

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 28, 2013**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Haga stated that under Approval of Warrants, C. should be corrected to "M-21 Trail Project Pay Application #2"; and add to New Business, D. "Resolution R0102813-1, Endorsement of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council's Application on behalf of the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance".

**Motion by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to approve the Agenda as amended. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: HYDRAULIC FRACTURING PRESENTATION**

Stephanie Mabie and Brian Keeley stated they are trying to make townships more aware of hydraulic fracturing; and presented a video explaining how hydraulic fracturing is performed, which uses water, chemicals, and sand at high pressure to reach the oil and gas deep underground. Some of the risks are: massive water withdrawals; groundwater contamination; surface spills and leaks; wastewater management; land use impacts; truck traffic and the burden on infrastructure; and lack of public disclosure. They stated there are a lack of federal and state regulatory oversight; and a lack of state agency action to fully assess cumulative impacts to water, air, and land, and to address these threats. Also, they stated more information is available at: [info@flowforwater.org](mailto:info@flowforwater.org), and [KentCountyWaterConservation.org](http://KentCountyWaterConservation.org).

**GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

September 23, 2013 Regular Board Meeting

**Receive and File Various Reports/Communications**

I. Hope Network Transit Services Report-9/13.

**Motion by Proos, 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 \$50,374.26; #205 \$27,681.96; #208 \$10,487.24; #211 \$180,575.50; #213 \$2,000.00; #248 \$24.23; #590 \$45,833.65; #591 \$7,935.97; #592 \$921.16. Total all Hand Checks: \$325,833.65; Warrants: #101 \$34,183.14; #205 \$2,097.35; #208 \$3,640.44; #213 \$209.18; #248 \$42,928.03; #590 \$108,614.33; #591 \$141,140.79; #592 \$7,634.05; Total Warrants: \$340,447.31. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$666,281.28.

**Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Smith, to approve the Warrant Report for October 28, 2013 as amended, in the total amount of \$658,818.48. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, LeBlanc, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried as amended.**

Item #76, Miller Johnson Snell & Cummiskey, for the Wages/Fringe Benefits/Job Description project, was questioned, and it was determined the amount listed in the warrants would not be paid until more information regarding the progress of the project and terms agreed upon are reviewed.

**Motion to amend the motion by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to withhold payment of the Wage/Fringe Benefits/Job Description payment to Miller Johnson Snell & Cummiskey, in the amount of \$7,462.80, until an updated report has been received, and knowledge of what the balance is for payment. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

**ROSELLE PARK IMPROVEMENT-2013, PAY APPLICATION #3**

Wes Steer, OCBA, stated the park project has been substantially complete for several weeks; there are still a few punch list items to be taken care of, and Ottawa Excavators have been notified some of the retainage will be withheld until those items are completed. He stated the amount payable for this application is \$67,639.50.

**Motion by Proos, supported by Smith, to approve the Roselle Park Improvement-2013, Pay Application #3, to Ottawa Excavators, Inc., in the amount of \$67,639.50. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, LeBlanc, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

#### **M-21 TRAIL PROJECT PAY APPLICATION #2**

Steve Groenenboom, Engineer, Moore & Bruggink, stated construction of the boardwalk connecting the Pettis trail and the M-21 Bridge is going very well; the amount due to Jack Dykstra Excavating is \$131,119.12.

**Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to approve M-21 Trail Project Pay Application #2, payable to Jack Dykstra Excavating, in the amount of \$131,119.12. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, LeBlanc, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Marmion stated he is concerned about the hydraulic fracturing industry. He encouraged the board to research the topic further, to be pro-active, and consider placing a moratorium on the subject.

#### **BOARD COMMENT**

Trustee LeBlanc asked if the planning commission has taken a look at fracking in terms of regulation.

Planning Director Ferro answered they haven't; not in any detail.

Trustee Proos asked how the application of fire retardant on the covered bridge went. He asked if there was any resolution from Forest Hills schools, or any more discussion with regard to the cell tower.

Supervisor Haga stated they had assistance from the Fire Department staff in spraying the bridge, and the process went well. The cell tower issue has not been resolved; and there will be a meeting next week with AT&T and Forest Hills schools.

Treasurer Rhoades thanked Frank Hoover for his assistance on Clean-Up Day, and thanked Trustee Proos for donating the fire retardant spray for the covered bridge.

Trustee Smith stated the Roselle Park Festival was great, and thanked our Parks Director, Mark Fitzpatrick, for a job well done.

Clerk Burton stated elections are on November 5<sup>th</sup>, with the Lowell and Forest Hills school systems having millage issues on the ballots, and encouraged everyone to vote. She thanked Chemical Bank for enlisting their staff to volunteer for the township; they stained the stockade fences around the trash dumpster at Findlay Cemetery.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CONTRACT-HOPE NETWORK AND ADA TOWNSHIP**

Supervisor Haga stated this contract takes over when we run out of CDGB funds and we have to pay Hope Network directly; this is a renewal and there are no changes.

**Motion by Rhoades, supported by LeBlanc, to approve the Transportation Services Contract-Hope Network and Ada Township as presented. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, LeBlanc, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

#### **ROSELLE PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT**

Parks Director Mark Fitzpatrick stated a new playground facility is part of this year's development phase of Roselle Park. A program for donations from the community was set up to help pay for playground equipment for that part of the project. Donations have been received for a large portion of the equipment, and the remaining equipment for the playground would cost \$34,200. Upon review of the project, the park committee developed two options on how to proceed: (A) This fall order and install the playground equipment items that are funded to date, with an OCBA fee not to exceed \$1,100 for a total cost of \$50,900; (B) To go ahead this fall to order and install all of the playground equipment to complete the project, with an equipment and installation cost of \$84,000, plus an OCBA fee not to exceed \$1,400 for a total cost of \$85,400. This would require \$50,600 from donations, and the remainder from the Park Fund. Fitzpatrick stated the Parks Committee recommended Option B.

**Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Smith, to accept the recommendation by the Park Committee for the Roselle Park Playground Project using Option B in the amount of \$85,400. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, LeBlanc, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION R-102813-1, DELINQUENT WATER & SEWER UTILITY CHARGES**

Supervisor Haga stated this is an annual process where the delinquent amounts that are due on utility bills are determined after sending out letters for collection. The delinquent charges due are \$6,659.09.

**Motion by Smith, supported by Rhoades, to adopt Resolution R-102813-1, Delinquent Water & Sewer Utility Charges in the amount of \$6,659.09. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, LeBlanc, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Resolution adopted.**

**RESOLUTION R-102813-2, TO ENDORSE GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL'S APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE WEST MICHIGAN PROSPERITY ALLIANCE**

Supervisor Haga stated the Governor has established regional prosperity districts, and the West Michigan Regional Prosperity Initiative will serve 13 county areas, 340 local governments, 5 higher education institutions, 6 Work Force Boards, 3 Metropolitan Planning Organizations, 2 Regional Planning Agencies, 3 Rural Transportation Task Forces, and many Economic Development and non-profit organizations. He stated it is an economic initiative for various districts, and it is his understanding the Metro Council will be applying for up to \$500,000 in grants for this particular project. It is a collaborative effort in working on economic development, and economic issues.

**Motion by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to adopt Resolution R-102813-2, to Endorse Grand Valley Metropolitan Council's Application on behalf of the West Michigan Prosperity Alliance. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, LeBlanc, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Resolution adopted.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Susan Burton, CMC  
Ada Township Clerk  
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