

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

June 6, 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 May meetings were approved as presented.

Trustee Waldron moved and Clerk Fisher seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of Police Report. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items – Public comment began at 7:04 p.m. Comments were heard from one citizen regarding the speed limit discussion. Public comment ended at 7:06 p.m.

Committee/Commission Reports:

DDA – The opening date for the Streetscape RFP is July 14th. We have received a \$5,000 grant for a sign at Commerce Park. **Marina Park** – Still working on a sign design for Marina Park to replace the existing entrance sign. Hope to finalize the plan at our June meeting and our goal is to have the cost of the sign, the base and the installation for \$8,000.00. **Planning Commission** – Recently held two meetings to review the Cheboygan County Planning Commissions (CCPC) recommended definition changes and amendments to the Village Center and Village Center Overlay zoning districts. They have submitted their recommendations to the CCPC.

Police Report: All yearly training is complete, just finished with firearm training. We recently had a Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN) audit and had a couple of compliance issue. Those have been fixed, however, the department is currently using individual work stations and CJIN is recommending that these individual stations be replaced with a department server. The server will also help with the required body camera video storage. Chief Temple is in the process of obtaining a few quotes for that.

Airport Managers Report – The airport is heavy in summer mode now. Have had a couple of hangars change hands and one hangar owner has added an addition. Currently on schedule to have the Young Eagles during Summerfest.

Treasurer Report- Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,939,519.67 and the tax accounts have \$8,094.01 both without interest.

Correspondence – A retraction from Karen Magee, copied on a letter from the STC to Mr. Muscott recommending the dismissal of a complaint against Supervisor/Assessor Ridley and an email from NLEA on a Broadband survey they will be conducting.

FOIA Report – Clerk Fisher reported that in May we have received five FOIA requests.

Charlotte Smart presented her vision and goals to form a volunteer group to clean up Indian River. This would be a community-based team project to be run by volunteers. This is a project that she is just beginning but one she is committed to.

Roger Jacobs appealed his notice of blight for his property on River Street. No action was taken by the board.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee Vance to approve Supervisor Ridley's recommendation to appoint Diane Friedrichson to the DDA to fill the unexpired term left by the resignation of Sherry Lincoln. Motion carried.

Discussion on reducing the speed limit on Straits Highway from just north of the Indian River Bridge south to M-68 was tabled to the June 27th meeting to allow research on the effectiveness and cost of radar speed signs.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Clerk Fisher to submit a letter to the Cheboygan County Road Commission (CCRC) stating that Tuscarora Township has no interest in Hassler Creek Road and no objection to the abandonment. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on an estimate from the CCRC for installation of concrete curb gutter and asphalt on three intersections in the downtown area tabled to obtain new estimates increasing the size of the intersections to accommodate semis.

Supervisor Ridley received correspondence from Representative Sue Allor's office on the case for a state-operated psychiatric facility in Northern Michigan. There are five facilities in Michigan, all of which are in the southern portion of the Lower Peninsula. The State of Michigan (SOM) recognizes that the facility in Caro Michigan is in very poor condition and Representative Allor is working with other northern Michigan representatives to have a new facility built in northern Michigan versus rebuilding in Caro Michigan.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to send a letter in support of building a new facility in northern Michigan to the SOM Department of Health and Human Services and copy Rep. Sue Allor, Rep. Lee Chatfield and Senator Wayne Schmidt. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to approve Clerk Fisher's budget adjustment requests of \$2,000 from 373-000-390-00 Park Millage Fund Balance to 373-301-960-03 Marina Park; \$23,000 from 377-000-390-00 Eagles Nest Fund Balance to \$21,000 377-906-905-00 Principal and \$1,584 to 377-906-905-01 Interest; \$6,200 from 101-691-977-00 Parks Equipment to \$4,900 101-905-995-00 Long Term Kubota Principal, \$50.00 to 101-905-995-01 Kubota Interest and \$1,250.00 to 101-905-998-00 Mason Property. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Ridley and seconded by Trustee Waldron to adopt and pledge to the Principles of Governance supplied by the Michigan Township Association and ready by Ridley. A roll call vote was taken: Vance, yes; Balazovic, yes; Waldron, yes; Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes. Motion carried.

The Budget Workshop meeting is rescheduled to June 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Public comment began at 7:59 p.m. Comments were heard from four citizens. Public comment ended at 8:03 p.m.

Board member comments: Supervisor Ridley reported that he went to a Northern Lakes Economic Alliance best practices that would be something to strive for.

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

Treasurer Balazovic moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor