

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
3546 S. Straits Highway, Indian River, MI 49749**

March 1, 2016 - Approved April 5, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Ridley.
Members Present: McGinnis, Balazovic, Ridley, Fisher, Waldron
Members Absent: None

Supervisor Ridley asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the February 2, 2016, meeting as presented. No changes were requested. Supervisor Ridley so moved the minutes were approved as presented and the motion carried.

Trustee Waldron moved and Trustee McGinnis seconded to adopt the agenda with two additions: Seasons of the North Winery, LLC's application and May meeting date change. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items: No public comments received.

Committee/Commissions Reports

DDA – Moving forward with a safety study on the Streetscape. **Marina Park** – Working on the outdoor exhibits with Joe Heinz, completion date moved back to allow for current pictures to be taken once the weather improves; Trailhead project is almost complete; the layout of the playground should be received by the March meeting and Sallie will be meeting with the CCRC on the entrance improvement to Marina Park.

Treasurer's report: The general accounts have \$1,458,878.95 without interest and the tax accounts have \$304,841.78 without interest.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and supported by Trustee Waldron to approve the Park Commission's recommendation to appoint Mike Saker, to fulfill the Park Commissioner vacancy left by Angie Nowosielski's resignation. Motion carried.

Airport Manager's report: Nothing new going on at the airport, just keeping up with winter.

Criteria Sheet – Supervisor Ridley requested this be tabled for further review.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to give our six-month notice to Cheboygan County of our intent to terminate our Interlocal Recycling Lease Agreement with the intent to work with Cheboygan County to find a better location for the recycling drop-off operation. Motion carried.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve the 2016 Fireworks contract with Great Lakes Fireworks, LLC in the amount of \$8,000. This is an increase of less than 4%. Motion carried.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee Waldron to move into closed session for the purposes of discussing an offer to settle on the Grainger case. Motion carried. At 7:12 p.m. the board moved into closed session.

Motion by Treasurer Balazovic and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to return from closed session back into open session. Motion carried. At 7:27 p.m. the board moved back into open session.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to approve our attorney's recommendation to accept the settlement agreement reached with Grainger & Associates at a recent mediation session. A roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes. Motion carried unanimously. The settlement reached was for \$8,500 down from the original \$10,000 on a 20-year-old bill. The case had already been to trial and the case has been narrowed down to the definition of the term "specific project" and Judge Barton requested that we meet for mediation. If we could not come to an agreement with mediation, we would have to start all over again with a new trial.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to change the regular May meeting date to May 10th due to a school election. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to recommend Seasons of the North Winery LLC's application be considered for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Public comments: Public comment began at 7:34 p.m. Comments were received from one person. Public comments ended at 7:35 p.m.

Board member comments: We have received the deed for recording from the SOM for the 53 acres of land for future expansion of the sewer treatment facility.

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

Motion by Trustee Waldron to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk Michael Ridley, Supervisor