

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 29, 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 Westra, and Trustee Smith. Also present: Planning Director Jim Ferro, Fire Chief Jim DuVall, Recording Secretary Dorothy Renegar, and 4 community members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

May 14, 2012 Regular Board Meeting with correction of the spelling of Lt. Governor Calley's name.

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Planning Commission Minutes-4/19/12; 2. Treasurers Investment Report-4/12; 3. Ada DDA Minutes-4/2/12; 4. Ada Open Space Preservation Advisory Board Minutes-4/12/12; 5. Ada Historical Society Annual Financial Report-4/30/12; 6. Ada Historical Society Minutes-4/14/12; 7. Utility Advisory Board Minutes-4/19/12.

Motion by Westra, supported by Smith, 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 \$4,555.97; #205 \$230.21; #208 \$433.49; #248 \$399.96; #590 \$76.84; #591 \$2,476.84; #592 \$17.08; Total all Hand Checks: \$8,190.39; Warrants: #101 \$27,271.84; #205 \$26,487.88; #208 \$10,040.87; #248 \$703.54; #590 \$18,681.52; #591 \$10,356.79; #592 \$174,93; Total Warrants: \$93,726.47. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$101,916.86. **Moved by Proos, supported by Burton, to approve the Warrant Report for May 29, 2012, in the total amount of \$101,916.86. Roll Call: Yes – Westra, Smith, Rhoades, Proos, LeBlanc, Burton and Haga; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Hoover, 213 Marbury, commented the 4th of July Parade is always very busy and there will be a lot of politicians this year. They need everyone's cooperation at being in one central location, and obeying the rules.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Westra commented the sidewalks and walkways between the Ratsch Pottery shop and the barber shop are still in disrepair, and the graffiti is still on the tunnel under the overpass.

Supervisor Haga stated that his previous statement regarding the sidewalks being repaired was in response to the brick walkways; and the graffiti will be checked.

Trustee Smith stated the speed of vehicles in residential areas still needs to be enforced.

Supervisor Haga requested she supply him with specific areas which should be looked into, and stated they do have the speed board up every week.

Trustee LeBlanc referred to the Planning Commission meeting notes, and asked for copies of the Planning/Zoning Project Priorities and the Master Plan Citizen Opinion Survey Analysis Report.

Trustee Proos commented on the kids playing on the hill and climbing trees at the Reith Riley project on the Koning land where there is a 30 to 40 foot drop off, and stated we need to make sure the fence gets repaired in order to keep the kids out. He stated that Pettis between the Reith Riley and the Koning project needs to be brushed/cleaned. Proos asked for a progress report in

regard to mediation with the Reith Riley / Koning project. He commented on the 4th of July Parade and asked Mr. Hoover for a list of requirements for candidates in the parade.

Treasurer Rhoades thanked Mr. Hoover for all his work and time spent on helping to organizing the 4th of July Parade.

Supervisor Haga stated Access Business Group is bringing their Neutralite operation from California to Ada through a grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which would have a strong impact on the local economy in terms of new jobs and investment. He stated that Access Business Group will be coming to the Township Board with an Application for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption,

Supervisor Haga stated he is monitoring the impact the new legislation will have regarding fireworks that are now available to the consumer. He stated any noise complaints should be referred to the Sheriff's Department, and we may have to develop an ordinance to regulate the use of fireworks.

Trustee Proos suggested Fire Chief DuVall write an article for the Ada View on the common sense of using fireworks.

Supervisor Haga suggested DuVall write about the time, days, hours, etc. regarding fireworks that the Township ordinance does not cover.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR UPGRADING OF TURN OUT GEAR

Fire Chief Jim Duvall stated the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1851 requires all turn out gear be replaced every ten years. He stated the Department needs 6 helmets, 24 boots, 22 gloves, and 22 hoods, which amounts to over \$10,000, thus he is requesting approval to solicit bids for upgrade of this equipment.

Moved by Proos, supported by Smith, to approve the Fire Department Request to Solicit Bids for Upgrading of Turn Out Gear. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF THERMO IMAGING CAMERA

Fire Chief Jim Duvall stated the Department needs to have two Thermo Imaging Cameras at each station, and that one they now have has out-lived its life. He stated this request was reviewed by the Public Safety Committee and they recommend purchase of a new camera. DuVall stated specifications of the need at the Department were sent to vendors and he received three quotes from: Time Emergency of \$9,966.60, West Shore Fire of \$9,998.00, and Dundee Fire Equipment of \$9,999.00. He recommends purchase of the Thermo Imaging Camera from Time Emergency.

Motion by LeBlanc, supported by Proos, to approve the Fire Department Purchase of a Thermo Imaging Camera from Time Emergency in the amount of \$9,966.60. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

BRONSON STREET PARKING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION

Steve Groenenboom, Engineer, Moore & Bruggink, stated this is the last phase of the project on Bronson Street. He stated they received two bids for completion of the retaining wall and additional parking spaces from Katerberg Verhage for \$30,500, and Flier Brothers Independent Excavators for \$29,450. Groenenboom stated Moore & Bruggink committed to the Township that there would be no additional cost to the Township over the \$11,114 that was agreed upon for completion of the project; and the cost will be \$11,114 to Ada Township, with Moore & Bruggink paying \$18,336.

Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Bronson Street Parking Contract Authorization for Flier Brothers Independent Excavators in the amount of \$29,450, with Ada Township paying \$11,114, and Moore & Bruggink paying \$18,226. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR REPLACEMENT PUMPS AT FULTON STREET LIFT STATION

Steve Groenenboom, Engineer, Moore & Bruggink, stated the pumps at the Fulton Street Pumping Station, across the street from Amway, are deteriorating and need to be replaced. He stated the estimated cost for replacement of the three pumps is \$375,000, which can be funded with unused bond funds from the Ada Drive Forcemain project, and the sanitary sewer fund balance.

Motion by Proos, supported by Rhoades, to approve the Utility Department Request to Solicit Bids for Replacement Pumps at the Fulton Street Lift Station. Yes – 7; No – 0; Absent – 0. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. O-052912-1, ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT-FARM MARKET REGULATIONS

Planning Director Jim Ferro stated the Planning Commission has recommended adoption of an amendment to the zoning regulations to establish procedures and standards for approval of “farm markets” on land zoned and used for agricultural production in the Township. He stated the current provision does not accommodate the increasing interest of consumers in locally-raised farm produce, the growth of “agri-tourism”, and on-farm marketing of value-added agricultural products, with a product mix that includes items other than farm-raised products. Further he stated the intent of the proposed regulations is to accommodate this growing segment of the Michigan agricultural economy, and enhance the economic viability of agricultural land in the Township.

Trustee Proos stated concern with regard to (e) on page 5, the building size of 3,000 square feet being too small; and (g) on page 5, that the off-street parking be reviewed to make sure it is adequate for customers.

Motion by Proos, supported by Smith, to amend the original Ordinance No. O-052912-1, Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment-Farm Market Regulations to increase the square footage to 5,000 square feet. Roll call: Yes – 3; No – 4; Absent – 0. Motion defeated.

Motion by Proos, supported by Westra, to approve Ordinance No. O-052912-1, Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment-Farm Market Regulations. Roll call: Yes – 6; No – 1; Absent – 0. Resolution adopted.

Andy Sietsema, 8540 Two Mile Road, stated their current showroom is 2,000 square feet, and along with their proposed tasting room they will sell apples, pumpkins, etc.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Burton
Ada Township Clerk

RS/dr