

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Clerk Burton, Treasurer Rhoades, Trustee LeBlanc, Trustee Proos, Trustee Smith, Trustee Westra, and Recording Secretary Renegar. Also present: Planning Director Jim Ferro, Lt. Jeff DeVries, Kent County Sheriff Department, and 3 community members.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Supervisor Haga noted a deletion to the Agenda under Approval of Warrants, B: Pay Application for Ada Park Playground Project. **Motion by Smith, supported by Westra, to approve the Agenda as amended. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION-GERALD R. FORD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT-  
STREAM WATER RUNOFF PROJECT**

Tom Ecklund, Facilities Director, Kent County Department of Aeronautics, and Dean Mericas, the leading expert in the country on glycol related issues, talked about the past deicing programs and how it has developed at the airport. They gave an overview of deicing operations and practices at GFIA; the deicing management program; deicing concerns and common misconceptions; permit requirements; stormwater and deicing runoff management program development study process; and the schedule and next step. He stated the FAA requires deicing in which no salt is used; the deicer is bio-degradable propylene glycol. Dean stated GFIA has shown steady improvement in reducing deicers in stormwater with tests showing no impact on the Thornapple River. He stated representatives from airport, regulatory, and local community organizations formed a Stakeholder Advisory Committee to identify four concepts for relocating stormwater conveyance to the Thornapple River: A. Baseflow treatment and discharge to Unnamed Tributary; B. Permanent diversion; C. Permanent diversion and centralized deicing facility; D. Seasonal diversion. He stated they are required to conduct a study on the long-term solution to eliminate biofilms in the tributary with a deadline of October 1, 2015 for implementation of the program.

**GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

October 24, 2011 Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Fire Call Reports-10/11; 2. Planning Commission Minutes-9/15/11, 10/6/11; 3. Utility Advisory Board Minutes-9/15/11; 4. Regis Minutes-8/24/11, 9/28/11 5. Township Clerk Burton Certified Municipal Clerk Notice-10/27/11; 6. Comcast-General Update-10/21/11; 7. MTA Weekly Legislative Update-10/28/11, 11/4/11; 8. Cascade Thornapple River Association and Gerald R. Ford International Airport Storm water Runoff Meeting-10/24/11; 9. Hope Network October Activity Report; 10. Region 8 Notes-West Michigan Regional Planning Commission-11/11; 11. Ada Township DDA Minutes-10/3/11; 12. Administrative Committee Report on "General Law or Charter Township?". **Motion by Westra, supported by Rhoades, to approve the 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 the general township warrants, with receipts in the following amounts: Hand Checks: #101 \$3,454.87; #205 \$2,297.04; #208 \$991.41; #590 \$3,262.51; #591 \$1,463.40; #592 \$385.45; Total all Hand Checks: \$11,854.69; Warrants: #101 \$34,588.66; #205 \$35,582.04; #208 \$10,980.55; #211 \$240.52; #213 \$695.00; #590 \$13,588.11; #591 \$12,576.98; #592 \$856.83; Total Warrants: \$109,103.69. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$120,958.38. **Moved by Smith, supported by LeBlanc, to approve the Warrant Report for November 14, 2011, in the total amount of \$120,958.38. Roll Call: Yes – Westra, Smith, Rhoades, LeBlanc, Proos, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**BOARD COMMENT**

Trustee Westra congratulated Clerk Burton on getting her Municipal Clerk Certification. He added he had talked with Sheriff Stelma regarding closing of the East Precinct, and the Sheriff stated if the Township has space available, his men would use it on a weekly basis

Trustee Smith also congratulated Clerk Burton. She commented on confidentiality in the Hope Network report.

Trustee LeBlanc congratulated Clerk Burton.

Trustee Proos congratulated Clerk Burton. He gave a reminder that he would like rumble strips to be looked into for some of the blind intersections.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE O-111411-1, ADA TOWNSHIP SOLICITATION ORDINANCE**

Clerk Burton presented the ordinance, stating Grand Rapids, Cascade and Ada Townships met with Lt. Jeff DeVries, Precinct Commander for the Kent County Sheriff's Department, to evaluate the three Townships' current ordinances, and to create a new standardized ordinance for all three Townships that would be stricter and easier to enforce.

Lt. DeVries stated the new ordinance will work well for the Townships, the citizens, and the Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Clerk Deb Thompson, who handles all the requests for solicitations, stated background checks are performed on each person who applies for a solicitation permit. She stated the driver's license of each person applying for a permit will be scanned and placed in a laminated pouch with their permit, to wear when they go door-to-door. Thompson stated information regarding the ordinance will be published in the AdaView in a future edition.

**Motion by Proos, supported by Smith, to adopt Ordinance O-111411-1, Ada Township Solicitation Ordinance as recommended. Roll Call: Yes – LeBlanc, Proos, Smith, Westra, Rhoades, Burton, Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Ordinance adopted.**

**RESOLUTION R-111411-1, CHRISTMAS PARADE**

This is the same resolution as in previous years. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2011, 11:00 to 12:00.

**Motion by Westra, supported by Rhoades, to approve Resolution R-111411-1, Christmas Parade. Roll Call: Yes – Proos, Smith, Westra, LeBlanc, Burton, Rhoades, Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Resolution adopted.**

**CONTRACT AWARD FOR ADA VILLAGE STREETScape MAINTENANCE AND FLOWER PLANTING SERVICES**

Four bids were received and the low bidder was Kuiper Landscape. **Motion by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to approve Contract Award for Ada Village Streetscape Maintenance and Flower Planting Services to Kuiper Landscape for \$28,065.00 for three-years. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Burton  
Ada Township Clerk

RS/dr