

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2012**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Clerk Burton, Treasurer Rhoades, Trustee LeBlanc, Trustee Proos, Trustee Westra, and Trustee Smith. Also present: Planning Director Jim Ferro, and 4 community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Haga added under B. Communications, Request for Extension of Deadline for Completion of Mineral Excavation and Processing at 6801 Conservation, Planning Commission action of January 19, 2012. **Motion by Smith, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Agenda as amended. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

**REGIONAL GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM
(REGIS) UPDATE**

Dharmesh Jain, Regional GIS Director, gave a presentation on what REGIS has done and the five-year outlook for growth and sustainability. He stated they take care of data updates being input into the system, such as zoning changes, when the information is passed on to them. Jain stated they also have a very comprehensive training program. He stated last year the full-service model allocated a certain number of hours to every member for training and maps; however this year a special project column in allocations was added to be used for small projects. Jain stated that based on Ada Township's contribution rate, this year there will be extra hours for special projects, which, if not used, will be put back into the training hours.

Questions and conversation from the Board garnered the following information: that under the new service module, when the township has a project which does not fit within training or editing, instead of paying-as-you-go, the township will be allotted additional time for that project. The township won't lose time; it will be re-allocated.

The \$26,000 the township pays annually for the Regis GIS System pays for software, hardware, support and training, editing, and in-housing of township data.

Supervisor Haga stated he had one comment from the township engineer on the use of REGIS, that it was very helpful in the development of projects like trails, for instance, where they were able to pull up the maps and see all the aeriels, and also use the tools in developing the projects.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

January 9, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Building Permit Summary 2011; 2. Treasurer's Investment Report-12/31/11; 3. Region 8 Notes-1/12; 4. Ada Open Space Advisory Board Minutes-12/8/11; 5. Hope Network Activity Report-12/11; 6. North Kent Transit Steering Committee-1/12; 7. MTA Legislative Update Fax-1/6/12, 1/13/12; 8. GVMC-Policy Committee Minutes-12/21/11; 9. West Michigan Trails Magazine-2012. **Motion by Westra, supported by Proos, to approve the Reports and Communications under the Consent Agenda. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. 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 \$2,988.42; #205 \$386.37; #208 \$958.28; #590 \$309.48; #591 \$277.08; #592 \$56.56; #701 \$295.86 Total all Hand Checks: \$5,272.05; Warrants: #101 \$31,210.40; #205 \$31,503.21; #208 \$1,706.81; #211 \$4,630.00; #213 \$2,262.50; #248 \$450.00; #590 \$46871.39; #591 \$26,484.86; #592 \$3,772.98; Total Warrants: \$148,892.15. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$154,164.20.

Moved by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to approve the Warrant Report for January 23, 2012, in the total amount of \$154,164.20. Roll Call: Yes – Westra, Smith, Rhoades, LeBlanc, Proos, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Westra stated he received a compliment on the park system, and he also received a compliment regarding Supervisor Haga's prompt response to a resident's question.

Trustee LeBlanc asked about the status of the assembly hall upgrades for the Township, and was told by Supervisor Haga that if all goes well, that item should be on the agenda the first meeting in February.

Trustee Proos commented on the extension of the deadline for the mineral mining at the Pettis property and stated that since the planning commission has recommended denying an extension, why would the Board postpone acting on it. Supervisor Haga replied the idea was to allow the Admin Committee, Tom Korth, Jim Ferro, and our attorney to review the matter and make sure we don't get into a negative situation. Trustee Proos stated if the Planning Commission has already denied the extension, could we not just simply say we go along with the planning commission.

Trustee Proos also commented on the REGIS presentation and stated Jain really said nothing about what they were doing for us other than training, and is it really worth it considering how much we actually use it. He stated the Admin Committee should look into it as there are other resources that aren't as expensive.

Supervisor Haga stated the Cadence had the wrong dates for the in-house Sheriff's hours and there will be flyer posted.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-012312-1, MICHIGAN TITANIUM ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST

Andy Vidro, President, Tris4Health, LLC, presented information on the Michigan Titanium 2012 Triathlon, which will be the first full triathlon in the State of Michigan with 140.6 miles of the three disciplines, swim, bike and run. He stated they are asking for 12 hours of road closures from 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 26 to 2:00 a.m. on Monday, August 27, 2012. Vidro identified the route to be closed as Grand River Drive at the Township Line south to Knapp Street, and back North to 3 Mile Road and West to the Township Line. He stated they have talked with the Kent County Road Commission, Kent County Sheriff's Department, MDOT, and have talked with all the Townships involved. Vidro stated it is a USAT sanctioned event, and Ada Township will be insured; also mailers will be sent to everyone who will be impacted. He also stated a portion of all proceeds will go to the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign.

Motion by Westra, supported by Rhoades, to adopt Resolution R-012312-1, the Michigan Titanium Road Closure Request with the times as 10:00 a.m., August 26 to 2:00 a.m., August 27, 2012, and includes approval from the Kent County Road Commission and the Kent County Sheriff's Department. Roll call: Yes – Westra, Smith, Rhoades, LeBlanc, Proos, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Susan Burton
Ada Township Clerk

Date

RS/dr