

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2007**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Treasurer Pratt, Clerk Ensing Millhuff, Trustees: Westra. Also present: Planning Director Ferro, Fire/Rescue Chief DuVall, Deputy Clerk Thompson and 3 community members. Absent: Member Sytsma. Member Damstra arrived at 7:55 pm and Member Proos arrived at 8:01 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deleted from the agenda: FY 06/07 Audit Report-Motion to Receive and Accept

Added to the agenda: Correspondence from James Todd, 8025 E. Fulton St, regarding variance request from Wing, LLC on billboard moratorium, received 8/13/07 (on file in clerk's office) and Roselle Park progress report update, received August 27, 2007, (on file in clerk's office).

Moved by Trustee Westra, supported by Treasurer Pratt, to approve the agenda as amended. Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 3 Motion carried.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes-Moved by Trustee Westra, Supported by Clerk Millhuff. Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 3 Motion Carried

August 13, 2007, Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Planning Commission Minutes - 7/19/07; 2. Investment Report - 7/07/07; 3. East Precinct Quarterly Report; 4. Supervisor Report - Kent County Proposed Soil and Sediment Control Ordinance - 8/17/07; 5. Township Boards & Commissions Needs Report; 6. Comcast - Line-up Change - 8/09/07; 7. Open Space Preservation Advisory Board Minutes - 7/12/07; 8. GVMC Policy Committee Minutes - 6/20/07; 9. Ada Historical Society Minutes - 7/14/07; 10. Grand T Tour - Thank You Note - 8/08/07; 11. Open Space Preservation Board - Annual Report - 8/31/07; 12. NATAT Washington Report - 8/6/07; 13. Utility Advisory Report Minutes - 6/21/07; 14. MTA Legislative Update Fax - 8/17/07.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS AND RECEIPTS

Treasurer Pratt presented Warrants and Receipts in the following amounts: Hand Checks: #101 \$2,032.56; #205 \$1,050.78; #208 \$1,692.47; #213 \$2,500.00; #590 \$303.82; #591 \$303.83; #592 \$26.40. Total Hand Checks \$7,909.86. Warrants: #101 \$34,267.50; #205 \$28,811.63; #208 \$16,614.61; #211 \$5,468.70; #590 \$38,739.42; #591 \$165,034.04; #592 \$1,029.33. Total Warrants \$291,002.71. Total Checks and Warrants \$297,875.09.

Moved by Trustee Westra, supported by Treasurer Pratt, to approve the Warrant Report of August 27, 2007, in the amount of \$297,875.09. Roll Call: Westra, Pratt, Millhuff, and Haga. Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 3 Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BOARD COMMENT

Clerk Millhuff stated the Park Committee Open House will be held on October 28th, 2007 from 2:00-4:00 pm. and announced the silo observation deck will be open. Clerk Millhuff stated the Fall trash cleanup day will be held on Saturday, October 27th, 2007

Supervisor Haga stated he received a resignation letter from Park Director Wendy Tatar, Monday, August 27, 2007 and stated the township will continue the activities in the park. Any additional responsibilities will be taken care of by the Clerk's office.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

PETITION FOR STREET NAME CHANGE - DISCUSSION/DIRECTION

Supervisor Haga stated a request for a street name change from Jeffrey and Brenda Spicer and Jason and Caroline Van Horn was received by the board. The street in question is an extension of Buttrick Avenue connecting between Thornapple River Drive and Fase Street.

Supervisor Haga stated it was the responsibility of the Road Commission to make the change as they had procedures for naming streets. Haga stated he would forward the request onto the Road Commission for clarification.

Clerk Millhuff stated she understood and agreed with the reasoning behind the request; however her concern was based on the procedure authored by the Engineering Division of the Kent County Road Commission which reads "100% of property owners on the road or street being petitioned must agree to the name change for the KCRC to consider its approval". Clerk Millhuff asked for clarification since the petitioners did not have addresses on the street segment being requested for a name change.

Supervisor Haga explained the policy of the Road Commission and a street can not be named the same as another in use in the county as this becomes confusing. The name of a street needs to be researched and petitioners should be made aware of this and the KCRC is the final decision maker. No Board Action Needed.

RAPID - GO! BUS AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Supervisor Haga stated recently an agreement was made with Rapid-Go! Bus, but due to different fiscal years, an Amendatory Agreement to change the Terms of Agreement, the Fare Structure and Cost and Reimbursement needed to be amended by the Ada Township Board. **Moved by Trustee Westra, supported by Clerk Millhuff to approve the Go! Bus Agreement Amendment. Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 3 Motion Carried**

DONATION OF AN OXYGEN BOTTLE REFILLING STATION FROM ALTICOR CORPORATION

Chief James DuVall gave a brief description of the five large bottles with oxygen in them to refill the smaller bottles and stated Alticor Corporation donated them, which will save time on having them refilled. Chief DuVall stated Alticor asked to have the donation of the oxygen bottle refilling station with gratitude along with processing the equipment donation agreement as presented.

Clerk Millhuff recommended the document presented have the standard certification showing the board did approve the donation. Chief Duvall stated he would obtain a copy for the certification to be added. **Moved by Trustee Westra, supported by Treasurer Pratt to approve and accept the donation as presented with the certification attached. Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 3 Motion Carried**

For the record, Trustee Westra asked if there were any opportunities to service other departments and Chief DuVall stated "it would be but within reason and with parameters" and part of the agreement between Alticor and Chief Duvall during discussion was to service other departments.

MOTION TO PROCEED INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION REGARDING PETTIS MATTER.

Moved by Trustee Damstra, supported by Trustee Westra to proceed into closed session regarding the pending litigation regarding Pettis matter.

Roll Call: Damstra, Westra, Pratt, Millhuff, Haga, Yes: 5 No: 0. Absent: Sytsma Motion Carried.

**Moved by Trustee Proos, supported by Trustee Damstra to return to regular session.
Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried**

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

RS: DT