

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
March 7, 2017 – Approved April 4, 2017**

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

Members Present: Vance, Balazovic, Ridley, Fisher

Members Absent: Waldron

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as presented.

Clerk Fisher moved and Treasurer Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of Toni Wilson and adding General ledger transactions to paying the bills. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items – No public comments received.

Police Report: Chief Temple recognized Walt Chamberlain and Mickelo Anderson for their “outstanding performance and their courage” during the armed robbery at Pat and Gary’s Party Store February 4, 2017.

Committee/Commission Reports:

DDA – Issuing RFP for streetscape design. **Parks Commission** – The revised Five Year Recreation Plan is before the board tonight for adoption. **Marina Park** – No report. **Planning Commission** – No report.

Airport Managers Report – We have had two owners sell their hangars giving us two new tenants at the airport and one of the tenants enlarged his hangar.

Treasurer Report- Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,680,002.39 and the tax accounts have \$249,145.52 with interest. Balazovic is in the process of balancing with the Cheboygan County Treasurer and turning over the 2016 delinquent taxes.

Correspondence – The Department of Treasury has accepted Supervisor Ridley’s corrective action plan to correct the deficiencies in the 2016 AMAR Review. A follow up review will be conducted after the completion of the 2018 assessment roll.

FOIA Report – Clerk Fisher reported that in the past month we have received eight FOIA requests.

Criteria Sheet Adjustments – Supervisor Ridley noted that there is an error on #19 – Fast Food – the criteria sheet reads 10 and it should be 8. Physical Therapy is listed two times - #27 and #40. Treasurer Balazovic requested everyone review the lists, submit their recommended changes to Clerk Fisher and she will

Motion by Treasurer Balazovic and seconded by Trustee Vance to correct #19 to 8 REUs and delete #40. Motion carried with four ayes and one absent.

Trustee Vance questioned as to who would be making the administration decision for a change in assignment of REUs not set by the township board. The changes would be submitted to the township Supervisor.

The Water Use Ordinance for the Industrial Park was submitted for review. We will be working with Dave Goen to put the Rate Resolution together. Clerk Fisher moved and Trustee Vance seconded to adopt the ordinance with a change to Section 2.1 from Sanitary Sewer Ordinance to Public Water Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Fisher, yes; Vance, yes; Ridley, yes; Waldron, absent. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ridley introduced information on the Michigan Certified Business Park (CBP) program through Michigan Economic Developers Association. This is a marketing program for industrial/business parks. We would need to apply to MEDA and, if approved, they would certify us and market our park. There is a \$450 application fee that is returned if our park is not accepted. There is an ongoing fee of \$275.00 per year. Ridley will continue to research the program and report back.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to hire Cindy Wimer to assist Supervisor Ridley in field work this year. She will work approximately eight hours/week. Motion carried with four ayes, one absent.

Resolution of Adoption Recreation Plan read by Supervisor Ridley:

WHEREAS, Tuscarora Township has undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreational facilities during the period of 2017 – 2021, and

WHEREAS, A public input session was held on November 30, 2016 at the Tuscarora Township Hall to provide for an opportunity for citizens to discuss the future of recreation in the Township, and

WHEREAS, A public notice was published in the *Straitsland Resorter* which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and

WHEREAS, Tuscarora Township has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Tuscarora Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Recreation Plan Update as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Township.

Motion by Treasurer Balazovic and Trustee Vance to approve the Resolution to adopt the 5-Year Recreation Plan as presented. A roll call vote was taken: Vance, yes; Balazovic, yes; Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes, Waldron, absent. Motion carried.

Toni Wilson addressed the board with her concerns on the hardship of the sewer assessments for the three properties she owns in the sewer district. Due to Wilson's changed of use on one her parcels the REUs increased from one to four. She is seeking approval to move REUs from one parcel to another.

Public comment began at 7:50 p.m. No public comments received.

Motion by Treasurer Balazovic and seconded by Clerk Fisher to pay the bills and approve the General Ledger Transactions. Motion carried with four ayes.

Treasurer Balazovic moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fisher, Clerk
Michael Ridley, Supervisor