

**ADA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
September 25, 2017**

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Meeting was called to order by Clerk Smith at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Clerk Smith, Treasurer Moran, Trustees Hurwitz, Jacobs, LeBlanc and Proos. Members absent: Supervisor Haga. Also present: Planning Director Jim Ferro and 10 community members.

Moved by Jacobs, supported by LeBlanc, to appoint Treasurer Moran to moderate the meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Jacobs, supported by Hurwitz, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

AUDIT REPORT YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2017

Dan Veldhuizen, Siegfried & Crandall, stated it is always a pleasure to work with Ada Township. More journal entries were made this year due to the Downtown Development Authority and Envision Ada. Fund balances are in good shape. **Moved by LeBlanc, supported by Proos, to accept and receive the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017. Motion carried.**

KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY ANNUAL UPDATE

Lance Werner, KDL Executive Director, stated 2016 was a great year, with circulation up over 30%. The Book Mobile is coming back after a four year hiatus due to a generous grant from the Steelcase Foundation.

Craig Wilson, Board Chair, stated the KDL Library for the Blind and Disabled had a visit from a contingency of eight Middle Eastern countries that came to benchmark our library, and 200-300 books were sent to Afghanistan to start their library. A new concept has been initiated with Ford Airport to have a free library in each terminal. In addition, work is in progress to place books on school buses in the Kenowa Hills School District.

Diane Cutler, Cascade Branch, stated the Sunday Afternoon Live concert series had eight concerts over the winter, with about 1,100 people attending. There will be eight partnership programs with the Grand Rapids Symphony over the next 12 months. Study rooms are offered to people who are tutoring or students who need to work on projects, business people who work at home, which can be used for up to two hours per day. Representatives from KDL attended the Farmers' Markets on Tuesdays, and they also participate with the Ada Business Association. Over 600 children attended the "Touch a Truck" program.

GENERAL TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Township Board Minutes - 9/11/17

Receive and File Various Reports/Communications

1. Fire Department Activity Report - 8/17; 2. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes - 7/11/17 3. Hope Network Activity Report - 8/17; 4. DDA Board Minutes - 8/14/17; 5. Ada Historical Society Minutes - 8/17/17; 6. GVMC Minutes - 8/3/17; 7. Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Grant Award for Addition to the Averill Historic Museum of Ada. **Moved by Jacobs, 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 Moran reported the general township warrants with receipts in the following amounts: Hand Checks: #101 \$6,014.55; #205 \$216.10; #208 \$1,270.84; #248 \$160.00; #401 \$114,795.90; #590 \$51.56; #591 \$51.56; #592 \$11.45. Total all Hand Checks: \$122,571.96. Warrants: #101 \$65,319.45; #205 \$8,246.90; #208 \$6,044.88; #248 \$11,723.00; #401 \$31,224.36; #590 \$94,184.62; #591 \$144,822.17; #592 \$386.44. Total Warrants: \$362,588.82. Total All Checks and Warrants: \$485,160.78. **Moved by LeBlanc, supported by Proos, to approve the Warrant Report for September 25, 2017, in the total amount of \$485,160.78. Roll Call: Yes - Hurwitz, Jacobs, LeBlanc, Proos, Smith, and Moran; No - 0; Absent - Haga. Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Folkersma stated she would like to see limits on the amount of time dogs can be tethered and/or can be left outside. She would like the Township to consider an ordinance to that effect.

BOARD COMMENT

Clerk Smith stated on September 11 the Board adopted a resolution in support of the Prisoner of War/ Missing in Action Day, and she and Supervisor Haga went to the ceremony, where he presented the resolution.

Treasurer Moran commented on the grant award for \$50,000 that the Ada Historical Society received from the MCACA, which will go a long way toward their goal of renovation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION R-092517-1, FOREST HILLS CENTRAL HOMECOMING PARADE

Neven Allen, Forest Hills Central Homecoming Parade Coordinator, stated the parade route is different this year. The sheriff has been notified, and insurance policy has been provided. Signs will go up and flyers will go in mailboxes next week. **Moved by LeBlanc, supported by Jacobs, to adopt Resolution R-092517-1 to conduct the Annual Homecoming Parade in Ada Township on Friday, October 6, 2017. Roll Call: Yes - Proos, LeBlanc, Hurwitz, Jacobs, Moran, and Smith; No - 0; Absent - Haga. Resolution adopted.**

ADA TOWNSHIP PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT

Moved by Jacobs, supported by LeBlanc, to approve the Ada Township Principles of Governance. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Jacqueline Smith
Ada Township Clerk

Date

JS/dr