

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Clerk Burton, Treasurer Rhoades, Trustee Proos, and Trustee Jacobs. Also present: Planning Director Jim Ferro, Director of Parks & Recreation Mark Fitzpatrick, and one community member. Absent: Trustee Smith, Trustee LeBlanc, and Recording Secretary Dorothy Renegar.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Haga made two changes to the Agenda: Under Reports and Communications, add the Supervisor's Report-2/13; and under Approval of Warrants, to delete B. Payment Application No. 3-Fulton Lift Station Project as Mr. Groenenboom was ill and unable to attend. Also, he stated that after the Public Hearing would be item C. Community Block Grant Funds Application under New Business.

Motion by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to approve the revised Agenda as presented. Yes – 5; No – 0; Absent – 2. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING MEETING-USE OF ALLOCATED
U.S. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

Supervisor Haga asked for a motion to proceed into the public hearing.

Motion by Proos, supported by Burton, to proceed into Public Hearing on the Use of Allocated U.S. Community Development Block Grant Funds. Yes – 5; No – 0; Absent – 2. Motion carried.

The hearing was regarding the funding received from the Kent County Community Development Department, and the Community Block Grant Funds are federal funds which are used for various service projects, and limited construction projects. One of the challenges Ada Township faces with this is the low number of low and moderate income level constituents, so we are limited to the use of the funds. The allocation for this year is the same as last year at \$6,966.00. Generally these funds are used for transit for elderly and handicapped persons in the Township. There is an allocation from 2009-2010 for \$7,740.00 which will be used for Hope Network transit; and another project in abeyance is the Ada Park Accessibility Study project which will be accomplished this year with the Parks Director.

There was no public comment and Supervisor Haga asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by Burton, supported by Rhoades, to close the Public Hearing on the Use of Allocated U.S. Community Development Block Grant Funds. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS APPLICATION

Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to file an application with the Kent County Community Development Department for Use of Allocated U.S. Community Development Block Grant Funds in the amount of \$7,740.00 for the transit services for the elderly and handicapped. Yes – 5; No – 0; Absent – 2. Motion carried.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

January 28, 2013 Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Planning Commission Minutes-12/20/12; 2. Treasurer's Investment Report-2/12; 3. Comcast-General Information-1/25/13; 4. Tower-Note to Supervisor-1/17/13; 5. Region 8 Notes-2/13; 6. Kent County Road Commission-Act 50 of 1999 Reporting-1/16/13; 7. MTA Legislative Update Fax-2/1/13; 8. BS&A Internet Service Usage-1/4/13; 9. Ada Township DDA Minutes-1/7/13.

Motion by Rhoades, supported by Jacobs, to approve the Minutes, Reports and Communications under the Consent Agenda. Yes – 5; No – 0; Absent – 2. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

ADA TOWNSHIP GENERAL WARRANTS

Treasurer Rhoades reported receipts in the following amounts: Hand Checks: #101 \$5,958.50; #205 \$1,293.42; #208 \$1,364.82; #248 \$579.00; #590 \$4,254.53; #591 \$1,708.28; #592 \$502.18; #701 \$305.43; Total all Hand Checks: \$15,966.16; Warrants: #101 \$36,942.71; #205 \$39,668.83; #208 \$2,711.43; #211 \$432.30; #248 \$29.58; #590 \$115,272.28; #591 \$101,836.82; #592 \$153.05; Total Warrants: \$297,047.00. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$313,013.16.

Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to approve the Warrant Report for February 11, 2013, in the total amount of \$313,013.16. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Proos, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Smith and LeBlanc. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Saalfeld, Kent County Commissioner, stated with the redistricting Ada Township became part of District 11. He stated since Ada Township is now part of District 11, he was there to give an update from the County. Upon re-election the commission elected him Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners, and he is in charge of the Legislative and Human Resources Committee.

He stated their budget was approved in November for \$160 million general fund for a balanced budget; the County also has a AAA bond rating with S&P and Moody's, which only 58 counties in all of the country have; the zoo is owned by the County and

the Zoo Society arranges the fundraising and exhibits, and the County is trying to combine both entities into a single non-profit entity; regarding personal property tax, the plan adopted for getting rid of the personal property tax did allow for some replacement, but there are missing parts that will be addressed this year with legislation, and a vote will be coming up in August or November of 2014. He stated the County Collaboration work group he has been chairing, comprised of members of city, township, county, and stakeholders such as the Right Place and the Chamber of Commerce, has been meeting to come up with a study on the collaborative opportunities among the various jurisdictions in the County. Collaboration promotes good government because it promotes efficiencies and effectiveness in government, and there will probably be a report on that in March. Also, the airport will be increasing the seats available by 83% with Southwest coming to the airport.

Saalfeld stated, in response to the question asked by a board member, that the Road Commission and their board is the entity that decides on future road projects, but he is not aware of exactly what projects are in place. He also stated population-wise the county has increased a little bit, and from everything they have seen, it is definitely doing better than most other communities.

BOARD COMMENT

Supervisor Haga stated there is a work session on February 20th at 6:00 p.m. and asked for everyone to pick up their copy of the draft budget for the work session.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-021113-1, "RUN 4 A CAUSE-OUR KIDS 5K RACE"

Kori Quinn, stated they are raising money for the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, and thanked the Township for allowing them to hold this event and participate in the community. She stated last year they contributed \$60,000 in proceeds to the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. The next race is planned for June 15, 2013 with the 5K event at 8:30 and the family fun run at 9:30. They have the insurance set up and will be getting the certificate a couple months before the event; the Sheriff's Department has been contacted and that is all taken care of. An article will be put in the "Cadence" and the "AdaView", and road closure notices will be passed out to the residents affected by the route, as well as sending out a postcard.

Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to adopt Resolution R-021113-1, Run 4 A Cause-Our Kids 5K Race to be held on Saturday, June 16, 2012, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Roll call: Yes – Jacobs, Proos, Rhoades, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Smith and LeBlanc. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-021113-2, ARTS IN ADA DAY ROAD CLOSURE

Jim Ferro, Arts Council Board Member, stated Arts In Ada is planned to be held on Saturday, May 11th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with the road closure on Bronson Street between Ada Drive and River Street, then down River Street to the alley.

Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to adopt Resolution R-021113-2, Arts In Ada Day Road Closure. Roll call: Yes – Jacobs, Proos, Rhoades, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Smith and LeBlanc. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-021113-3, CONSUMERS ENERGY CONVERSION AND REPLACEMENT OF STREETLIGHTS

Supervisor Haga stated they are converting lamps throughout the Township from mercury vapor to high pressure sodium. He stated effectively there are two resolutions; to the Resolution should be added 3A and 3B as there are two parts to the project.

Moved by Rhoades, supported by Jacobs, to adopt Resolutions R-021113-3A and R-021113-3B, Consumers Energy Conversion and Replacement of Streetlights, to include Exhibits A and B. Roll call: Yes – Jacobs, Proos, Rhoades, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Smith and LeBlanc. Motion carried.

Supervisor Haga stated this is part of our public streetlight agreement and does not cost the Township anything except some of the streetlights that are public lights, and we pay for the watt hours on those.

HOPE NETWORK TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CONTRACT

Supervisor Haga stated the comments that were included when he received this contract indicated it should have been done in September-October. This is the same agreement we adopted the first time and there are no changes.

Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to adopt the Hope Network Transportation Services Contract between Ada Township and Hope Network of West Michigan, regarding the transit services for our seniors and handicapped persons. Yes – 5; No – 0; Absent – 2. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Susan Burton, CMC
Ada Township Clerk

Date

RS/dr