

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 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, Fire/Rescue Chief DuVall, Parks Director Tatar, Recording Secretary Thompson and 7 community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes

October 9, 2006, Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Fire Call Reports - 9/06; 2. Building Permit Report - 9/06; 3. MDOT - Thornapple River Dr. Trail Extension - 9/26/06; 4. Miller, Johnson - Liquor License Matters (Dudley's Party Store) - 10/9/06; 5. Ada Park Shelter & Gazebo Roofs - 9/06; 6. MTA Legislative Update Fax - 9/29/06 & 10/6/06; 7. 2007 Estimated Taxable Value 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 \$2,412.87; #205 \$400.29; #208 \$368.67; #590 \$6.27; #591 \$6.27; #592 \$3.12. Total Hand Checks \$3,197.49. Warrants: #101 \$37,804.38; #205 \$29,613.41; #208 \$6,205.59; #401 \$2,272.50; #590 \$76,774.74; #591 \$116,158.62; #592 \$4,772.78. Total Warrants \$273,600.02. Total Checks and Warrants \$276,797.51.

Moved by Sytsma, supported by Proos, to approve the Warrant Report of October 23, 2006, in the amount of \$ 276,797.51. Roll Call: Westra, Sytsma, Damstra, Proos, Pratt, Millhuff and Haga. Yes-7 No - 0. Absent - 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

BOARD COMMENT

Treasurer Pratt distributed the September Investment Report and pointed out the September interest accrued.

Clerk Millhuff stated the West Michigan League of Women Voters have reunited and have printed a Non-partisan Voter's Guide with profiles and information on both candidates and proposals on the November ballot and copies are available at the Clerk's office. Clerk Millhuff added about 200 had already been distributed.

Supervisor Haga stated the negotiations are not going well with the Jehovah Witnesses and he has requested council input.

Supervisor Haga gave an update to the Dudley Party Store, Liquor license transfer out of the township. Supervisor Haga added the Clerk, Treasurer and he had met with the Liquor Control Commissioner on October 23, 2006. Stating the meeting was requested by Dudley's attorney, Craig Avery. Due to Sate violations there was a fine of \$1,200.00 assessed and the license and permits were revoked by the State Liquor Commissioner. Mr. Larson had paid the fines and was attempting to reinstate the license and lift the current suspension so he could sell the license to another party in Grand Rapids Township. Miller Johnson Attorney Jeff Ammon represented the township at the meeting and expressed concerns why the license wasn't revoked or permanently suspended since there were 12 violations; adding one of the main concerns was the original application may have been applied for under false pretenses at the local government level. Supervisor Haga stated in an attempt to resolve the issue the township will set up a meeting with Mr. Larson and the Administrative Committee to see if the license could be used somewhere else in Ada Township.

Clerk Millhuff stated the township board issued the approval of the license in good faith stating the board was presented with a drawing and of the plans for a family style steakhouse, but since the approval was given no further information to the board had taken place.

Supervisor Haga stated the 12 violations were not objected to by Mr. Larson and he paid the fines for each violation count. Adding the e Liquor Control Commissioner stated both the size of the file and the amount of charges was very unique and he was concern about the intent of the initial application. Supervisor Haga stated the license should not leave Ada Township and the appeal is currently on hold.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-102301-1 - DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER CHARGES

Supervisor Haga stated a list of delinquent water and sewer charges over 90 days old and any open charges will be set up by adopting this resolution and will be on the December tax bill as a lien on the property and notice will be sent out to residents regarding the charges. Mr. Haga stated last year the delinquent charges were \$13,143.00 and this year they are \$10,599.98.

Supervisor Haga stated there will be four (4) notices sent out and the township will physically go out to mark the curb before shutting off the water. This resolution would be the instruction to the treasurer to enter the delinquency/unpaid water and sewer charges on the tax bills. **Moved by Westra, supported by Pratt to adopt Resolution R-102301-1. Yes-7 No-0 Resolution Adopted.**

Roll Call: Damstra, Proos, Westra, Sytsma, Haga, Millhuff, and Pratt

AMENDMENT TO GROUP PENSION PLAN

Supervisor Haga stated the original decision was in August, 2006, when the board approve the pension plan amendment did not include an in-service distribution when changing the eligibility for retirement age to 59 1/2. Supervisor Haga stated the amendment should read "In service distributions (not exceeding one in any Plan Year) to a Participant who has reached Normal Retirement Age, but who continues employment with Employer shall be permitted. **Moved by Pratt, supported by Sytsma to approve the amendment to the Group Pension Plan. Yes-7 No-0. Motion carried to adopt the amendment.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

RS/DT