

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

August 6, 2013

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

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

Members Absent: None

47 citizens were in attendance.

Minutes of the June regular meeting & July special meetings were approved as presented.

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

No public comments on agenda items.

Police Report: Summerfest is done for another year, July sweep on registered sex offenders showed that five have moved out of the area and there was a change to the fireworks law in June that allows local units of government to enact an ordinance regulating the use of fireworks.

Committee reports:

DDA: Still working on the pathway project will not be done until the middle of November. AT&T and Consumers are considering putting the poles behind the buildings at no cost to the DDA. **Parks Commission:** A split rail fence, donated to the township, has been installed at Marina Park along River Street. At Cooperation Park many of the rotted posts have been replaced. New pavilion is up at DeVoe Beach. **Beautification:** Jim Burke has been painting the sponsors names on the benches and the sign is up at Hide-a-Way Park. **Planning Commission:** An application for a special use permit for the water park was reviewed at a meeting on August 1st. The Commission made a recommendation to the CCPC that it was in keeping with our Master Plan and our future use plan; proper fencing and lighting were also recommended to the request. **West Side Road End:** The DEQ permit was mailed out the 22nd of July; public notice went out July 31st. West side owners on Ellinger Road helped the committee by clearing trees. Robin asked that the Committee members be added to the website. Grainger will be out to start the surveys for Ellinger Road and Resort Road; parking issues will be addressed once the surveys are done. **Marina Park:** A public information meeting was held on July 25th on the trailhead. Next steps on the trailhead: Marina Park needs to approve the final plan, obtain drawings from Brian Boals in conjunction with the streetscape. The plans need to be approved by the township board, the DNR and the Trustfund.

Treasurer's report: The general accounts have \$1,018,881.63; the tax accounts have \$11,187.95 with interest.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Joyce Naumann with a donation for the West Side Road End
2. CCRC letter regarding the 2015 Fiscal Year Federal Local Safety Program. Eagles Nest and Club Road do not apply; possibly the corner of Straits Highway and Prospect Street would.

Brian Burns, President and CEO of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-Op presented a natural gas franchise ordinance from Tuscarora Township. They are a not for profit organization. Clerk Fisher moved to adopt Ordinance No. 29 Presque Isle Electric & Gas Franchise, Treasurer Balazovic seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes. Fisher will check to see if the ordinance is required to be published.

Clerk Fisher moved to adopt Special Assessment Resolution No. 1 to approve Tuscarora Township obtaining estimates for the resurfacing of Eagles Nest Road. Trustee McGinnis seconded and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Waldron, yes; Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes.

Treasurer Balazovic moved to adopt Special Assessment Resolution No. 2 declaring our intention to make public improvements to South Eagles Nest Road and which the costs of the public improvements will be assessed to the following lots and parcels: All parcels with frontage on South Eagles Nest Road. Other members gaining special benefit from this improvement are residents on Phony Lane, Plymouth Beach Drive, Margaret Drive, Linda Lane, Pineway Path, Turkey Creek Trail, Horizon Trail and Sturgeon Bay Road. Trustee McGinnis seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes; Balazovic, yes; McGinnis, yes; Ridley, yes.

The board set a date of Tuesday, September 3, 2013, 6:00 p.m. for a public hearing on the Eagles Nest Special Assessment. The purpose of the hearing is to hear objections to the proposed public improvements.

Treasurer Balazovic moved to approve the Police Labor Contract as presented. Trustee McGinnis seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes; Waldron, yes; Balazovic, yes; McGinnis, yes.

Trustee Waldron moved to adopt the Defined Benefit Adoption Agreement amendment. Treasurer Balazovic seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes; Balazovic, yes; McGinnis, yes.

Trustee Waldron provided an update on the Waste Water Collection bid. Gourdie Fraser met with the low bidder to see what was driving the numbers up. The consensus appears to be that our high water table drove up the pipe foot price. Discussions are being done to see what changes can be made to bring the bid to a workable number – additional small pump stations may be needed. The treatment plant was just a little over the proposed budget; Gourdie Fraser will be working with the low bid contractor to work on those numbers. Possible options on the waste water collection are rebidding the project and/or some redesigning the system.

Supervisor/Assessor Ridley reported that there have been 172 property transfer affidavits and 83 sales over the last year. Ridley will be re-evaluating land maps and creating new charts – especially for the outlying and rural areas. The commercial properties will be updated with photographs, land and building sketches.

Citizen comments: Public comments began at 7:55 p.m. Comments were received from 17 persons. Comments ended at 8:19 p.m.

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

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor