

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

September 2, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Ridley.

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

Minutes of the August 12, 2014, meeting was approved as presented.

Trustee Waldron moved and Treasurer Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of Emil Muccino presentation and Operations Agreement. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items: No public comments received.

Committee Reports

DDA – Notification on the MDOT streetscape grant is expected in October. **Planning Commission** – held a meeting August 28th and received public comments on a feasibility study for local zoning. **Beautification** – The benches and table donated for Hide A Way Park have been installed. The Indian River signs will be painted later this month. **West Side Road End** – No Report this month. **Veterans Pier** – Construction on the pier continues daily; loads of stone have been delivered. Projected date for the cement is September 15th and final design is being completed on the railing. To date there is no cost over runs and projected balance of funds available for enhancements is approximately \$62,000.00. The committee presented a layout of the proposed walkways at DeVoe Beach and their recommendation priorities and budgets for the enhancements.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Clerk Fisher to authorize the Veterans Pier Committee to expend monies within the presented priority list and budget as allowed by the available funds. Motion carried.

Police Report: On September 17th there will be a large scale exercise put on by Enbridge Pipeline. The exercise will include Enbridge responder personnel, United States Coast Guard, local first responders; we have been assured that the river will be kept open. Applied and received a grant for body cameras.

Treasurer's report: The general accounts have \$668,548.23 without interest and the tax accounts have \$309,571.46 without interest.

Mr. Dawson and Mr. Muccino made a presentation to the board on a River Boat Excursion company that they are exploring for the Indian River. They are interested in leasing approximately 50 feet of river frontage property from the township at either the Green Docks or the property near the mouth of the Little Sturgeon River. They are also exploring other options for leasing property from private individuals. Concern was expressed about both locations by the board. Supervisor Ridley tabled the issue until the October regular board meeting.

Communications: Letter from Thomas O'Hare on the Great Up North Marketing initiative.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to approve the DDA's recommendation to re-appoint Brett Lindgren and Scott Lange for another three year term and appoint Wes Allen and Sheree Lincoln to a three year term. Motion carried with five ayes.

Motion by Treasurer Balazovic and seconded by Clerk Fisher to appoint Jim Burke to the Park Commission to fill the unexpired term of Ben Kolly who resigned in August. Motion carried.

Sallie Snyder reported that no bids were received for the Trailhead project. Contractors have expressed interest but they are currently over extended for this fall; the project will go out for bid again sometime in late September with construction to begin spring of 2015. A meeting was held with Bill Sanders via Go To Meeting to review his sketches on the pavilion and the donated playground. Sanders is completing the concept drawings and bid package; would like to go out for bid next spring for the pavilion. Sallie also presented a Buy/Sell Agreement for parcel #161-I31-012-003-01 that Marina Park would like to purchase. The parcel is adjacent to Marina Park on the upper level and is commonly known as the Dollar Store tile field.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve the Buy and Sell Agreement for parcel #161-I31-012-003-01. The agreement is to place a \$5,000 deposit in escrow until next spring towards the cost to hook up the sewer lines for the Dollar Store in Indian River. The cost will be covered through the Park Millage. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Clerk Fisher to approve, pending review from our attorney, an Agreement between Tuscarora Township and Gourdie-Fraser for Operation and Maintenance of the wastewater treatment facility for \$91,000 for year one, \$121,039 for year two and \$122,082 for year three. Motion carried with five ayes.

Public comments: Public comment began at 7:45 p.m. Comments were received from eight persons. Public comments ended at 7:55 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Waldron to pay the bills was seconded by Trustee McGinnis and it carried with five ayes.

Motion by Trustee Waldron to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor