

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2013**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Trustee LeBlanc, Trustee Proos, Treasurer Rhoades, Trustee Jacobs, Trustee Smith and Clerk Burton. Also present: Parks Director Mark Fitzpatrick, Deputy Ryan Roe, Recording Secretary Dorothy Renegar, and 9 community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Rhoades, supported by LeBlanc, to approve the Agenda with the additions. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

July 22, 2013 Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Ada's DDA Minutes-6/17/13; 2. GVMC Policy Committee Minutes-5/15/13; 3. AT&T-Sixth Annual Video Report-7/13/13; 4. Utility Advisory Board Minutes-6/20/13; 5. MTA Legislative Update Fax-7/26/13; 6. GVMC Minutes-6/13/13; 7. GVMC Non-Motorized Trail Plan Update-Ada Township Projects Inclusion Report-7/30/13.

Motion by Smith, supported by Rhoades, 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 \$16,842.18; #205 \$792.40; #208 \$50,096.33; #248 \$2,500.00; #590 \$3,959.48; #591 \$2,633.24; #592 \$950.43. Total all Hand Checks: \$77,774.06; Warrants: #101 \$26,844.68; #205 \$27,948.72; #208 \$5,451.90; #248 \$5,430.62; #590 \$5,357.81; #591 \$9,655.60; #592 \$513.80; Total Warrants: \$81,203.13. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$158,977.19.

Motion by Proos, supported by Smith, to approve the Warrant Report for August 12, 2013, in the total amount of \$158,977.19. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, LeBlanc, Proos, Rhoades, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Ryan Roe gave an update on activities in the Township: had a good turn out for the Bike Rodeo event for kids; July 4th went well, and they handed out 130 finger print kits which are also available in the office; Arts in Ada had a good turn out. He stated crime in Ada has been down from where it was last year. Also, last weekend there were a couple incidents of mail being stolen out of mailboxes.

Richard Marmion stated he is concerned about horizontal hydraulic fracturing coming to Ada. He stated the gas companies have approached some of the residents, and would like to encourage discussion of this issue in the future.

Supervisor Haga stated there was a very informative presentation based on this topic made to the Supervisors Association. He thought it would be a good idea to have that presentation made to the Board and stated since it is such an important topic, it will more than likely be brought up for discussion concerning any type of action the Township would want to take.

BOARD COMMENT

Clerk Burton stated the MPLP (Michigan Political Leadership Program), a training program for individuals wanting involvement in government, is accepting applications for the class of 2014. She stated it is open to 24 people statewide, half Republicans and half Democrats; applicants go through interviews and if chosen, the program is a commitment of a weekend once a month for 10 months. More information on MPLP can be obtained online, and applications are due by August 23rd.

Treasurer Rhoades stated for tax year 2012 approximately 200 notices were sent out to residents who had not paid, and the cost to send these notices was approximately \$150. His office received 182 returns for an intake of \$6,670.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-081213-1, TO SUPPORT THE USE OF ELEVATED WATER TANK OR OTHER TALL STRUCTURES AT FOREST HILLS EASTERN SCHOOL CAMPUS FOR CO-LOCATION OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES

This is a resolution to support the use of the elevated water tank or other existing tall structures at the Forest Hills Eastern school campus for co-location of wireless communications facilities. It was stated this resolution will show support from the Board that the elevated tank is the proper location as we begin meetings with the school board and some of the primary residents in the area. Also, Supervisor Haga stated he is concerned about the terminology “or other existing tall structures”, as our focus should be primarily on our efforts related to the elevated storage tank.

Motion by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to adopt Resolution R-081213-1, to Support the Use of the Elevated Water Tank at Forest Hills Eastern School Campus for Co-Location of Wireless Communication Facilities, deleting in the Resolution “or other existing tall structures”. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, LeBlanc, Proos, Rhoades, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Resolution adopted.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING CANCELLATION

The Administrative Committee recommended cancellation of the Township Board meeting scheduled for October 14, 2013 due to a small amount of anticipated business, and vacation schedules that will create a challenge.

Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to approve Cancellation of the Township Board Meeting of October 14, 2013. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

FOURTH AMENDMENT TO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN EASTBROOK DEVELOPMENT COMPANY AND ADA TOWNSHIP-DATE OF OCTOBER 15, 1997

Supervisor Haga stated this amendment would allow the permitted use as approved by the Planning Commission, and future amendments would go through the normal planning/zoning process. He stated Eastbrook Development is supportive of this.

Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Fourth Amendment to the Settlement Agreement Between Eastbrook Development Company and Ada Township as presented. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

TRAIL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION IN SUPPORT OF ADOPTING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL ASSOCIATION AND ADA TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

Park Director Mark Fitzpatrick stated the proposal is from the North Country Trail Association to reroute the trail through Ada Township. He stated the Open Space and Parks are all in support.

Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Smith, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the North Country Trail Association and Ada Township as presented. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

ETHICS BOARD AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT REVISIONS

Carol Seacord, Ethics Board Chairperson, stated there have been four changes to the Standards of Conduct, the biggest of which is to eliminate having the Township Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer on the Ethics Board, but to be available when needed for guidance. She stated this is the result of comments from residents who think there is a conflict of interest.

Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Jacobs, to approve Revisions to the Ethics Board and Standards of Conduct, dated August 12, 2013. Roll Call: Yes - Jacobs, Smith, LeBlanc, Proos, Rhoades, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

Brian Schiffelbein, Bronson Street, a member of the Ethics Board, stated essentially the Ethics Board meets quarterly, and if a complaint comes in, it is first handled through procedures set up in the Employee Handbook. From there a complaint would go to the Ethics Board, which has been putting together the procedure on how to officially make an ethics complaint.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Schiffelbein Bronson Street, asked the Board to be pro-active concerning important issues such as hydraulic fracturing, just as the Ethics Board is trying to be pro-active by preparing for hypothetical complaints such as medical marijuana.

Denny Madden, Briarwood, stated he appreciates the Board revisiting the issue of the water tower, and everybody agrees it is the right thing to do.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Susan Burton, CMC
Ada Township Clerk

Date