

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Haga, Treasurer Rhoades, Trustee Jacobs, Trustee LeBlanc and Trustee Smith. Also present Parks Director Mark Fitzpatrick, Fire Chief David Murray, and 1 community member. Absent: Clerk Burton, and Trustee Proos.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supervisor Haga stated item A. under VIII. New Business should technically be under VII. Unfinished Business because action was postponed on the Final Contour Plan for the Pettis Property at the last Board meeting.

Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Jacobs, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

January 26, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Nonna Café – Liquor License Status Letter-2/2/15.

Motion by Rhoades, supported by LeBlanc, to approve the Minutes and accept the Reports and Communications under the Consent Agenda. 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 \$17,418.91; #205 \$1,443.91; #208 \$1,072.15; #590 \$11,961.48; #591 \$8,851.06; #592 \$576.34. Total all Hand Checks: \$41,323.85; Warrants: #101 \$5,234.17; #205 \$125,447.01; #208 \$2,755.95; #211 \$6,562.29; #248 \$105.00; #590 \$95,791.09; #591 \$81,104.46; #592 \$48.10. Total Warrants: \$317,048.07. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$358,371.92.

Motion by Jacobs, supported by Smith, to approve the Warrant Report for February 9, 2015, in the total amount of \$358,371.92. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, LeBlanc, Rhoades, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Burton, and Proos. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Smith commented that there were a lot of good workshops and information at the MTA Conference.

Supervisor Haga agreed it was a good conference. He stated one of the vendors at the conference handed out a brochure which shows in summary what the impact of the ballot question is as it relates to the various taxes that are applicable today and what would become effective should it pass in October 2015. Haga gave copies to the Board. Also, he handed out a flier updating the Parks & Recreation schedule, which will be an insert in the upcoming issue of the AdaView.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-020915-1, RESOLUTION TO CONDITIONALLY APPROVE FINAL CONTOUR PLAN FOR THE PETTIS PROPERTY

Ron Redick, Attorney, stated the resolution is substantially the same as the one presented at the last meeting with some minor changes. Now, incorporated as Exhibit A is a copy of the approved final contour plan just for posterity sake. The other change is to clarify as a Condition of Approval of this permit that Ms. Pettis is to complete all of the reclamation activities as of August 1, 2016. The final change entitled "No Exemptions or Waivers" is being added in light of the ongoing lawsuit regarding the Pettis property, including contempt proceedings, to make clear the resolution is in no way meant to compromise the township's right to seek legal revenues for any items that haven't yet been completed under the consent judgment that were already to have been completed. He recommended the Board proceed with final action on this tonight.

Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Rhoades, to adopt Resolution R-020915-1, Resolution to Conditionally Approve Final Contour Plan for the Pettis Property. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, LeBlanc, Rhoades, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Burton and Proos. Resolution adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-020915-2, GRAND RAPIDS TRIATHLON ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST

Andy and Ann Vidro, Co-Directors of the Grand Rapids Triathlon, stated this will be their fifth year; this year they were nominated as a National Championship. Anne Vidro, Co-Director stated Amway will be co-sponsoring again this year along with Huntington Bank. She stated the race is June 14, and June 13 from noon to 5:00 p.m., at 5101 Spaulding, will be registration and packet pick up for every athlete. She stated last year there were 1,900 athletes registered, and they were the largest triathlon in Michigan.

Motion by Jacobs, supported by LeBlanc, to approve Resolution R-020915-2, Grand Rapids Triathlon Road Closure Request. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, LeBlanc, Rhoades, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Burton and Proos. Resolution adopted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TURNOUT GEAR PURCHASE

Fire Chief David Murray stated the NFPA sets guidelines for replacement of turnout gear every ten years. He stated they have tried three different companies and prefer the equipment from Time Emergency.

Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Jacobs, to approve the recommendation from Fire Chief David Murray to purchase the Fire Department Turnout Gear from Time Emergency, at a cost of \$28,350.00. Roll Call: Yes – Jacobs, Smith, LeBlanc, Rhoades, and Haga; No – 0; Absent – Burton and Proos. Motion carried.

PETITION OF ADA TOWNSHIP TREASURER TO STRIKE PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM TAX ROLLS

Treasurer Rhoades stated this is for 2009 and prior personal property taxes to be stricken from the tax rolls. He stated he has done everything he can to locate these people with no success. The waiver and consent is for the Township tax portions only.

Motion by Smith, supported by LeBlanc, to authorize the Supervisor to endorse the Waiver and Consent regarding the Personal Property Taxes for 2008 and 2009. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Marmion, 5462 Forest Glen, member of the Kent County Water Conservation Group, stated he wanted to let everyone know there will be a community meeting on fracking in the Cascade Township Library, Saturday, February 21st from 10:00 a.m. to noon. He stated there will be a brief overview of fracking and ways that local governments and individuals can take an initiative on the issue. A flier will also be sent out.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Susan Burton, CMC
Ada Township Clerk
RS/dr

Date