

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 9, 2011**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Treasurer Rhoades, Trustee Smith, Trustee Sytsma, Trustee Westra, Clerk Burton, and Supervisor Haga. Also present: Fire Chief Jim DuVall, Recording Secretary Renegar, and 8 community members. Absent: Trustee Proos (arrived at 7:50).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

April 25, 2011 Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Planning Commission Minutes 3/17/11; 2. Comcast-General Update 4/28/11; 3. Utility Advisory Board (UAB) Minutes 3/17/11; 4. GO! Bus Service – Jan-March 2011. **Motion by Westra, supported by Sytsma, to approve the Reports and Communications under the Consent Agenda. Yes – 6; No – 0; Absent – 1. Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Treasurer Rhoades reported the general township warrants, with receipts in the following amounts: Hand Checks: #101 \$3,546.33; #205 \$639.71; #208 \$1,037.66; #211 \$809.63; #248 \$1,015.97; #590 \$334.82; #591 \$334.84; Total all Hand Checks: \$7,718.96; Warrants: #101 \$27,609.94; #205 \$11,547.26; #208 \$8,899.45; #211 \$839.87; #248 \$780.84; #590 \$46,553.65; #591 \$23,831.61; #592 \$1,135.94; Total Warrants: \$121,198.56. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$128,917.52. **Moved by Smith, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Warrant Report for May 9, 2011, in the total amount of \$128,917.52. Roll Call: Yes - Sytsma, Smith, Westra, Rhoades, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 1. Motion carried.**

Supervisor Haga noted #48 should be Victory Signs (not Club).

Trustee Westra questioned #10 repair of the generator at 4861 Ada Drive.

Supervisor Haga stated the generator at the water booster station would not start and a new charger had to be installed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Westra noted there are a lot of bicyclists not using the trails and riding 2-3 abreast on the road, which is against the law, and they should be ticketed. Also, stated that Roselle Park is being inundated with water and wondered if the Park Director could put out a notice so that people know when the park is open.

Trustee Rhoades stated the Cost Reduction Task Force has not received any input from the Board or the public with additional ideas to assist the committee. Also, regarding the Bronson Street reconstruction, there are several areas which will be re-seeded and a notice needs to be sent to the residents to remind them not to park off the asphalt.

Supervisor Haga stated on May 25th at 7:00 p.m. there will be a public information meeting in the Assembly Hall regarding the sanitary sewer force main and the Bronson Street improvement project. On June 28th at 10:00 a.m. the Kent County Road Commission will hold a meeting on the re-instating of the Natural Beauty Road designation for Bailey Drive. Also, regarding target shooting on 3 Mile, he has been talking with the Sheriff's Department on policing the area.

Trustee Smith asked if the noise ordinance would cover that.

Supervisor Haga stated he asked about the noise ordinance, including the nuisance piece of it. It isn't a very strong ordinance, so it should be looked at as we get more into this subject.

NEW BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP HALL RESURFACING PROJECT

Supervisor Haga stated he dropped the ball on implementing the first step of the purchase policy; getting the Board's approval to pursue bids for the project. However, he had asked Fire Chief Jim DuVall to get three proposals.

Fire Chief Jim DuVall stated he contacted several local asphalt contractors who all advised the lot should be milled, three inches of asphalt removed, and recoated with 1-1/2 inches of asphalt base and 1-1/2 inches of top coat. The front and rear parking lots of the Township Hall and 4 spaces in the area in front of the Assembly Hall are all in need of repair. The three quotes received for resurfacing were from Harding Enterprises at \$36,400.00, Reith-Riley Construction at \$35,787.50, and Great Lakes Paving at \$35,172.00. He recommended Great Lakes Paving as they have done work on the bike path on Knapp and Honey Creek, so we are familiar with their work and they were the low bid.

Supervisor Haga noted that \$30,000.00 was just approved in the new budget for this project.

Motion by Rhoades, supported by Burton, to approve the bid from Great Lakes Paving in the amount of \$35,172.00 for resurfacing of the Township Hall parking lots. Yes – 6; No – 1. Motion carried.

Trustee Westra stated this body should be held accountable and if a policy for bidding is in place for this, we should follow the policy.

Trustee Smith thanked Supervisor Haga for bringing to everyone's attention his oversight of this, but does not see any problem with going ahead with the project rather than pursuing more bids.

UPDATING HYDRAULIC RESCUE EQUIPMENT

Fire Chief Jim DuVall stated this is equipment referred to as "the jaws of life". Hydraulic cutters, along with hydraulic spreaders and ram, are used to free victims who are trapped in vehicles due to an accident. The cutters the Department uses were purchased prior to 1997 and do not have the force needed to cut high strength steel that automotive manufacturers are now using in vehicles to meet the Federal crash worthiness standards. A quote was obtained from Apollo Fire Equipment, the exclusive dealer in Michigan, for a Hurst MOC II Heavy Duty Cutter as all of the rescue equipment used at the Department is the Hurst brand. Also, the hydraulic hose connections need to be replaced in order to change the tools without turning off the power unit. This purchase was included in the 2011/2012 budget but not in the Capital Improvement Program as the cost was not anticipated to be over the \$5,000 threshold. This proposal is for the Hurst MOC II Heavy Duty Cutters at \$5,500.00 and an upgrade in the Hydraulic Hose Connections at \$1,653.75, for a total of \$7,153.75.

Motion by Smith, supported by Sytsma, to approve purchase of the Hurst MOC II Heavy Duty Cutter and Upgrade the Hydraulic Hose Connections with Apollo Fire Equipment in the amount of \$7,153.75. Yes – 6; No – 1. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the possibility of finding this equipment for less cost, and the available service on the equipment as relates to time and safety issues.

GAMES ACTIVITIES & RIDES FOR THE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Clerk Burton stated the 4th of July Committee sought proposals for the games, rides and activities that take place on the Green Space. Proposals were received from three companies: Eccentric Entertainment for \$13,693.00, Fun Services for \$15,570.00, and Kramer Entertainment for \$15,275.00. The Committee recommends hiring Eccentric Entertainment as they had the lowest bid and the township has been very satisfied with the service received from them in the past.

Motion by Westra, supported by Rhoades, to approve the amended proposal from Eccentric Entertainment in the amount of \$13,693.00 for 4th of July games, activities and rides. Yes – 7; No – 0. Motion carried.

REEDS LAKE TRIATHLON M-21 USE

Susan Perry, Assistant Director, East Grand Rapids Parks & Recreation Department, presented the application for a resolution to permit the use of M-21 for the bike portion of the Reeds Lake Triathlon scheduled for Saturday, September 10th at 7:30 a.m. It is anticipated 1200+ athletes will take part in the 18-mile event, with bicyclists going east on M-21 to Ada Drive, making a U-turn and heading west back to East Grand Rapids.

Motion by Westra, supported by Burton, to approve the application for the Reeds Lake Triathlon use of M-21 for the bike portion of their Triathlon event. Yes – 7; No – 0. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Mitchell, 8771 Conservation, commented on the Township Board violating the purchasing policy that had been set up in January.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Burton
Ada Township Clerk

RS/dr