

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

November 3, 2015 – Approved December 1, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Clerk Fisher with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: McGinnis, Balazovic, Fisher, Waldron

Members Absent: Ridley

Motion by Trustee Waldron and supported by Trustee McGinnis to appoint Clerk Fisher as Chairperson for this meeting. Motion carried.

Clerk Fisher opened the Eagles Nest Road public hearing at 7:05 p.m. This hearing is being re-held as an incorrect notice was mailed to those within the district for the hearing held in October. The purpose of the hearing is to provide an opportunity to voice objections to the proposed public improvement, the petitions and the Special Assessment District (SAD).

Janet Vance objected to the formation of the SAD and believes the amount that the back lot owners are being unfairly assessed. She presented petitions signed by those within the district that oppose the project.

Mike Cherveney supports the project and had submitted a petition previously signed by the Plymouth Beach Association members at their 2013 annual meeting of which 28 of the 34 owners signed in favor. He also mentioned the recent emails to the township by those within the district that are in support of the project.

Dan Hayes stated that he and his wife built their retirement home on Plymouth Beach because they wanted to live off a paved road. He is in support of the project.

Paul Michael also voiced his support of the project. He does not want to live off a gravel road.

With no further questions, comments or objections Clerk Fisher closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

The October 6, 2015, regular meeting minutes and the October 16, 2015, special meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Trustee Waldron moved and Trustee McGinnis seconded to adopt the agenda with the removal of item #12, 2015 Federal Poverty Guidelines. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items: No public comments received.

Police Report: Our department is participating in No Shave November, where each participating officer will make an individual donation to the charity of the department's choosing: Make a Wish Foundation. Chief Temple will be ready review the first five ordinances at the December meeting.

Committee Reports:

Parks Commission: The storage shed at DeVoe Beach will be replaced with a slightly larger one within the next month and the commission is looking into purchasing a slightly used zero turn mower. A group of volunteers looking into the costs of adding ball fields at Cooperation Park; once the plans are approved by the Parks Commission, fund raising can begin. The biggest expense will be a new well. In 2016 the Tuscarora Township Five Year Recreation Plan will need to be updated. **Planning Commission:** The Commission discussed and reviewed a Special Use Permit Application submitted to the Cheboygan County Planning Commission for a therapeutic farm in the Grand View Beach area. After review, the Commission determined that it does not fit within the guidelines of the Tuscarora Township Master Plan. **Marina Park** – There has been construction progress within the last two weeks at the Trailhead. Final landscaping will be done this spring, the restrooms are currently closed until the winterization work is complete, ventilation will be added to the restrooms, and two bollards still need to be installed. Consumer Powers finally completed their work so the electrical work can now be completed.

Treasurer's Report: The general accounts have \$493,240.35 and the tax accounts have \$15,652.54 without interest.

Airport Manager Report: Nothing new to report, the equipment is ready for snow.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to reappoint John Schams to serve another three-year term on the Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to approve an up to 10% township contribution of the construction cost to the Eagles Nest Road paving project. Motion carried with four ayes.

Motion by Treasurer Balazovic and seconded by Trustee Waldron to adopt Eagles Nest Road SAD Resolution #3 approving the plans and estimates of cost and directing the supervisor to make a special assessment roll with the names of the owners and the total amount to be assessed against each parcel. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, absent; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Motion carried.

Public comments: Public comment began at 7:28 p.m. Comments received from three persons. Public comments ended at 7:35 p.m.

Board member comments: Trustee McGinnis spoke on line 5 and arranging a town hall meeting to answer questions and provided a website update. Trustee Waldron spoke on arranging a round table meeting with Mr. Chatfield, the Road Commission and the Township Board on the possible new road bill and what affect it will have on funding improvements for local roads.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to pay the bills. Motion carried with four ayes.

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor