

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2012**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Clerk Burton, Treasurer Rhoades, Trustee Proos, Trustee LeBlanc, Trustee Westra, and Trustee Smith. Also present: Planning Director Jim Ferro, Fire Chief Jim DuVall, Recording Secretary Dorothy Renegar, and 11 community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Proos, supported by Smith, to approve the Agenda as presented. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

August 13, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Planning Commission Minutes-8/16/12; 2. Building Permit Report-7/12; 3. Treasurer's Investment Report-7/12; 4. Utility Advisory Board Minutes-6/21/12; 5. Open Space Advisory Board Minutes-8/9/12; 6. MTA Legislative Update Fax-8/17/12; 7. Trustee Westra E-mail-FOIA Request Ada Township Zoning Discrepancies-8/16/12; 8. New Business in Ada.

Motion by Westra, 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 \$71,338.35; #205 \$322.15; #208 \$799.67; #248 \$164.97; #590 \$80.12; #591 \$781.25; #592 \$17.80; Total all Hand Checks: \$73,504.31; Warrants: #101 \$27,844.39; #205 \$6,923.65; #208 \$8,351.62; #211 \$1,172.63; #248 \$357.18; #590 \$228,906.03; #591 \$402,426.64; #592 \$6,016.12; Total Warrants: \$691,998.26. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$765,502.57.

Moved by Smith, supported by LeBlanc, to approve the Warrant Report for August 13, 2012, in the total amount of \$765,502.57. Roll Call: Yes – Westra, Smith, LeBlanc, Proos, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Smith stated the medical marijuana law was passed at the same time she came on the Board, and at that time she was quite concerned with the ramifications. She stated the Board had discussed a moratorium at one time but decided to do nothing. She has done a lot of research; many communities have put restrictions or prohibitions in place but have been challenged in court. Smith stated at this point she doesn't feel we have been neglectful.

Trustee LeBlanc asked for an update on the status of the acquisition of the Knapp Street house, and asked if the county had given a schedule for its removal.

Supervisor Haga responded the Township will be closing on that property the next day at 4:00 p.m., and then will be working on the tanks and the demolition process.

Trustee Proos commented on the email he received in regard to the bid on the pumps, and his recommendation would be that if there is any rotted pipe, or potentially rotted pipe when the system is down, its integrity needs to be checked, and replace whatever is necessary.

Treasurer Rhoades stated the Planning Commission has asked whether the Board would entertain the idea of extending the terms of the Planning Commissioners to an unlimited number of years, or extending it past the current limit of 15 years. He stated the question is whether the Board would want to put the issue on the agenda for the next meeting.

Supervisor Haga stated he extended the response time for Trustee Westra's FOIA request. Although the resulting FOIA request information was in the Board packet, he formally presented it to Trustee Westra at that time, during the meeting. He stated after reviewing the FOIA request, it was determined it was not in the interest of the Township but was more of a self interest request, and therefore, Trustee Westra would be billed \$63.00 for preparation time and copies for his FOIA request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-082712-1 "PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION RECOGNITION DAY

Supervisor Haga stated the Township has received this resolution for six or seven years, and is again being asked to recognize this day.

Moved by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to approve Resolution R-082712-1 "Prisoner of War/Missing In Action Recognition Day, to be held Friday, September 21, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at the chapel of the Michigan Home for Veterans in Grand Rapids. Roll Call: Yes – Westra, Smith, Proos, LeBlanc, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

ADA TOWNSHIP ENGINE PURCHASE

Fire Chief Duvall noted that last Friday, August 24th, they received another grant of \$4,000 for seven pagers, which basically completes all the equipment the department needs to comply with the narrow-banding requirements of January 1st. He stated Ada Township has been a member of the Kent County Fire Commission, and one of the benefits is that every 18 years the Fire Commission gives \$186,000 toward the purchase of a new truck. Chief DuVall stated this is the year the Ada Fire Department will receive that benefit, so the department formed a truck committee six months ago to decide what was really needed. That information was forwarded to Kent County Purchasing who takes care of soliciting the bids. He stated seven manufacturers responded, and the committee felt the Spencer engine was a better fit and finish, and met their needs for a cost of \$414,211. DuVall stated the recommendation is to purchase the new Spencer engine, purchase the 1997 E-One from Kent County for \$30,417.50, and sell the 1994 Engine.

Motion by Smith, supported by Rhoades, to approve purchase of a new fire engine from Spencer Manufacturing in the amount of \$414,211, to purchase the 1997 E-One engine from Kent County in the amount of \$30,417.50, and sell the 1994 truck for approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Proos, supported by Smith, to amend to incorporate the \$186,000 from the Kent County Fire Commission, payable to Ada Township, which would amount to the Township's total cost of \$228,211. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

Chief DuVall explained the 1994 truck is a Township truck, so the proceeds from its sale would go to the Township. Also, the Fire Department puts \$75,000 in a new truck contingency fund every year, which has been building over a number of years, and the department has in that fund well in excess of what the new truck will cost.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR NEW ENGINE

Fire Chief Duvall stated also needed is an air bag system and seat belt pretension system for the truck cabs. He stated this includes a steering wheel air bag, left side driver and right side passenger knee air bags, side curtain air bags on both sides of the vehicle in the front and rear seating areas; and the seat belt Pyrotechnic Pretension System, which takes up the slack in the seat belts and allows the air bags to cushion the impact of a crash. Chief DuVall stated the cost to Spencer Manufacturing for this protection system manufactured by Spartan Chassis is \$10,598.

Motion by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to approve purchase of the additional safety devices, the air bag system and seat belt Pyrotechnic Pretension System, manufactured by Spartan Chassis and provided by Spencer Manufacturing in the amount of \$10,598. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Susan Burton
Ada Township Clerk

RS/dr