

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
Tuesday, February 7, 2017 – Approved March 7, 2017**

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

Members Present: Vance, Balazovic, Ridley, Fisher, Waldron
Members Absent: None

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented.

Clerk Fisher moved and Trustee Waldron seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of Top of Michigan Request and Audit Review. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items – No public comments received.

Police Report: In January, the first Criminal Justice Information Systems Audit was held and, except for a few changes that need to be made, our unit passed. Chief Temple reviewed the armed robbery at Pat & Gary's Party store.

Committee/Commission Reports:

DDA – The DDA has unobligated the USDA loan and will reapply when the streetscape has been re-designed.
Parks Commission – We will be wrapping up the five-year plan Thursday, February 16th. **Marina Park** – At the January meeting maintenance plans for the upcoming season was discussed and a new sign for Marina Park. Winterfest was a huge success – discussed snowmobile parking at Marina Park next winter. No meeting in February. **Planning Commission** – The County is still reviewing the Village Center ordinance – redefining what a restaurant and a food truck is.

Airport Managers Report – Nothing new to report.

Treasurer Report- Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,094,759.06 and the tax accounts have \$955,250.71 without interest.

FOIA Report – Clerk Fisher reported that since May 1, 2016, she has received 36 FOIA requests from Mr. Muscott, 16 from Ms. Swanson and 6 from others.

Brad Jacobs, Inland Lakes School Superintendent introduced himself and stated that he and his family feel very welcomed in the community.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and supported by Treasurer Balazovic to add the cost of living increase to section 2 (a) of the Rate Resolution that was recommended by Mike Engles, Michigan Rural Water Association. Supervisor Ridley read the paragraph: The Flat Rate Use Charge shall increase annually by the rate of inflation as determined by the January Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U); U.S. City Average; All items, not seasonally adjusted, 1982-1984=100 reference base, published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. A roll call vote was taken: Fisher, yes; Balazovic, yes; Vance, yes; Ridley, yes; Waldron, yes. Motion carried.

Sewer Administration and REU Assignment for change of use or new construction was reviewed. Trustee Waldron has suggested to Steve Schnell that something be added to their application that requires a sign-off by Tuscarora Township for a building permit or change of use request. Trustee Waldron also discussed with the township lawyer the protocol on the assignment of REU's for change of use or new construction. Mr. Huth

informed him that because the ordinance, rate resolution and criteria sheet are determined by the township board, the assignment of REUs would be an administration decision.

Supervisor Ridley reviewed three scenarios for REU assignment for North Star Nursery's change of use. After discussion, Trustee Waldron moved and Clerk Fisher seconded to approve assigning 4 REUs with the condition that the Gearhart Family Trust property ownership parcel is transferred to the Jakeway Family Trust and all four parcel codes are combined into one parcel code. If this change is not made, then 5 REUs are to be assigned. Motion carried unanimously.

After further discussion, Trustee Waldron moved and Trustee Vance seconded that any change of use application received that is either a multi-use change or is in excess of (2) REUs the application will be brought before the Township Board, within two weeks of receipt of the application, for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Criteria sheet adjustments – tabled for discussion at the March meeting to allow the board members time to review and make notations for their suggested changes.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to set Saturday, July 1, 2017 for the fireworks display and Sunday, July 2, 2017 as the rain date. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to set June 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for the budget workshop and June 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for the annual meeting to adopt the budgets and to cancel the July meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee Vance to adopt the Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test Resolution as presented and a roll call vote was taken: Vance, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee Waldron to approve Top O'Michigan Outboard Racing Club's request to waive the no wake ordinance August 12, 2017 and August 13, 2017, between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 p.m. Motion carried.

A discussion of the audit and the response to the State of Michigan on the reported deficiencies for the township and the Indian River Area Library.

Public comment began at 8:08 p.m. Comments were heard from three citizens. Public comments ended at 8:18 p.m.

Board member comments – Trustee Vance spoke of the meetings she has attended since the election

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Clerk Fisher to pay the bills. Motion carried with five ayes.

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fisher, Clerk
Michael Ridley, Supervisor