

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
September 5, 2017 – Approved October 3, 2017**

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

Roll Call by Clerk Fisher. Board members present were Mike Ridley, Supervisor; Susan Fisher, Clerk; Bobbi Balazovic, Treasurer; Trustees Janet Vance and Craig Waldron. A quorum of the board was present.

The August 1, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Waldron moved and Fisher seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items – no public comments were received.

**Police Report:** There were no problems on Labor Day with the shutdown of the Mackinac Bridge. The 2017/2018 snowmobile grant has been submitted.

Ridley thanked Chief Temple for his recent actions in helping to rescue a young man in the Sturgeon River.

**Committee/Commission Reports:**

**DDA** – Northwest Design was awarded the streetscape design contract; the DDA will be meeting with them at their October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Marina Park** – The sign is ready to be installed and should be done by the end of September.

**Treasurer Report** - Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,612,027.49 and the tax accounts have \$350,359.70 both without interest.

**Correspondence** – An invitation from the U.S. Census Bureau to participate in the 2020 Local Update of Census Addresses has been received to help ensure an accurate count for our jurisdiction. Ridley wanted the board's input as to whether this was worthwhile as it is a very time-consuming project. Fisher stated that she was unsure if her actions in 2008 were helpful in ensuring an accurate count.

Motion by Waldron and supported by Balazovic to participate in the 2020 Local Update of Census addresses. Motion carried unanimously.

**FOIA Report** – Clerk Fisher reported that we received six FOIA requests in August.

**Agenda Items:**

Frank Foster petitioned the board to allow a Class C medical marijuana growing license in Tuscarora Township. The State of Michigan will be accepting applications on December 15, 2017, for grow licenses. This will be monitored, licensed and taxed. The township would be required to pass an ordinance “opting in” to allow medical marijuana grow operations, dispensaries, etc. in the township. He proposes to build a 12,200-square foot facility and provide up to 35 jobs.

L-4029 Tax Rate Request

The board reviewed the 2017 Tax Rate Request, Form #L-4029.

Motion by Waldron and seconded by Balazovic to approve as presented. Motion Carried.

Criteria Sheet Amendment

Supervisor Ridley recommended an amendment to the Sewer Criteria Sheet adding a dog grooming category at one REU per 1200 square feet. Ridley received confirmation from Kevin Kilby that the township may add it prior to the conclusion of the Court of Appeals case being resolved.

Motion by Fisher and seconded by Vance to amend the Sewer Criteria sheet and add dog grooming at one REU per 1200 sq. ft. Motion carried.

Recycling Lease Renewal

The property lease agreement with Cheboygan County for the recycling bins expires November, 2014. Action on the renewal is tabled to allow Ridley time to meet with Dan O'Henley to discuss adding additional fencing around the bins.

Public comment began at 7:25 p.m. Comments were heard from three citizens. Public comment ended at 7:36 p.m.

**Motion** by Waldron and seconded by Vance to pay the bills and approve the general ledger transactions. Motion carried with five ayes.

Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Susan Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor