

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 12, 2014**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Treasurer Rhoades, Trustee Jacobs, Trustee Smith, and Trustee LeBlanc. Also present: Planning Director Jim Ferro, Recording Secretary Dorothy Renegar, and 6 community members. Absent: Clerk Burton, and Trustee Proos.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jacobs, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Agenda. Yes – 5; No – 0; Absent – 2. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION-KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY (KDL)
2013 ANNUAL REPORT**

Michelle Boisvenue-Fox, Assistant Director, stated her job was to oversee the 18 branches in the system, and then highlighted some of the items as shown in the 2013 Annual Report. She stated they are operating using the same budget as in 2006 with less revenue.

Shirley Buursma, Trustee, stated they are concentrating on the millage that needs to be increased by 40¢ on \$1,000, which will be on the August 5 ballot, and is asking for everyone to help with the campaign.

Diane Cutler, Branch Manager, Cascade Township, explained several programs they have focused on that engage the community. She stated they have hosted an inspiring writer's conference, and this year they had 300 participants attend; they put two copies each of pieces written by local writers in the Cascade Library. The Early Literacy Program prepares kids to start kindergarten with reading, and the CRAM Program brings in high schoolers before exams to study.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

April 28, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Fire and EMS Report; 2. Chief Murray-Thank You Letter-4/26/14; 3. GVMC Weekly Newsletter-5/2/14; 4. East Precinct 1st Quarter 2014 Activity-3/31/14.

Motion by Rhoades, supported by LeBlanc, 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 \$17,091.57; #205 \$2,448.23; #208 \$1,145.36; #248 \$200.00; #590 \$4,409.00; #591 \$1,190.62; #592 \$305.25; Total all Hand Checks: \$26790.03; Warrants: #101 \$39,411.35; #205 \$25,893.65; #208 \$3,503.02; #211 \$5,787.16; #213 \$77.61; #248 \$955.00; #590 \$92,910.77; #591 \$90,225.50; #592 \$1,967.84; Total Warrants: \$260,731.90. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$287,521.93.

Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Jacobs, to approve the Warrant Report for May 12, 2014, in the total amount of \$287,521.93. Roll Call: Yes – Smith, Jacobs, LeBlanc, Rhoades, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Proos, Clerk Burton. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD COMMENT

Treasurer Rhoades thanked Frank Hoover for working all day at the Ada Clean Up Day.

Trustee Smith commented that they had a false alarm on the new alarm system at her home, and the Sheriff's Department responded within 15 minutes.

Supervisor Haga handed out information on the Open House for the Roselle Park Resource Building, which will be held Thursday, May 15, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Community Church on Thornapple River Drive.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

REEDS LAKE TRIATHLON PERMIT APPROVAL

Susan Perry, Assistant Director, East Grand Rapids Parks & Recreation Department, stated this is their 31st year of holding the Reeds Lake Triathlon; and are requesting approval of their resolution to permit the Triathlon to use M-21 for the bike portion of the event on Saturday, September 6, 2014. She stated the insurance coverage is included with her letter of April 23, 2014. Perry then introduced Betsy Granstra, who will be taking her place next year.

Motion by Smith, supported by Jacobs, to Approve the Reeds Lake Triathlon Permit for the Triathlon to be held on Saturday, September 6, 2014. Yes – 5; No – 0; Absent – 2. Motion carried.

PROPOSED 2013 ROAD REPAIR PROJECTS

Planning Director Jim Ferro stated he and Supervisor Haga have met with Jerry Byrne of the Kent County Road Commission for an assessment of “critical repair needs” in the Township. He then explained the work that needed to be done, and stated the two primary roads that need to be repaired are Carl Drive and Grand River Drive. Ferro requested approval of the two work orders: one for Grand River Drive and Carl Drive, with the Township’s share being \$105,000; and one for Alta Dale, with the Township’s share being \$45,000.

Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Rhoades, to approve Proposed 2013 Road Repair Projects for Grand River Drive and Carl Drive, in the amount of \$105,000, and Alta Dale, in the amount of \$45,000. Roll Call: Yes – Smith, Jacobs, LeBlanc, Rhoades, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Proos, Clerk Burton. Motion carried.

ADA DRIVE BOARDWALK REPLACEMENT

Steve Groenenboom, Moore & Bruggink, stated the boardwalks which were constructed in 1998 were not designed for the heavy load from the tractors used to plow snow. He stated this project is in the Township’s Capital Improvement Plan, with funding provided by the Township’s trail fund, and was approved in the 2014/2015 Budget, at an estimated cost of \$125,000. Groenenboom requested approval to put this project out to bid.

Motion by Rhoades, supported by LeBlanc, to approve the Ada Drive Boardwalk Replacement project, in the amount of \$125,000, being put out for bid. Yes – 5; No – 0; Absent – 2. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Susan Burton, CMC
Ada Township Clerk

Date

RS/dr