

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 9, 2013**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Trustee Proos, Treasurer Rhoades, Clerk Burton, Trustee Jacobs, and Trustee Smith. Also present: Planning Director Jim Ferro, Recording Secretary Dorothy Renegar, and 3 community members. Absent: Trustee LeBlanc.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes**

November 25, 2013 Regular Board Meeting

**Receive and File Various Reports/Communications**

1. Planning Commission Minutes-10/17/13; 2. Building Permit Report-10/13; 3. Second Quarter Revenue Expense Report FY 13/14; 4. Regis Minutes-9/25/13; 5. Region 8 Notes; 6. Comcast-Pricing Changes-11/15/13; 7. Hope Network-Steering Committee Minutes-8/13/13; 8. GVMC-Policy Committee Minutes-9/18/13; 9. Utility Advisory Board Minutes-10/17/13; 10. Fire and EMS Report-11/13.

**Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, 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 \$5,991.42; #205 \$1,335.42; #208 \$969.45; #590 \$3,967.02; #591 \$1,426.38; #592 \$363.64; Total all Hand Checks: \$14,053.33; Warrants: #101 \$18,663.81; #205 \$25,980.26; #208 \$2,014.00; #211 \$881.25; #213 \$3,186.50; #248 \$8,208.00; #590 \$4,209.05; #591 \$50,835.84; #592 \$655.15; Total Warrants: \$114,633.86. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$128,687.19.

**Motion by Proos, supported by Smith, to approve the Warrant Report for December 9, 2013 as presented, in the total amount of \$128,687.19. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – LeBlanc. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**BOARD COMMENT**

Trustee Jacobs praised the Tinsel Treats & Trolley event.

Trustee Proos asked for an update on the AT&T cell tower situation.

Supervisor Haga passed out the newsletter from the Ada Township Parks & Recreation Department with the schedule of activities for Winter 2013-2014. He then gave an update of the AT&T cell tower moratorium process, stating contact was made with Forest Hills Schools after the November 25<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, and a copy of the resolution was sent to them. A meeting has been set up with Planning Director Jim Ferro, the superintendent and the assistant superintendent for December 17, 2013. The school stated they have not received any proposals from AT&T at this point.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE O-120913-1, AMENDMENT TO HELIPORT REGULATION**

Planning Director Jim Ferro stated this amendment to the heliport regulations is due to the fact changes in zoning district titles were made between the time the heliport rules were adopted and the time they became effective after

voters approved them in an election in August, 2010. In that intervening time period a zoning ordinance was adopted, which divided the Agriculture (AG) zoning district into three new districts. When the heliport regulations went into effect they had language in them that referred to the AG district. He stated the proposed amendment replaces references to the AG district with reference to the new zoning district, and it makes no other changes to the regulations that were originally adopted. The Planning Commission held a public hearing with no public comment, and they recommended approval of the amendment.

**Motion by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to adopt Ordinance O-120913-1, Amendment to Heliport Regulation as proposed. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – LeBlanc. Ordinance amendment adopted..**

**RESOLUTION R-120913-1, TAVERN ON PREMISES LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST-ARTS & CARAFES STUDIO LLC**

Jacyln Sporte, Arts & Carafes Studio, LLC, stated this is a paint and sip company that is moving into the Michigan area. It is art and entertainment, and other paint and sips have been established in the area. She stated the design is to create an opportunity for ages seven and older to come into an art studio and enjoy painting. Artists are employed to teach step by step how to do a painting; every customer will leave with their very own master piece to take home. Sporte stated they are requesting the tavern license so that the adults that come for an adult evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. have the opportunity to purchase a beer or wine. If it is a children's function they receive cookies and milk; alcohol is locked up. She stated this business donates a portion of the proceeds each month to a specific charity; last month it was the American Cancer Society, and this month it's Arbor Circle. Also, it is an opportunity for local schools to bring their children in to learn how to paint, and it also allows Kendall students the opportunity to teach art. She stated they will do family parties, corporate events, bridal parties, etc. Sporte stated they are currently set to have five employees, and they would like to hire three more. They will also do art therapy and go into retirement homes.

Supervisor Haga stated a review of the application and background checks were completed by the Review Committee and adoption of the resolution was recommended. The township has two on-premises licenses available; if this resolution is adopted the township will have only one license left.

**Motion by Jacobs, supported by Smith, to adopt Resolution R-120913-1, Tavern On-Premises Liquor License Request for Arts & Carafes Studio, LLC. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – LeBlanc. Resolution adopted.**

**ETHICS BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Supervisor Haga stated he has met with Julie Smith and recommends her for the four year appointment to the Ethics Board expiring 9/31/17. She was referred by the chair of the Ethics Board, Carol Secord.

**Motion by Smith, supported by Burton, to approve the appointment of Julie Smith to the Ethics Board for a four year appointment expiring 9/31/17. Yes – 6; No – 0; Absent – 1. Motion carried.**

**RESOLUTION R120913-2, BUDGET PREPARATION SCHEDULE FY 14/15**

**Motion by Rhoades, supported by Proos, to adopt Resolution R-120913-2, Budget Preparation Schedule FY 14/15. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, Proos, Rhoades, Burton, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – LeBlanc. Resolution adopted.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Susan Burton, CMC  
Ada Township Clerk

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Date

RS/dr