

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 26, 2012**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Clerk Burton, Treasurer Rhoades, Trustee Proos, Trustee Jacobs and Trustee Smith. Also present: Planning Director Jim Ferro, Parks Director, Mark Fitzpatrick, Recording Secretary Dorothy Renegar, and 2 community members. Absent: Trustee LeBlanc. Supervisor Haga welcomed Trustee Jacobs to her first meeting, stating we look forward to working with you.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

November 12, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Fire and EMS Report-10/22/12; 2. Planning Commission Minutes-10/17/12; 3. Treasurer's Investment Report-10/31/12; 4. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes-10/2/12; 5. Hope Network-October Activity-11/7/12; 5. Utility Advisory Board Minutes-10/18/12; 7. Open Space Preservation Advisory Board Minutes-10/11/12; 8. Ada DDA Minutes-10/1/12.

Motion by Smith, supported by Jacobs, 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 \$25,786.14; #205 \$348.37; #208 \$390.47; #211 \$128.69; #213 \$4.56; Total all Hand Checks: \$26,658.23; Warrants: #101 \$23,035.10; #205 \$858.83; #208 \$2,052.23; #248 \$100.00; #590 \$110,740.80; #591 \$121,482.32; #592 \$2,939.04; Total Warrants: \$261,208.32. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$287,866.55.

Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to approve the Warrant Report for November 12, 2012, in the total amount of \$287,866.55. Roll Call: Yes – Smith, Jacobs, Proos, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 1. Motion carried.

Trustee Proos asked if Item No. 30, Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones, Pettis Litigation, in the amount of \$14,516.30 gets the Township through everything up to the last Board meeting.

Supervisor Haga stated it gets us through the month of October.

Trustee Proos stated we should track and hold them to their word that the next phase will not exceed \$5,000 because the amount of money that has gone on with this case is phenomenal.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Hoover, 700 Marbury, stated the reason the attendance at the Annual Clean-Up was down was because of the weather. He also thanked the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for making the election run as smooth as silk.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Proos welcomed Trustee Jacobs, and stated hope that for the next four years the Board is unified, working together, solving issues, taking care of problems, making decisions, and having good discussions.

Supervisor Haga stated if anyone had a work session for Wednesday on their calendar, it will not be this week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION R112612-1, GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON 2013
RESOLUTION R-112612-2, MICHIGAN TITANIUM 2013**

Supervisor Haga stated the representatives for the Grand Rapids Triathlon 2013 Resolution, and the Michigan Titanium 2013 Resolution are not present, and they are required to be here to make presentations and answer any questions. He asked for a motion to postpone these two resolutions until the December Board meeting.

Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to postpone Resolution R-112612-1, Grand Rapids Triathlon 2013, and Resolution R-112612-2, Michigan Titanium 2013, until the December Board meeting. Yes – 6; No – 0; Absent – 1. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION R-112612-3, TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING DISCONTINUANCE

Clerk Burton stated as discussed previously, the Annual Meeting is very poorly attended. She stated originally the Annual Meeting was for the electorate to attend and vote on important issues such as salaries, adding trustee positions to the Board, purchase of property, etc., all of which, by statute, now goes to the Board of Trustees. Burton stated in 1988 a bill was passed that states townships are no longer required by statute to hold Annual Meetings. She stated a resolution is proposed to end regular Annual meetings if that is what the Board votes on, and if in the future the residents of Ada would like the Annual meeting to be reestablished they can do through petitions and reelection.

Motion by Proos, supported by Smith, to adopt Resolution R-112612-3, to Discontinue the Township Annual Meeting. Roll Call: Yes – Smith, Jacobs, Proos, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 1. Motion carried.

Frank Hoover asked if the budget for the year will still be made available.

Supervisor Haga stated it will be available through public hearings and it will be on the web site

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Susan Burton, CMC
Ada Township Clerk

Date

RS/dr