity for the proposed millage with Dr. Greg Forbes and asked him to address the Board Members for clarification.

Dr. Greg Forbes, Ada Township resident, member of the Ada Township Park and Open Space Committee, explained the normal cycle of invasive insects, stating there were natural predators that would eliminate the Gypsy Moth, the limited window of opportunity to spray (3-5 day period in early spring) and the responsibility of all the tax payers to supplement an insect nuisance problem for a small segment of the township. Dr. Forbes suggested that no action be taken at this time.

**Moved by Westra, supported by Sytsma, to take no action regarding the proposed millage for invasive insect suppression. Motion carried.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no additional public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**RS:JS**