

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

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

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

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

Members Absent: None

39 citizens were in attendance.

Supervisor Ridley requested a few moments of silence to honor Eric Jacobson who passed away on Sunday, August 5, 2012.

The June 28, 2012, meeting minutes were approved as previously published.

Trustee Waldron moved and Treasurer Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Police Report: The 25th of this month the US-27 Classic Car Tour will be in Indian River from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. to allow everyone to see the vehicles. Chief Wagner was initially concerned about the new fireworks law that went into place this year but there were only six complaints this year; in previous years they would receive that many per hour. A pretrial is scheduled for the 20th of August on the Barney blight issue; a default is being filed on the Stanabeck/Marjory blight issue and the next step will be to schedule a pretrial on that case as well.

Committee reports:

Marina Park: The sprinkler system has been installed on the upper portion, the Chamber paid for replanting of grass seed after Summerfest and the State Legislature has approved the funds for the Trailhead grant. **DDA:** Fleis and Vandenbrink Engineering is waiting for final approval from the DDA on the pathway project before submitting it to MDOT. The lights are up on the bridge and look great. **Planning Commission and Beautification:** No report this month. **Parks Commission:** A porta-john has been installed at Green Docks and with more parental supervision fewer complaints have been called in. The Parks Commission has put together a couple of proposals to be discussed with Marina Park and the board later this year: trailer parking, commercial vending and retail use at DeVoe Beach. The Parks Commission would like to upgrade their tractor for one with more horse power and heavier; Onaway Community Federal Credit Union (OCFCU) would be able to finance the balance owing of \$13,300.00, after trade-in, for 2.99% interest payable over 5 years.

Trustee Waldron moved to approve the bid from Ginop Sales for a new tractor and finance the purchase with OCFCU, Clerk Sue Fisher and Treasurer Bobbi Balazovic will be the signers, for a total of \$13,300.00 after trade-in at 2.99% interest payable over 5 years. Treasurer Balazovic seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$680,084.22; the tax accounts \$32,007.97 with interest.

Correspondence: Supervisor Ridley read a letter of commendation for Officer Johnson on his response to a 911 call for a break-in at an unoccupied home. The owner stated that she was impressed on how Officer Johnson treated the unstable man with “absolute kindness and respect” and that the 911 call had a “successful ending thanks to the efficiency and kindness of Officer Johnson”.

Brian Boals, Gourdie Fraser, provided an update on the design of the sewer project. Following the procurement process required by Rural Development we will be accepting proposals September 4th for the wastewater process. About half way through design of the collection system; looking at late October to take bids for everything. Boals will be meeting with the DNR within a couple of weeks and will provide another update at the September meeting.

Supervisor Ridley will be getting with Scott Swanson regarding grant funds and low-interest loans for the sewer hookup costs available through USDA for individuals 62 and older and on a fixed income.

Jim McCready addressed the board with his findings on Constance Park and his belief of his riparian rights. He is requesting the Township to give authorization that is required by the DEQ to issue a permit to remove existing docks and piers from the Indian River.

Robin Rohn presented a request for Tuscarora Township to request the Cheboygan County Road Commission (CCRC) to improve and widen the existing ramps/boat launches into Burt Lake at Ellinger, Resort and Rotter Roads. She also requests the Township to request special use permits to construct seasonal docks for the Ellinger Road and Rotter Road road ends. She is willing to do fundraising and provide the labor to put in and take out the docks. Supervisor Ridley informed her he would speak with Mike Roper, CCRC, and to discuss at future board meetings.

Treasurer Balazovic moved to approve the Drug-Free Workplace Policy previously provided by Dan Martin, Attorney. Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes.

Clerk Fisher moved to approve the Disposal of Equipment Policy, a sample provided by the MTA. Trustee Waldron seconded and the motion carried.

Clerk Fisher moved to adopt a Resolution Declaring Intent to Reimburse itself for expenditures incurred by the Township which were or will be paid subsequent to sixty (60) days prior to today for the sewer special assessment. Trustee McGinnis seconded and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes

Trustee Waldron moved to approve the 2012 Tax Rate Request as presented. Treasurer Balazovic seconded and the motion carried with five ayes.

Trustee Waldron moved to approve Chief Wagner as the MERS Officer Delegate and Clerk Fisher as the Employee Delegate for the MERS annual meeting. Supervisor Ridley seconded the motion and it carried.

Citizen comments: Public comments began at 7:55 p.m. No comments were received.

Trustee Waldron moved to pay the bills. Treasurer Balazovic seconded and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor