

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
APRIL 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, Recording Secretary Dorothy Renegar, and 10 community members.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to approve the Agenda. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

**GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

April 9, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

**Receive and File Various Reports/Communications**

1. Fire Call Reports-3/12; 2. Building Permit Report-3/12; 3. Treasurer's Investment Report-3/12; 4. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes-3/6/12; 5. DDA Minutes-3/5/12; 6. North Kent Transit Committee Minutes-2/7/12; 7. Hope Network Transit Activity Report-3/12; 8. Building Permit Summary-Quarter 1, 2012; 9. MTA Legislative Update Fax-4/13/12; 10. Egypt Valley Country Club MTT Status-4/12; 11. Ada Historical Society Minutes-3/10/12; 12. Riverfront Protection Continues Along Grand River-Land Conservancy Spring 2012.

**Motion by Westra, supported by Smith, to approve the Minutes, 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 receipts in the following amounts: Hand Checks: #101 \$36,264.01; #205 \$354.14; #208 \$351.67; #590 \$144,880.59; #591 \$26,934.04; #592 \$16.93; Total all Hand Checks: \$551,346.38; Warrants: #101 \$72,848.04; #205 \$9,909.83; #208 \$8,336.12; #211 \$475.00; #248 \$466.24; #590 \$23,982.81; #591 \$15,593.57; #592 \$3,842.18; Total Warrants: \$135,453.79. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$686,800.17. **Moved by Proos, supported by Smith, to approve the Warrant Report for April 23, 2012, in the total amount of \$686,800.17. Roll Call: Yes – Westra, Smith, Rhoades, LeBlanc, Proos, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jerry Bronkema, 7137 Bronson Street, requested a return to the original plan of gravel parking areas in front of the houses on Bronson by Teeple, instead of grass; the grass won't grow and there will be just weeds and mud.

Frank Hoover asked that if someone is appointed to the DDA, don't they have to be a business owner?

Supervisor Haga responded the statute reads "a business owner or business representative".

**BOARD COMMENT**

Trustee Westra stated while visiting the Planning Department about the use of Regis, he noticed the zoning administrator working on a project to identify properties with additional structures or additions built without a permit. As there could be hundreds of said properties, he requested the Board get a detailed report and put it on the agenda. Westra stated concern with the value of using Regis and would like to know if we are looking at alternatives. He stated we need to give residents advance warnings on road construction and closures, and asked for an update on the County's 3 Mile Road project.

Supervisor Haga stated the Admin Committee and staff will be meeting on Regis this week, and will provide answers to the questions posed by Trustee LeBlanc.

Treasurer Rhoades stated the manhole at the driveway between 5/3<sup>rd</sup> Bank and the barber shop is six inches below the grass, posing a hazard.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **RESOLUTION R-042312-1, HEART AND WRERA 457 PLAN AMENDMENTS**

It was stated the two plans are similar and relate to the pension plan and the federal regulations that relate to service workers, and it is a requirement to update the plans. The provisions relate to: Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Act of 2008 (HEART), relating to military service rights and benefits, and Worker, Retiree and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 (WRERA) which details the 2009 required minimum (RMD) provisions. The township does not have any military personnel at this time that would fall under the guidelines, but the plan still has to be submitted to meet compliance.

**Motion by Proos, supported by Westra, to adopt Resolution R-042312-1, HEART and WRERA 457 Plan Amendments. Roll Call: Yes – Westra, Smith, Rhoades, LeBlanc, Proos, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Resolution adopted.**

### **RESOLUTION R-042312-2, HEART AND WRERA PENSION PLAN AMENDMENTS**

**Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Proos, to adopt Resolution R-042312-2, HEART and WRERA Pension Plan Amendments. Roll Call: Yes – Westra, Smith, Rhoades, LeBlanc, Proos, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Resolution adopted.**

### **HALL STREET (CASCADE RD TO PARADISE LAKE) LOCAL ROAD REPAVING-KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION WORK ORDER**

Wayne Harold, Kent County Road Commission, stated they had a meeting with the neighboring residents about repaving of the road between Balsam to Paradise Lake, which will terminate west of Forest Hills Central westerly entrance. He stated they are also proposing widening at Paradise Lake to include a lane for traffic to turn left onto Paradise Lake, and will put a sidewalk on both the north and south side of Hall Street. Harold stated Ada and Cascade Townships will be sharing the cost of two five-foot concrete sidewalks.

There were questions from the Board concerning the decision for concrete sidewalks over asphalt sidewalks, and the cost difference. Harold explained it is more difficult to pave asphalt only five feet wide, as the standard paver is eight feet wide, and that equipment needs to maneuver around utilities and trees. He stated this type of paving is not high production, so it is more costly per ton for paving a five foot wide sidewalk than for a street.

Planning Director Jim Ferro stated five foot sidewalks have been planned on both sides of the street for at least a year and a half. He stated in neighborhood meetings there was concern regarding the shallow setbacks at some homes, and the landscaping and tree conflicts; but the proposal for concrete sidewalks was very well received by the residents.

Harold stated bids will be taken May 17<sup>th</sup>, and they could also add bids for an asphalt sidewalk. The bids will then go to the Kent County Road Commission Board for approval, and then to each township for approval. He stated work will start after school is out; in mid June work will start on the sidewalks, and the road paving will be later. Harold stated the sidewalk work will be a contract between Ada Township or Cascade Township with a separate contractor; that KCRC will not have any cost sharing in the sidewalk.

**Motion by Westra, supported by LeBlanc, to approve the Hall Street (Cascade Road to Paradise Lake) Local Road Repaving-Kent County Road Commission Work Order, with Ada Township's share being 55% which is \$82,500.00. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

### **MUSEUM MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT-REVISED**

Supervisor Haga stated this is a revised maintenance agreement which has been worked on by a subcommittee of Museum and Township representatives, since October 2011, and is being presented for approval.

**Motion by Westra, supported by Rhoades, to postpone action on the Museum Management Agreement-Revised document until the next Board meeting. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

## OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Ditonto, 5985 Two Mile Road, stated while attending the Planning Commission meeting regarding the cell tower proposed at Forest Hills Eastern High School there was a comment made that there were some inaccuracies in the drawings he had presented, and he had made some of those changes. He commented on the photo shop renderings presented by AT&T, and stated they were distorted due to the use of a wide angle camera.

Patricia Ditonto, 5985 Two Mile Road, stated concern and disappointment in the process followed by the Planning Commission to reach their decision to approve the special use permit for the AT&T cell tower. She stated there is a lot of misrepresentation, decisions are made based on a lot of misinformation, and there is no place to discuss or challenge the decision.

Christina Morg, 2926 Pettis, stated regarding the cell tower, there was a lack of communication efforts with the neighbors surrounding the high school, and would encourage a broader effort to extend the communication boundary beyond 300 feet.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Susan Burton  
Ada Township Clerk

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