

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

Tuesday, August 9, 2016 – Approved September 6, 2016

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

Members Present: McGinnis, Balazovic, Ridley, Fisher, Waldron

Members Absent: None

Minutes of the June and July Special meetings were approved as previously published.

Trustee Waldron moved and Clerk Fisher seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items – No public comments received.

Police Report – One of our part time officers has been made full time due to the resignation of Officer Dale Williams. Chief Temple is currently looking for another part time officer. Pricing out a new 2016 Dodge Charger through Brown Motors; we will be trading in a 2007 Crown Vic.

Child pornography was discovered by Meister Plans on a computer that a man had dropped off for repair. The laptop was seized and a search warrant obtained for the computers content; child pornography and sexually abusive material was found on the computer. The individual has been arrested for child pornography and using a computer to commit a crime. The Department is working with the Flushing Township Police Department who is handling an investigation on the man's full-time residence.

Committee/Commission Reports:

DDA - A RFP will be issued for a new streetscape plan. **PARKS COMMISSION** – The Commission is working on a new five-year plan; the work should be completed at the next meeting. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – Nothing new to report. **MARINA PARK**- The playground has been installed; a local contractor did the work and everything went smoothly. A stone and brass plaque will be placed at the playground to denote that the playground is a memorial to Jake. The outdoor exhibits have been installed at the Trailhead and plantings around the base of the sign will be placed late August.

Airport Manager Report - The remote opener for the gate has been installed and is working great. Norm apologized for the mix-up for flying the Young Eagles during Summerfest this year. Even though the event had to be rescheduled on short notice there were still 50 youngsters that received a ride.

Treasurer Report- Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$925,655.51 and the tax accounts have \$10,840.88 with interest.

Bob Reidel addressed the board with his concerns over the recently proposed Firework Ordinance wording that did not limit the use of fireworks for Independence Day the same as for other National Holidays.

After discussion Clerk Fisher moved and Trustee McGinnis seconded to amend the previous motion and limit the use of fireworks for Independence Day to the day before, the day of and the day after to make it consistent with the other National Holidays. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to accept Dick Andrew's resignation to the Board of Review. Motion carried. Waldron thanked Mr. Andrew for his many years of service.

John Kurczewski requested the board support Lee Chatfield's Analog Meter Choice bill. HB 4916 will provide homeowner's the choice of using an analog meter instead of the smart meters that the utility companies are installing. The board will review and discuss a resolution to support HB 4916 at their September meeting.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and supported by Trustee Waldron to approve a Resolution Authorizing 2016 Special Assessment Bonds for Eagles Nest Road. The bond amount shall not exceed \$181,000. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Treasurer Balazovic and seconded by Trustee Waldron to approve a Metro Act Right-Of-Way Telecommunications Permit for Lynx Network Group for services to Awakon Credit Union. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee McGinnis and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to approve the Contract for Animal Control Services with the Cheboygan County Humane Society for \$800.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to combine the 2016-2017 Sewer RRI budget and the Sewer O & M Budget into one budget as presented. There is no change in budgeted amounts. Motion carried.

Sewer hook-up exemption requests have been received from property owners with unusable bathrooms and kitchens in the sewer district. These structures have no functioning facilities or are in an unusable condition. Trustee Waldron stated that some type of verification that these structures are used for storage only, that water or septic lines have been capped, that the septic tank has been crushed, and that there are no dry wells on the property needs to be required. The property owners need to put the request and verifications in writing to be put in the Township's file.

Public comment began at 8:50 p.m. Comments were heard from two citizens. Public comment ended at 8:53 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to pay the bills.

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Fisher, Clerk
Michael Ridley, Supervisor