

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
March 23, 2015**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Clerk Burton, Trustee Proos, Treasurer Rhoades, Trustee Jacobs, and Trustee Smith. Absent: Trustee LeBlanc. Also present: Planning Director Jim Ferro, and 11 community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jacobs, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

March 9, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Building Permit Report-2/15; 2. Treasurer's Investment Report-1/31/15, 2/26/15; 3. Hope Network Transportation Report-2/15; 4. Open Space Preservation Advisory Board Minutes-3/15.

Motion by Smith, supported by Jacobs, to approve the Minutes and Accept the Reports and Communications under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

ADA TOWNSHIP GENERAL WARRANTS

Treasurer Rhoades reported the general township warrants, with receipts in the following amounts: Hand Checks: #101 \$7,316.71; #205 \$75,165.76; #208 \$342.94; #590 \$358.01; #591 \$511.47; #592 \$9.49. Total all Hand Checks: \$83,704.38; Warrants: #101 \$9,272.39; #205 \$4,579.12; #208 \$529.30; #590 \$138,297.26; #591 \$132,362.70; Total Warrants: \$290,318.11. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$374,022.49.

Steve Groenenboom, Moore & Bruggink, stated Pay Application No. 5, listed as Item No. 4 in the Warrant Report, is for only about one-third of the job because of the delays they had in working with the City of Grand Rapids on the booster station at Ada Drive, near Patterson. This pay estimate is for \$52,650.00.

Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Warrant Report of March 23, 2015 in the total amount of \$374,022.49. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 1. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PLASTER CREEK WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT

James Schrier, Water & Low Impact Intern with WMEAC, introduced other members present: Elaine Eyesly, Water & Low Impact Development Director; Andrea Lubbers, Plaster Creek Stewards; he then introduced the Plaster Creek Restoration Project. He stated this project was funded by both Federal and State matches and is administered by the MDEQ. The project was led by Calvin College with the Plaster Creek Stewards, WMEAC, and the center for Environmental Study providing support and public education. Schrier then listed the goals of the two-year project, and stated currently Plaster Creek poses a public health threat to the surrounding area due to the collective mismanagement of water. He stated the overall goal of this project is to restore the water to MDEQ standards, and a lot has been done in terms of public outreach.

BOARD COMMENT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-032315-1, BUDGET ADOPTION RESOLUTION

Supervisor Haga stated work sessions and a public hearing on the Budget have been held, and the finalized copy of the Budget FY 15/16 is before the Board.

Motion by Proos, supported by Smith, to adopt Resolution R-032315-1, Budget Adoption Resolution for FY 15/16. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 1. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION R-032315-2, OPEN SPACE FUNDS AS LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR A KENT COUNTY APPLICATION FOR DNR GRANT FUNDING TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR EXPANSION OF CHIEF HAZY CLOUD PARK

Planning Director Jim Ferro stated the 238 acre Rieth Riley property on Pettis Avenue is now under contract to be acquired by BDR Acquisitions, LLC. He stated the Kent County Parks Department has made contact with the prospective buyer to initiate discussion as to the possibility of Kent County acquiring the 143 acres of property located between Pettis Avenue and the Grand River, which is adjacent to county owned land that is Chief Hazy Cloud Park. The county is proposing to apply for state grant funds from the Michigan DNR through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, and there is a grant application deadline of April 1, and the authorization for the grant application is pending before the Kent County Board of Commissioners on Thursday. The amount is expected to be 70% of the total acquisition cost of the property, and the county is seeking local matching funds from Ada Township and other potential funding sources in the private sector. He stated the total budget was originally estimated to be approximately \$2,050,000. He stated the request from the Kent County Parks Department was presented to the Open Space Advisory Board on March 5, and the Advisory Board recommended that \$300,000 from the Township's Open Space Preservation Fund be committed to Kent County as part of the local match for the proposed acquisition project. If the grant is awarded by the state, the actual grant award and availability of funds to close on the project wouldn't be before the summer of 2016.

Roger Sabine, Director Kent County Parks, stated they have been talking to Rieth Riley for around 10 years, and this opportunity came up rather quickly. Appraisal work has been done and they're going to adjust their grant application to \$3,000,000. They still have the 70/30 split, so the request to the Township for the \$300,000 remains the same and the county will be responsible for the \$600,000.

Motion by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to approve Resolution R-032315-2, a Resolution of Intent for Open Space Funds as Local Matching Funds for a Kent County Application for DNR Grant Funding to Acquire Land for Expansion of Chief Hazy Cloud Park. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 1. Resolution adopted.

FERTILIZATION TREATMENT SERVICES CONTRACT AWARD

Supervisor Haga stated six bids were received for Ada's Fertilization Treatment Services ranging from \$23,106 to \$37,050. He stated after the Administrative Team reviewed the bids it was recommended to award the fertilization contract to Thornapple River Nursery to treat 29 acres in the amount of \$23,667.00 for a three year contract.

Motion by Smith, supported by Jacobs, to approve the three-year contract for Fertilization of Township properties with Thornapple River Nursery, in the amount of \$23,667.00. Motion carried.

NORTH KENT TRANSIT 2015 RATE INCREASE PROPOSAL

Supervisor Haga stated the request is actually a two-year request for a rate increase which amounts to \$.25 per ride for each of 2015 and 2016. The Township Administrative Team is recommending approval of the \$.50 increase spread over the two years effective July 1, 2015.

Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to approve the North Kent Transit 2015 Rate Increase Proposal to pass the increase of \$.25 per ride, per year, on to the passengers as recommended. Motion defeated.

Supervisor Haga stated we currently pay \$19.00/trip and the passengers pay \$3.00.

Motion by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to approve the North Kent Transit 2015 Rate Increase Proposal with the Township picking up the \$.50 additional per passenger over two years. Motion carried.

ADA SCADA CHANGE ORDER 1

Steve Groenenboom, Moore & Bruggink, stated Change Order No. 1 for the SCADA System has two parts to it: part one is the addition of an LED meter in the amount of \$1,422.50; and part two is an extension of 45 days, from April 1 to May 16 for the contractor to finish the work as a result of the delays caused by the Grand Rapids Water Department. Also, he stated there will be no additional cost to the Township.

Motion by Smith, supported by Jacobs, to approve the Ada SCADA Change Order 1 as presented. Motion carried.

PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT AWARD

Steve Groenenboom, Moore & Bruggink, stated we received five bids for paving of the Ada Park gravel parking area; and repair and resurfacing of the fire station parking areas and driveways on Bronson and Knapp Streets. Katerberg VerHage was the recommended bidder for the projects in the amount of \$116,043.75.

Motion by Jacobs, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Parking Lot Improvements Contract Award to Katerberg VerHage, in the amount of \$116,043.75. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, Burton, Haga; No – 0; Absent – 1. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Kent County Sheriff Deputy Ryan Roe stated there was a community alert put out for Greenbrier; he spoke at the Villas of Ada last year and has been invited to come back and talk to them this spring; the speed board is ready to be put out next week; he received a tip for a sex offender who was living on Egypt Valley but he has moved to Georgia, so that system seems to be working for sharing information on sex offenders; they're still performing car seat inspections; also, he was at the Community Expo this last weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Susan Burton, CMC
Ada Township Clerk

Date

RS/dr