

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 10, 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, and Trustee Smith. Also present: Planning Director Jim Ferro, Sheriff Deputy Ryan Roe, Recording Secretary Dorothy Renegar, and 7 community members. Absent: Trustee Westra.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Rhoades, supported by Proos, to approve the Agenda as presented. Yes – 6; No – 0; Absent – 1. Motion carried.**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION –  
CLEAN AFFORDABLE RENEWABLE ENERGY (CARE)**

Karen McCarthy, Consumers Energy, stated the Clean Affordable Renewable Energy (CARE) is concerned with the 25 x 2025 Proposal 3 constitutional amendment on the November ballot, which will require that all utility companies in Michigan obtain 25% of their electric supply from renewable energy by the year 2025. She stated the proposal could cost the utilities over \$12 billion, and mandates solar, hydro, wind or bio-mass or specific technologies for types of renewable energy. McCarthy stated that wind and solar are intermittent renewable energy sources here in Michigan, and would need as many as 3,100 wind turbines which require about 500,000 acres of land. Also, she stated that Michigan's energy providers are making excellent progress toward reaching the current standard of 10% by 2015, and urged everyone to join the Clean Affordable Energy (CARE) for Michigan Coalition mission to help fight this threat to Michigan's energy future and the state's economy.

McCarthy stated this proposal was one of several that got put on the ballot through the signature process with over 300,000 signatures, and it was paid for by out-of-state funds.

Supervisor Haga stated this is also E. on the Agenda, Resolution R-091012-2 to Support Clean Affordable Renewable Energy for Michigan, which opposes the 20 x 2025 question on the ballot.

**Moved by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to adopt Resolution R-091012-2, Support Clean Affordable Renewable Energy for Michigan. Roll Call: Yes – Smith, LeBlanc, Proos, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Westra. Motion carried.**

**GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

August 27, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

**Receive and File Various Reports/Communications**

1. Sheriff Report-Quarterly Statistics & Speedboard Reports; 2. Kent County Citizen Appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees; 3. DDA Minutes-7/9/12; 4. MTA Legislative Fax-8/24/12, 8/31/12.

**Motion by Smith, supported by LeBlanc, to approve the Minutes, Reports and Communications under the Consent Agenda. Yes – 6; No – 0; Absent – 1. Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

**ADA TOWNSHIP GENERAL WARRANTS**

Treasurer Rhoades reported receipts in the following amounts: Hand Checks: #101 \$3,914.09; #205 \$1,322.64; #208 \$11,630.21; #248 \$2,580.00; #590 \$4,014.25; #591 \$2,295.92; #592 \$753.46; Total all Hand Checks: \$26,510.57; Warrants: #101 \$14,269.39; #205 \$11,887.75; #208 \$2,203.68; #211 \$20,005.67; #213 \$2.62; #590 \$147.03; #591 \$809.39; #592 \$30.34; Total Warrants: \$49,355.87. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$75,866.44.

**Moved by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to approve the Warrant Report for September 10, 2012, in the total amount of \$75,866.44. Roll Call: Yes – Smith, LeBlanc, Proos, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Westra. Motion carried.**

**BRONSON STREET RETAINING WALL AND PARKING-PAYMENT NO. 2 AND FINAL**

This is Payment No. 2 and Final in the amount of \$2,000.00; the grass is growing quite well, and there are not any problems with the finished project.

**Moved by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Bronson Street Retaining Wall and Parking-Payment No. 2 and Final, payable to Flier Brothers Independent Excavators in the amount of \$2,000.00. Yes – 6; No – 0; Absent – 1. Motion carried.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **BOARD COMMENT**

Trustee LeBlanc asked whether the new projection system was working.

Supervisor Haga stated it is working, but there was a glitch in showing the slide presentation as he thought they would be bringing a computer with them. There was not one available for their use.

Supervisor Haga reminded everyone of the Thornapple River Watershed Council & Barry Conservation District 17<sup>th</sup> Annual River Clean-Up on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. He stated anyone who wants to volunteer can contact Mark Fitzpatrick, Park Director. Also, a thank you was received from the Thornapple River Expedition 2012 for the Township's support for the project. He stated the Township continues to receive recognition through our park director on these types of things.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **RESOLUTION R-091012-1, FOREST HILLS CENTRAL HOMECOMING PARADE**

Karen Bevin, Representative for the Forest Hills Central Student Council, stated they are again asking for permission to host their Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. She stated the parade route will be the same as in previous years.

