

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
April 4, 2017 – Approved May 2, 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 March meeting were approved as presented.

Clerk Fisher moved and Treasurer Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items – Public comment began at 7:02 p.m. Comments were heard from one citizen. Public comments ended at 7:05 p.m.

Police Report: Wrapped up snowmobile patrol for 2017 – should be able to submit paperwork next week for reimbursement from the State.

Committee/Commission Reports:

DDA – Working on RFP for streetscape design to include sidewalks, street lights and possibly burying the utilities. The DDA did vote to cover the application cost for the Michigan Certified Business Park. **Parks**

Commission – No report. **Marina Park** – Two bass fishing tournaments in June. Looking at designs for a new Marina Park sign. Finding a local sign company has been difficult. **Planning Commission** – No report.

Airport Managers Report – Nothing new to report just performing general maintenance.

Treasurer Report- Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,628,939.62 and the tax accounts have \$12,266.40 without interest.

Correspondence – MDOT annual elected officials meeting April 11th, copied from State of Michigan on a letter to Mr. Muscott, an email from Mr. Muscott regarding the water ordinance and a letter from Mr. Pfister regarding a proposed I-75 business loop through downtown Indian River.

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

The board reviewed suggested changes to the Sewer Benefit User Chart submitted by each board member. Supervisor Ridley stated that no changes can be made of the established REU's to this chart and/or Sewer Ordinance until the Huron Distributors and the Indian River Trading Post case filed in the court of appeal has been settled. Discussion on pros and cons of a metered system and changes to the chart that has been approved by bond council. Mixed use will continue to be our biggest problem.

The Water Use Ordinance for the Industrial Park needs to be re-adopted as the REU's table of unit factors are not part of this ordinance and the water district map was not included last month. After discussion Trustee Waldron moved and Clerk Fisher seconded to adopt the Ordinance as presented. A roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Fisher, yes; Vance, no, Waldron, yes; Ridley, yes. Ordinance declared adopted.

Supervisor Ridley and Clerk Fisher is working with Dave Goen and the attorney to establish a water rate resolution.

Supervisor Ridley began the discussion on the Michigan Certified Business Park, Clerk Fisher removed herself from the discussion, application process their definitions and requirements. The DDA voted at their March meeting to cover the cost of the application fee. The application fee will be returned if the park is not accepted.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to apply for the Michigan Certified Business Park. Three ayes, one nay and one abstain. Motion carried.

Motion by Treasurer Balazovic and seconded by Trustee Waldron to approve Clerk Fisher's budget adjustment of \$160,000 from 590-000-390-00 Fund Balance to 590-536-801-00 Professional. Motion carried with five ayes.

Clerk Fisher submitted a revised budget that incorporates the sewer RRI, operations and debt into one budget based on the changes made by the auditors.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee Vance to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried with five ayes.

Public comment began at 7:50 p.m. Comments were heard from two citizens. Public comment ended at 7:54 p.m.

Board member comments: Supervisor Ridley stated that, in response to questions from residents, an expansion of the sewer district into the residential area will need to be a citizen driven project.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee Vance to pay the bills and approve the General Ledger Transactions. Motion carried with five ayes.

Treasurer Balazovic moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fisher, Clerk
Michael Ridley, Supervisor