

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 26, 2015**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Clerk Burton, Trustee LeBlanc, Trustee Proos, Trustee Jacobs, and Trustee Smith. Also present Planning Director Jim Ferro, Parks and Recreation Department Director Mark Fitzpatrick, Sheriff Deputy Ryan Roe, and 13 community members.  
Absent: Treasurer Rhoades.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Jacobs, supported by Proos, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

**GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

January 12, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Fire Department Report-12/14; 2. Planning Commission Minutes-12/18/14; 3. Open Space Preservation Board Minutes-11/13/14, 12/12/14; 4. DDA Minutes-12/15/14; 5. Building Report Summary for 2013 and 2014-1/8/15.

**Motion by Smith, supported by Jacobs, to approve the Reports and Communications under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

**ADA TOWNSHIP GENERAL WARRANTS**

Clerk Burton reported the general township warrants, with receipts in the following amounts: Hand Checks: #101 \$8,378.86; #205 \$34,225.63; #208 \$298.87; #590 \$12,825.00; #591 \$13,044.96. Total all Hand Checks: \$68,773.32; Warrants: #101 \$32,493.67; #205 \$1,900.40; #208 \$1,560.54; #248 \$1,000.00; #591 \$112,984.40; #592 \$91,106.75; #701 \$3,513.03. Total Warrants: \$244,558.79. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$313,332.11.

**Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Smith, to approve the Warrant Report for January 26, 2015, in the total amount of \$313,332.11. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, LeBlanc, Proos, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Rhoades. Motion carried.**

**ADA SCADA PROJECT PAYMENT #3**

Steven Groenenboom, Moore & Bruggink, stated this is pay estimate #3, which goes through December 31, 2014. Work continues on the water booster station at Ada Drive and the water tank to get those to communicate with each other and the City of Grand Rapids. He stated the current payment due is \$14,850.00, payable to DVT Electric, Inc.

**Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Burton, to approve Pay Application #3 for the Ada SCADA Project, in the amount of \$14,850.00, payable to DVT Electric, Inc. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, LeBlanc, Proos, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Rhoades. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Marmion, 5462 Forest Glen, member of the Kent County Water Conservation Group, gave an update on oil and gas drilling in Kent County. Cannon Township passed several ordinances two weeks ago in regards to oil and gas development. There has been land leased for oil and gas development near the Cannonsburg State Game area and Pickerel Lake, and on December 20<sup>th</sup> an exploratory well was drilled in Courtland Township. He stated in Mayor Heartwell's last State of the City address he mentioned he was going to move for a moratorium on fracking in Grand Rapids city limits.

Planning Director Ferro stated the Planning Commission is interested in the Fracking issue and has asked for additional information to be provided to them.

Marmion stated the Kent County Water Conservation Group will be holding an informational session on the basics of oil and gas development, drilling, and land leases in the next couple of weeks at the Cascade Township Library.

### **BOARD COMMENT**

Clerk Burton reminded Board members to be checking their mail boxes.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **FINAL CONTOUR PLAN FOR PETTIS PROPERTY-6801 CONSERVATION STREET**

Planning Director Jim Ferro stated as required in the stipulated settlement entered into between the Township and Edith Pettis about 15 years ago, a revised proposed final contour plan was submitted in late December for the 40 acre mining site at 6801 Conservation Street. He noted the Township's approval of the contour plan does not confer zoning approval of the enclosed preliminary development plan. He stated it is recommended the Township Board not include reference to Sheets 1 of 1 and 1 of 5, the preliminary development plan, in its approval action. He stated if the Board approves the proposed final contour plan, he would welcome a development plan submittal in the future by the applicant.

Ron Redick, Attorney, stated the stipulated settlement order provided the site restoration reclamation obligations in paragraphs 3 and 3q of that document. In August 2014 the Kent County Circuit Court issued an order requiring that Ms. Pettis comply with those requirements immediately, and recently issued another order reaffirming that was his final decision on the subject. He stated one of the principal elements of the beginning site reclamation is the site contour plan, and that's covered by paragraph 3p of the Consent Judgment, and that's the provision under which you're reviewing this plan tonight. He stated he and Jim Ferro will work together to finalize Board comments into a resolution and have it ready for final action at the next meeting on February 9, 2015.

Ron VanSingle, Meristone Group, engineering firm representing Ms. Pettis on the plan, stated they were here previously and presented plans which were turned down. They now have prepared this reclamation plan and added an underlying development plan to go with it. The whole purpose of this is to prepare the property now that it's no longer going to be mined, so it can be sold and developed. The plan has a tiering effect on it, and the slopes do meet the ordinances.

A Board member asked how soon after approval will the reclamation start, and is there a timeline from start to completion. There was also discussion on the 2:1 grades in the reclamation plan as being too steep for safety.

Redick stated the time limits on this final contour plan is fixed by the existing consent judgment at 24 months from August 1, 2014 to complete implementation of this plan.

**Motion by Proos, supported by Smith, to postpone final action on the reclamation plan presentation resolution until February 9, 2015 Board meeting. Motion carried.**

#### **APPOINTMENT TO COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

Supervisor Haga stated this is an appointment to the Compensation Commission for Dan Carter to fill the term to expire 1/31/17 as a result of the resignation of Mark Azkoul. He stated there were a total of two members that needed to be replaced, and he is still looking for a second.

**Motion by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to approve the Appointment of Dan Carter to the Compensation Commission to fill a term expiring on 1/31/17. Motion carried.**

#### **RESOLUTION R-012615-1, FY 14/15 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1**

Supervisor Haga presented the Revenue Expense report and the attachment that correlates to that.

**Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Jacobs, to approve Resolution R-012615-1, Amendment 1 to Budget for FY April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, LeBlanc, Proos, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Rhoades. Resolution adopted.**

**RESOLUTION R-012615-2, RUN 4 A CAUSE ROAD CLOSURE**

Denise Hammil and Lana Schuiteman, Race Directors, stated the date of the run is June 20<sup>th</sup>, and the race benefits the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. They stated they have contacted Lighthouse Title regarding the insurance, as well as contacted Kent County to take care of all the road closures. They will also be giving road closure notices to all affected residents and businesses.

**Motion by Proos, supported by Smith, to approve Resolution R-012615-2, Run 4 A Cause Race Road Closure, race to be run June 20, 2015. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, LeBlanc, Proos, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Rhoades. Resolution adopted.**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED TO BID FOR FERTILIZATION OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES**

Mark Fitzpatrick, Parks Director, stated the township is on a three-year cycle, which was completed last fall. One of the big changes being made in the program is to plan to do a spring, summer, fall season (April, June, September treatments). He stated the township is still going with a split between the properties; it's still a minimum treatment plan. An optimized treatment plan would be five treatments a year.

**Motion by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to authorize the bidding for the Fertilization Plan and Bid Request for Ada Township Properties. Motion carried.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sheriff Deputy Ryan Roe stated he had recently done some trainings in Lansing involving vulnerable adult abuse. Most recently he has been training on profiling of sexual predators. He gave an update on the spray painting on the Amway properties, car larcenies, and the door to door salesmen. He stated we need to get the word out again that the salesmen need to get a Solicitation permit from the Township office. He is still working on the senior fraud presentation, and can do one in Ada. He stated he will be working with Ada Christian School, focusing more this year on drugs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Susan Burton, CMC  
Ada Township Clerk

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