

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

October 3, 2017 – Approved November 7, 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 September 5, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Waldron moved and Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of discussion of radar signs. Motion carried.

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

Police Report: The body cams need replacing – ten cams plus docking stations will cost about \$4100.00.

Committee/Commission Reports:

DDA – A Kick-off meeting with Beckett & Raeder and Northwest Design will be held Thursday, October 5th for the streetscape design. **Parks Commission** – The Commission has started discussion on adding a dog park at Cooperation park. All the long-term debt has been paid off. **Marina Park** – The sign is ready to be installed and just waiting for the base to be constructed. **Planning Commission** – A special meeting will be held to review a request for a change in the Village Center Zoning Ordinance to allow dog grooming.

Treasurer Report - Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,582,184.44 and the tax accounts have \$405,973.39 both without interest.

Correspondence – A notice from Emmet County that their Recreation Plan is being rewritten.

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

Agenda Items:

Recycling Lease Renewal Agreement

A revised Lease Renewal Agreement has been received from Cheboygan County adding that they will replace the existing fence currently located on the leased property with a new chain linked fence.

Motion by Waldron and seconded by Ridley to approve the Lease Renewal Agreement with the addition of the fence. Motion carried with five ayes.

DDA Appointment

Supervisor Ridley recommends appointing Dave Driskill to the DDA to fill the unexpired term left by the resignation of Kelly Ashford – his term will expire in 2019.

Motion by Fisher and seconded by Vance to approve Ridley's recommendation to appoint Dave Driskill to the DDA. Motion Carried.

O&M Bids

Supervisor Ridley recused himself from the O & M bid discussion.

Three bid proposals for the O & M contract were received. Dave Goen reviewed the two low bids, the third he did not review as it was such a greater cost than the other two. The board reviewed his comments and questions.

Waldron expressed that it would be unfair to Mead Hunt to go back and allow Wade Trim to amend their bid based on Dave's questions. Mead Hunt gave a firm three-year contract rate with no cost escalators where Wade Trim provided a different base rate for each year plus an annual cost of living (CPI) increase.

Motion by Waldron and seconded by Fisher to award the contract to Mead Hunt and a roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; Fisher, yes; Balazovic, yes; Vance, yes; Ridley, abstain.

MDOT Performance Resolution

MDOT requires a Performance Resolution to be adopted by a municipality for purposes of issuing individual permit for use of state highway right-of-way or an annual application and permit for miscellaneous operations with State highway right-of-way. A permit is required for the sign at the Industrial Park.

Motion by Waldron and seconded by Fisher to adopt the MDOT Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies. Motion carried unanimously.

Medical Marijuana law discussion

No action was taken on the petition received last month to allow a Class C medical marijuana growing license in Tuscarora Township.

Ellinger Road Property

Supervisor Ridley has received information on property going up for sale on Ellinger Road. In the past, the township has expressed an interest in purchasing property for boat launch parking at that road end. No action taken as there is currently insufficient data available.

Fund Balance Policy

Clerk Fisher presented a Fund Balance Policy for review to address the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Statement (GASB) No. 54. The purpose of the policy is to identify the size and composition of the Township's desired fund balance for governmental funds.

Motion by Balazovic and seconded by Vance to adopt the Fund Balance Policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Radar Sign

Supervisor Ridley presented his research on flashing radar signs from three different firms. Ridley's recommendation is to purchase one permanent sign to be placed for those heading south on Straits Highway and a modular unit.

Motion by Waldron and seconded by Vance to apply to the Par Plan for a grant to purchase two units. Motion carried.

Public comment began at 7:40 p.m. Comments were heard from two citizens. Public comment ended at 7:45 p.m.

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

Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

Susan Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor