

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2012**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Clerk Burton, Treasurer Rhoades, Trustee Proos, Trustee LeBlanc, and Trustee Smith. Also present: Planning Director Jim Ferro. Absent: Trustee Westra.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

October 8, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Fire Call Report-9/12; 2. 2nd Quarter Revenue and Expenditure Report-9/12; 3. Hope Network Transportation Activity Report-9/12; 4. Open Space Preservation Advisory Board Minutes-8/12; 5. MTA Legislative Update FAX-10/12/12; 6. Building Permit Trends Report-10/11/12; 7. Ada Township-MDNR Oil and Gas Leasing-10/11/12; 8. Ada Township-House Bills 5150 and 5151-10/11/12; 9. Ada Historical Society Minutes-9/8/12.

Motion by Rhoades, 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 \$22,420.52; #205 \$5,187.40; #208 \$111,241.32; #248 \$40.00; #590 \$77.64; #591 \$280.00; #592 \$17.25; Total all Hand Checks: \$139,264.13; Warrants: #101 \$17,953.66; #205 \$27,547.27; #208 \$4,806.28; #211 \$1,158.08; #213 \$2,200.00; #590 \$10,369.58; #591 \$26,469.41; #592 \$2,983.54; Total Warrants: \$93,487.82. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$232,751.95.

Moved by Proos, supported by Smith, to approve the Warrant Report for October 22, 2012, in the total amount of \$232,751.95. Roll Call: Yes – Smith, LeBlanc, Proos, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

PAYMENT #10 RELEASE OF RETAINAGE-HONEYCREEK/CONSERVATION/MCCABE TRAIL SECTION

Steve Groenenboom, Moore & Bruggink, Inc. stated the retainage of \$25,000 should have been released a year ago, which was brought to our attention by the auditor, so the final retainage is owed to Katerberg Verhage.

Moved by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to approve Payment #10 Release of Retainage to Katerberg Verhage for the Honeycreek/Conservation/McCabe Trail Section in the amount of \$25,000. Roll Call: Yes – LeBlanc, Smith, Proos, Burton, Rhoades and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee LeBlanc asked if there was an update on the bids for removal of the house on Knapp and West River.

Planning Director Jim Ferro stated the Road Commission opened bids last Thursday, and the low bidder was J&B Demolition. The Road Commission Board is scheduled to approve the contract, and he further stated J&B Demolition has done demolition on one of the river front properties the Township purchased a couple years ago, and did a good job. Ferro stated there is a completion date in the contract for this fall.

Trustee Proos stated renovation has begun on the Reith Riley site at the Koning property, that they're doing a good job, and it should be completed by November 15th.

Clerk Burton stated the Bridge is finally done and its lights are on!

Supervisor Haga stated September 15th was the fall Clean-Up Day, which had 269 trips from Cascade residents and 251 trips from Ada residents, for a total of 520. Last fall there was a total of 748 trips. He stated Republic Services, the trash carrier, will

no longer be able to use the compactors in the project, which may turn out to be a little more expensive for the township because one compactor holds the capacity of three large containers. That may change the approach to Clean Up days in the future. Details are being finalized for the leaf pick-up. Haga stated there was a rebate program through Consumers Energy for lights in the Town Hall, and ultimately Station 1, Station 2 and the Parks buildings. He stated the full cost at the Town Hall was \$3,916 for replacement of lights and ballasts, and the rebate was \$1,770 for a net cost of \$2,146. The estimated annual energy savings for the Town Hall would be \$1,562, so there would be almost a two-year pay-back. Haga stated it hasn't been approved yet, but the Parks buildings would be \$2,067, with a rebate of \$813, for a net cost of \$1,254, and an estimated annual energy savings of \$382; Station 1 would be \$3,032, with a rebate of \$993 for a net cost of \$2,338, and an estimated annual energy savings of \$792; Station 2 would be \$2,367, with a rebate of \$770 for a net cost of \$1,597, and an estimated annual energy savings of \$632. He stated the only other cost that would be sustained is disposal of the fluorescent light bulbs at a cost of \$400.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCEPTANCE OF TRAIL EASEMENT

Planning Director Jim Ferro stated Gene and Tubie Gilmore have offered to donate to the Township an easement to allow future development of a public access, non-motorized trail across a portion of their property between Grand River Drive and the Grand River. He stated the easement runs for approximately 1.5 miles from the existing Grand River Drive trail at the east end of the Gilmore property to the northwestern corner of the property on the Grand River. Ferro stated with only two other properties separating the Gilmore property from Roselle Park, the trail easement has the potential to become part of a lengthy public access trail corridor along the Grand River, surrounded by permanently preserved open space. He stated the Gilmore's do know the other two property owners and have offered to contact them on our behalf to see if they would be interested in providing public access. He stated the action requested is for the Board to accept the easement.

Moved by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to accept the Trail Easement from Gene and Tubie Gilmore as presented in the documents with the description of the property.

There was a question concerning whether the agreement would allow for benches to be placed adjacent to the trail. After board discussion it was determined it would be best to have it clarified or revised by the Gilmores and Land Conservancy whether or not benches could be placed along the trail, and add as an addendum to the easement agreement.

Moved by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to postpone action on acceptance of the Trail Easement from Gene and Tubie Gilmore to inquire about facilities such as benches being constructed. Yes – 6; No – 0; Absent – 1. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-102212-1, DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CHARGES

Moved by Rhoades, supported by LeBlanc, to approve Resolution R-102212-1, Delinquent Water and Sewer Utility Charges in the amount of \$9,787.36. Roll Call: Yes – Smith, LeBlanc, Proos, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Westra. Motion carried.

It was noted that last year the charges were about \$7,400.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Date

Susan Burton
Ada Township Clerk

RS/dr