

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2014**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Clerk Burton, Treasurer Rhoades, Trustee LeBlanc, Trustee Proos, Trustee Jacobs and Trustee Smith. Also present: Planning Director Jim Ferro, Fire Chief Jim Duvall, Fire Lieutenant Dave Murray, Sheriff Deputy Ryan Roe, Recording Secretary Dorothy Renegar, and 36 community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Haga added a presentation by Kent County Taxpayers Alliance of the Kent County Transparency Award.

Motion by Smith, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

March 24, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Planning Commission Minutes-3/14/14; 2. Building Permit Trends-4/14/14; 3. Comcast Update-3/19/14; 4. Hope Network Transit Report-3/14.

Trustee LeBlanc made a correction to the Minutes of March 24, 2014; under Board Comment his statement about the boardwalk was on Bailey, not McCabe.

Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Minutes, Reports and Communications under the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

ADA TOWNSHIP GENERAL WARRANTS

Treasurer Rhoades reported receipts in the following amounts: Hand Checks: #101 \$3,280.34; #205 \$1,625.75; #208 \$1,326.79; #213 \$138.39; #590 \$4,076.19; #591 \$2,087.78; #592 \$572.90; #701 \$754.12; Total all Hand Checks: \$13,872.26; Warrants: #101 \$58,245.97; #205 \$55,863.68; #208 \$7,313.69 #248 \$2,127.81; #590 \$107,982.21; #591 \$88,334.13; #592 \$5,728.83; Total Warrants: \$335,290.42. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$349,162.68.

Motion by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to approve the Warrant Report for April 14, 2014, in the total amount of \$349,162.68. Roll Call: Yes – Smith, Jacobs, LeBlanc, Proos, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Larson, President, Kent County Taxpayers Alliance presented to George Haga the Government Transparency Award for Ada Township, stating the Township has been the most transparent in all of Kent County, for 2013.

BOARD COMMENT

Supervisor Haga handed out a letter from the Ada Township Water System, as required by the DEQ, which stated the monitoring requirements for the Ada Township water system were not met from March 1 to March 31, 2013. He stated, however, since that time the required samples showed the drinking water standards are being met.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF ADA TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF

Supervisor Haga stated the Fire Chief Selection Committee met and reviewed 18 resumes, conducted first-round interviews of seven candidates and second-round interviews of the three finalists. He stated the committee recommends David Murray as Ada's next Fire Chief.

Motion by Smith, supported by Jacobs, to approve the recommendation of the Selection Committee for the Appointment of David Murray as the new Ada Township Fire Chief. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, LeBlanc, Proos, Treasurer Rhoades, Clerk Burton and Supervisor Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Haga pinned the Fire Chief's badge on the new Chief, David Murray. He then presented outgoing Fire Chief Jim Duvall with his Fire Chief's hat in recognition of his many years of service to Ada Township.

RECONSIDERATION OF 5TH AMENDMENT TO CLEMENTS MILL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Planning Director Jim Ferro stated on March 10th the Township Board had approved a fifth amendment to the settlement agreement that governs the Clements Mill development. He stated at the March 20th Planning Commission it was determined there was a conflict with the revision to the minimum setback requirement, and recommended approval by the Board of a fifth amendment to the Settlement Agreement as revised.

Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Proos, to approve a revised 5th Amendment to the Clements Mill Settlement Agreement as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN, 2014-2020

Planning Director Jim Ferro presented a summary of the Capital Improvements Plan, 2014-2020, highlighted significant assumptions made in preparing the plan, and summarized major capital projects included in the six-year time horizon of the plan. He stated the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed plan; after the public hearing the Commission approved the plan, and is now asking for the Township Board to approve the plan.

Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Jacobs, to approve Adoption of the Capital Improvements Plan, 2014-2020. Motion carried.

ADA TOWNSHIP WINDOW XP COMPUTERS

Supervisor Haga stated a reminder was received that as of April 8, 2014, Microsoft will end its support for the Windows XP operating system, and we have 10 computers on that platform that need to be replaced. He stated our tech consultant, John Gibson, from Siegfried Crandall, has provided a proposal for consideration and approval. However, since he was not yet present at the meeting, the Board would need to table this subject until later in the meeting.

LICENSE AND RELEASE AGREEMENT-ADA 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

Supervisor Haga stated we have to renew this agreement every year for our 4th of July activities in order to utilize the green space and parking area that is owned by Geld LLC.

Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to approve the License and Release Agreement-Ada 4th of July Activities, to utilize the space owned by Geld LLC. Motion carried.

MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT POLICY RENEWAL

Supervisor Haga stated the Personnel Committee recommends renewing the policy for FY 2014/2015, which covers Township personnel who are required to be covered by Medicare, and who incur premium expenses.

Motion by Smith, supported by Jacobs, to approve the Medicare Reimbursement Policy Renewal for FY 2014/2015. Motion carried as amended.

Motion by Smith, supported by Jacobs, to amend the motion to include review of the Medicare Reimbursement Policy on an annual basis. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED TO SEEK BIDS ON TOWNSHIP HALL RE-LANDSCAPING

Treasurer Rhoades stated this is part of the CIP that was approved at this meeting, and since the cost will be over \$10,000, he is seeking Board approval for recruiting bids for the re-landscaping.

Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Jacobs, to approve Authorization to Proceed to Seek Bids on the Township Hall Re-Landscaping by Treasurer Rhoades. Motion carried.

Trustee Proos suggested Treasurer Rhoades get an artist's rendering.

4TH OF JULY ENTERTAINMENT

Clerk Burton stated three bids were received for the 4th of July Entertainment, and the 4th of July Committee recommends ACP entertainment, which had the lowest bid of \$11,695.

Ryan Strayhorn, General Manager, ACP Entertainment, stated the items in the proposal are similar to what Ada has had in the past. He stated the Zip Line is the longest portable zip line in Michigan, and it would be an additional \$3,500.

Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Rhoades, to approve the recommendation of the 4th of July Committee to contract with ACP Entertainment as presented in the proposal, in the amount of \$15,195, which includes the Zip Line at an additional \$3,500. Motion carried as amended.

Motion by Smith, supported by LeBlanc, to amend the motion to include the Zip Line, as proposed, in the 4th of July Entertainment, in the amount of \$3,500. Motion carried.

MOTION TO PROCEED IN TO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION-PETTIS VS ADA TOWNSHIP

Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to proceed into closed session to discuss the Pending Litigation of Pettis vs. Ada Township. Roll Call: Yes – LeBlanc, Smith, Jacobs, Proos, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Rhoades, supported by LeBlanc, to return to regular Board meeting. Motion carried.

John Sperla, Counsel from Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones, reviewed the update he had given the Board in their “Closed Session” on the litigation of Pettis VS Ada Township, which included the Court of Appeals opinion recently given in this case. He also summarized the actions he proposed the Board take at this point in the litigation with Pettis.

Motion by Rhoades, supported by LeBlanc, to proceed with the Litigation of Pettis vs. Ada Township, as proposed by Counsel. Motion carried.

ADA TOWNSHIP WINDOW XP COMPUTERS

Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to postpone action on the Ada Township Window XP Computers. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Susan Burton, CMC
Ada Township Clerk

Date

RS/dr