**Moved by LeBlanc, supported by Smith, to approve Resolution R-091012-1, Forest Hills Central Homecoming Parade, to be held Friday, October 5, 2012, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Roll Call: Yes – Smith, Proos, LeBlanc, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Westra. Motion carried.**

##### **CONTRACT AWARD FOR FULTON STREET LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS**

Steve Groenenboom, Moore & Bruggink, Inc. stated three bids were received for this project, from: Northwest Kent Mechanical, Franklin Holwerda Company, and Allied Mechanical Services Inc. Northwest Kent Mechanical came in with a bid of \$329,200; they have maintained the pumps over the last few years, and are highly recommended to do the work for this project.

Groenenboom stated the estimated budget was \$375,000 for the project. With a low bid of \$329,200, the engineering, construction inspection and testing, and budgeted amount for contingencies, the total estimated budget is \$430,000. He stated the sewer fund is now estimated to be \$520,000 for the end of this fiscal year, so the money is there to do this project.

Groenenboom stated the DEQ is requiring a flow meter for a lift station this size, which will cost about \$20,000. There already is a flow meter where the flow exits Ada Township. Groenenboom stated the DEQ has been asked to reconsider that requirement.

**Motion by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to approve the Contract Award for Fulton Street Lift Station Improvements with Northwest Kent Mechanical in the amount of \$329,200, and approve the Total Budget for the Fulton Street Lift Station in the amount of \$430,000 as presented. Roll Call: Yes – Smith, Proos, LeBlanc, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Westra. Motion carried.**

Groenenboom stated the pipe being used in the project is ductile iron with a cement lining. There is about a three month lead time for the pumps, so hopefully they will be done in December-January.

##### **FULTON STREET BRIDGE/TRAIL**

Steve Groenenboom, Moore & Bruggink, Inc. stated MDOT does not want construction of the final phase of the bike path, across the bridge, to commence until they are completely done with the Fulton Bridge. He then went on to explain the proposed change in the route of the bike path subject to agreement with the property owner, and placement of additional fill dirt for the bike path and where the dirt would come from. He stated it has been discussed with MDOT the possibility of using their dirt work sub-

contractor, Kentwood Excavating, provided the Township obtains a DEQ permit, and also enters into a contract with Kentwood Excavating. Groenenboom stated the prices received from Kentwood Excavating are for \$5.00 or \$10.00 per yard depending upon where the fill dirt comes from, which would amount to a total cost between \$10,675 and \$21,350. He stated he recommends the Township enter into a contract with Kentwood Excavating to place additional fill for the bike path on the west side of the new bridge this fall.

**Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to postpone action until the next Board meeting on the Fulton Bridge/Trail project as presented in a letter dated September 7<sup>th</sup>. Yes – 6; No – 0; Absent – 1. Motion carried.**

**ACCEPTANCE OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM MASSAGE PARLOR LICENSING ORDINANCE**

Planning Director Jim Ferro stated the West Michigan Pain Management Therapy Center has leased space in the Ada Hillside Center on Fulton Street. He stated the proposed business provides physical and orthopedic massage therapy, and the owner holds a personal trainer certification from the National Endurance Sports Training Association (NESTA). Ferro stated this is not an organization listed in our massage parlor licensing ordinance that qualifies him for an exemption from the licensing requirements of the ordinance. He stated the certification he holds is a valid credential for the type of business he is in, and recommended that specific organization be approved by the Board for an exemption from the Township massage parlor licensing ordinance.

**Motion by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to approve Acceptance of Professional Organization Certification for Exemption from Massage Parlor Licensing Ordinance, NESTA. Yes – 6; No – 0; Absent – 1. Motion carried.**

**2012 TAX RATE REQUEST**

Supervisor Haga stated this is a required process in order to collect taxes from the various millages on an annual basis. He stated this year the rates allowable under the Truth in Taxation with a hearing are the same as the maximum allowed millages without Truth in Taxation hearing. Haga stated the anticipated rates for collection for the Township millages are: Operating, 0.9165; Fire/Police, 0.8000; Parks, 0.2500; Lands/Parks, 0.3963; Non-Motorized Trails, 0.4977; for a total of 2.8605 for the Township.

**Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to approve the 2012 Tax Rate Request for Ada Township in the amount of: Operating, 0.9165; Fire/Police, 0.8000; Parks, 0.2500; Lands/Parks, 0.3963; Non-Motorized Trails, 0.4977; for a total of 2.8605. Yes – 6; No – 0; Absent – 1. Motion carried.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Burton  
Ada Township Clerk

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