

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 11, 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, Fire Chief Jim DuVall, and Parks Director Mark Fitzpatrick.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Haga added under New Business, E. Contract for Demolition of House and Outbuildings at 980 Buttrick Ave SE.

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

**GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

October 28, 2013 Regular Board Meeting

**Receive and File Various Reports/Communications**

1. Treasurer's Investment Report-9/13; 2. GVMC Minutes-9/5/13, 10/3/13; 3. Michigan Public Service Commission-Video/Cable Complaint Handling-1/13; 4. Building Permit Trends-10/29/13; 5. ACLU-Anti Begging Laws; 6. Fire/EMS Report-10/31/13; 7. Zoning Enforcement Report-11/2/13.

**Motion by Rhoades, supported by LeBlanc, 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 \$3,333.49; #205 \$1,235.52; #208 \$69,085.04; #211 \$131,119.12; #213 \$720.00; #590 \$3,758.58; #591 \$1,501.18; #592 \$335.82. Total all Hand Checks: \$211,088.75; Warrants: #101 \$180,595.27; #205 \$31,598.63; #208 \$1,034.28; #211 \$20,163.96; #213 \$526.85; #248 \$40.86; #590 \$97,814.64; #591 \$104,068.42; #592 \$1,047.00; Total Warrants: \$436,889.91. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$647,978.66.

Supervisor Haga stated Item #42, Miller Johnson Snell & Cummiskey, in the amount of \$7462.80 was added to the General Fund.

**Motion by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to approve the "corrected" Warrant Report for November 11, 2013 in the total amount of \$647,978.66. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, LeBlanc, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

**APPLICATION #4 AND FINAL ROSELLE PARK IMPROVEMENTS 2013**

**Change Order 3-Minor Silo Cleanup Work**

Wes Steer, OCBA, stated this is for some final clean-up around the silo. He recommended payment for Pay Application No. 4 and the retainage.

**Motion by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to approve Final Roselle Park Improvements 2013, Change Order No. #3, in the amount of \$134.98, and Pay Application #4, in the amount of \$17,310.75 for the final retainage, payable to Ottawa Excavators, Inc. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, LeBlanc, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Proos stated a "Thank You" should go out to all veterans; and he suggested if there is a meeting scheduled on a holiday it should be switched to a different night.

Supervisor Haga stated this will be looked at with the Admin committee in conjunction to an earlier discussion about summer meetings, etc.

Supervisor Haga referred to an article in the Cadence with the headline of "Ada Officials Decide to Stay out of the Fracking Debate-For Now", and stated he received a couple comments from Board members stating that could be interpreted to mean the Township Board has taken action regarding the fracking manner. He stated although no formal action was taken by the Township Board, the presentation is being forwarded to the Planning Commission for their review, discussion, and recommendations as may be in order for Ada Township. Also, he read a letter from Jim DuVall, Ada Fire Chief, Subject: Letter of Retirement, in which he stated he would be retiring as Ada Fire Chief effective April 25, 2014.

Supervisor Haga stated the painting of the water tower was postponed until September, and because of the contractor's schedule had to be changed again to the beginning of November; however, because of the weather, it will be scheduled as our first project in April/May.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

### FIRE SERVICE INITIAL EMERGENCY AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENTS

Chief Duvall stated for over 30 years there has been a mutual aid agreement with all the fire departments in the county assisting each other as needed. He stated these are agreements with Grattan and Cannon Townships, and there will be another agreement coming from Cascade Township.

#### Ada and Grattan Township

**Motion by Proos, supported by Smith, to approve the Fire Service Initial Emergency Automatic Aid Agreement for Ada and Grattan Township as proposed. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

#### Ada and Cannon Township

**Motion by Proos, supported by Smith, to approve the Fire Service Initial Emergency Automatic Aid Agreement for Ada and Cannon Township as proposed. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

### RESOLUTION R-111113-1, GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON 2014

Andy Vidro, Co-Director, stated this will be their fourth year. He stated recently they were announced as Long Course Nationals which means that the 70.3 distance, the longest in this race, is the only race they can do to become the Long Course National Champion as well as go on to Sweden in 2015 to represent the United States. This is the first time it has ever been in Michigan. He stated it is the same as last year with the race running on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Also, he stated another component being added will be held the day before for kids ages 7 to 15 called Splash and Dash, which will be in the Greenbrier neighborhood where they will swim and run.

Supervisor Haga stated he would like to see improvements in involving the Ada Business Association, especially as far as parking is concerned.

**Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Jacobs, to adopt Resolution R-111113-1, Grand Rapids Triathlon 2014 as proposed. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, LeBlanc, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Resolution adopted.**

### THIRD EXTENSION TO WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AGREEMENT (UAB)

Supervisor Haga asked the Board to postpone action on this agreement as he is looking for some additional information relative to the past 15 years, and other updates from the UAB.

**Motion by Smith, supported by Rhoades, to postpone the Third Extension to Water and Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement (UAB). Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Supervisor Haga stated there are two members on the Planning Commission up for reappointment; one new member on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and two members up for reappointment; and two reappointments to the Ethics Board, with one new appointment still needed.

**Motion by Smith, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Appointments to Boards and Commission as presented in the memorandum of November 5, 2013, and as recommended by the supervisor. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

Trustee LeBlanc stated we have some very capable people and was wondering if there's some merit to looking at introducing a new member on occasion when these appointments come up to get some fresh perspective on the boards.

#### **DEMOLITION OF HOUSE AND OUTBUILDINGS AT 980 BUTTRICK AVE SE**

Planning Director, Jim Ferro, stated bids have been solicited for demolition of the property recently acquired, and three bids were received. He stated approval is requested to go with the lowest bidder, Pitsch Company, in the amount of \$9,650. Also, he stated a completion date was put in the specifications for December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Proos, to authorize the contract for Demolition of House and Outbuildings at 980 Buttrick Ave SE, to Pitsch Company, in the amount of \$9,650. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, LeBlanc, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nevin Smolinski, 5151 Three Mile, stated he is glad term limits were eliminated, as there are a lot of talented people who come on the boards and their experience is valuable. In regards to fracking, he does understand the Board has not rendered a decision and have reverted it back to the Planning Commission. He stated he has an article he would like to forward to the Board regarding the tremendous amount of waste that comes as a result of fracking; and the great amount of water that is required for fracking.

Supervisor Haga stated the article should be forwarded to Jim Ferro for the Planning Commission meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Burton  
Ada Township Clerk

RS/dr