

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 10, 2012**

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 Jacobs and Trustee Smith. Also present: Deputy Ryan Roe, Recording Secretary Dorothy Renegar, and 8 community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Rhoades, supported by Proos, to approve the Agenda. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

November 26, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Region 8 Notes-12/12; 2. GVMC-Policy Committee Minutes-9/19/12; 3. Comcast-Price Changes-11/16/12; 4. KCSD East Precinct Quarterly Report-7/1/12-9/30/12; 5. Fire EMS Incident Report-11/12; 5. Ada DDA Minutes-11/26/12; 7. 2021 Ada Farmers Market Summary Report to DDA-11/26/12; 8. Regis Board Minutes-9/26/12.

Motion by Proos, 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 \$6,291.52; #205 \$1,200.74; #208 \$1,062.76; #590 \$3,517.69; #591 \$1,444.41; #592 \$310.55; Total all Hand Checks: \$13,827.67; Warrants: #101 \$14,575.55; #205 \$30,818.18; #208 \$3,081.53; #213 \$9,932.00; #590 \$539.54; #591 \$423.72; Total Warrants: \$59,370.52. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$73,198.19.

Moved by Proos, supported by Jacobs, to approve the Warrant Report for December 10, 2012, in the total amount of \$73,198.19. Roll Call: Yes – Smith, Jacobs, LeBlanc, Proos, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

APPLICATION 1, FULTON LIFT STATION

Steve Groenenboom, Moore & Bruggink, stated this is the recommended payment, less the 10% retainage, payable to Northwest Kent Mechanical Company. He stated they plan to start next Monday by shutting down the pumps on the main lift station in town so they can begin work on the bypass operation. Groenenboom stated that will take about one week, and then they will remove the old pumps and put in the new pumps. He stated they plan to be done by March 1st.

The question was asked that if there are any issues, who is liable.

Groenenboom stated the contractor is.

Moved by LeBlanc, supported by Rhoades, to approve Application 1, Fulton Lift Station in the total amount of \$9,207.00, payable to Northwest Kent Mechanical Company. Roll Call: Yes – Smith, Jacobs, LeBlanc, Proos, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Ryan Roe stated he will try to get an update on the Quarterly Report for Trustee Proos. He stated the final dates for the Car Seat Safety Inspections at the Ada Township Fire Station will be January 16, March 6, July 31, and October 16, noon to 3:30. Also, he stated they held the “Shop With The Sheriff” event on Sunday, and this is the 10th season it has been held. They get referrals from road patrols or schools of kids that are not going to have a Christmas, and they raise funds in order to take the kids Christmas shopping. This year 20 police cars met at the Meijer store, all with their lights on, and the kids were paired up with an officer to ride through the parking lot. They were then delivered to the front door where they were met by another officer who went shopping with them for about an hour.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Proos commented that his daughter had gone to the Fire Station with her new car seat and was assisted by Lieutenant Murray. She was very pleased with his help. Proos also commented that on the Koning property the landscaping, tree planting, etc., done by Reith Riley is phenomenal, and suggested the Board draft a letter of thanks.

Trustee Jacobs thanked the Ada Business Association for “Tinsel Treats and Trolley”, which was just a great event.

Clerk Burton stated every four years the MTA offers additional training for new Elected Officials, and there a session coming up in Big Rapids, as well as other cities, this month. She gave Trustees Jacobs and LeBlanc printed information on the schedule.

Supervisor Haga stated six years ago Township officials, business owners and residents worked together to identify priorities for the Ada Village area, through the Ada Village Design Charrette process, which is on the web site. Amway has purchased properties in the Village proper with the intent to help the community move forward with desired land use and public improvements. He stated we look forward to a cooperative effort that enables us to move forward together and realize a vision that enhances the Village as a place to live, work and visit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-121012-1, GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON 2013

Andy Vidro, President, Tri4Health, stated this is the third year for this event, and they are implementing the same process they used last year. He stated they are asking for a road closure at 6:00 p.m. on Buttrick Avenue from Thornapple River Avenue to Grand River Avenue, and from Ada Drive to the Township line on Thornapple, on June 8th and 9th. They plan to put out electronic detour boards a week before the race, with one sign on Grand River by the Park, and one sign by the boat launch on Thornapple and Buttrick.

Moved by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to adopt Resolution R-121012-1, Grand Rapids Triathlon 2013, to be held on June 8 and 9. Roll Call: Yes – Smith, Jacobs, LeBlanc, Proos, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Resolution adopted.

It was suggested during Board discussion that maybe, with help from the DDA a pamphlet could be put together which would be given to the athletes showing what Ada has to offer that is within walking distance.

RESOLUTION R-121012-2, MICHIGAN TITANIUM 2013

Andy Vidro, President, Tri4Health, stated this is the second year for this event, and the transition will be at Versluis Park in Plainfield Township where they will enter Ada for the run portion. The run course will be the same, and are asking for road closure from Plainfield Township on Grand River down to Knapp Street, and also a section on Three Mile Road, on August 25 and 26 at 2:00 a.m.

Moved by Rhoades, supported by LeBlanc, to adopt Resolution R-121012-2, Michigan Titanium 2013, to be held on August 25 and 26. Roll Call: Yes – Smith, Jacobs, LeBlanc, Proos, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Resolution adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-121012-3, ACT 451 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT

Dennis Wood, Solid Waste Director, Kent County, stated every county in the State has to have a plan which has to be updated every five years. Kent County has a solid waste management plan that was approved in April 2000, and amended in 2009. The County Board appoints a “designated planning agency”, and a planning committee representing the solid waste management industry, the industrial waste generator, environmental interest groups, county, city and township governments and the general public. The planning agency prepares the plan with assistance from the planning committee, which is then presented for a 90-day public comment period during which a public hearing is conducted. Following County Board approval the plan is sent to all municipalities in the County for approval, with 67% response required for approval; the approved plan is then sent to the Department of Environmental Quality for approval. The goals and objectives of the Plan were amended to reflect a strategy to utilize 50% of municipal solid waste generated in Kent County by 2015; allow institutional waste for disposal at the Waste-To-Energy Facility; allow the County to adopt an ordinance for issuing waste hauler licenses, and provide an incentive to recycle and establish a surcharge on solid waste.

Motion by Proos, supported by LeBlanc, to adopt Resolution R-121012-3, Act 451 Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment. Roll Call: Yes – Smith, Jacobs, LeBlanc, Proos, Rhoades, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Resolution adopted.

Discussion followed about any potential cost for residents, and it was stated there is a potential for an approximate cost of \$6.00 per year.

BOARDS AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

A recommendation for the appointments to the Ada Township Boards and Commissions.

Planning Commission: Tom Korth, Angela Butterfield, Sara Easter, Ross Leisman, Catherine Jacobs.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Geoffrey Fields.

Ada Downtown Development Authority: Robert Kullgren, Tom Korth.

Compensation Commission: Mark Azkoul, John Sampson, Jacob Heglund, Tammy Kerr.

Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to approve Appointments to Township Boards and Commissions as recommended in the Supervisor's memorandum of December 4, 2012. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Burton
Ada Township Clerk

RS/dr