

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

December 3, 2013

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

Members Present: McGinnis, Ridley, Fisher, Waldron

Members Absent: Balazovic

The November 5, 2013, and the November 20, 2013, meeting minutes were approved as presented.

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

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

Committee reports:

Parks Commission: All the leaves are cleaned up and we will be starting on the skating rink now that the cold weather is here.

Planning Commission: Nothing to report; next meeting will be December 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. **Beautification:** Barb MacLaren has resigned from the committee; anyone interested in joining the committee is asked to turn in their names to Bobbi Balazovic. The next meeting is March 10, 2014, 6:30 p.m. at the township hall. **West Side Road End:** Robin Rohn updated the township board on the negotiations between the CCRC and Bob Foster on the E/W Resort Road end. She provided copies of her letters to the Road Commission. **Marina Park:** The boat launch is officially closed for the winter; had another successful season. The December 19th meeting will be to review the preliminary plans on the Trailhead prior to submitting them to the DNR. Members from Marina Park will be meeting with the DDA as the timing of the Trailhead is dependent on the streetscape project. Final approval will be required from the township board.

Police Report: A \$3,000 snowmobile grant has been awarded from the DNR; if we have a real winter those funds will not last long. Chief Wagner warned about fraudulent phone calls being received in the area regarding paying for a Consumers bills with a Green Dot debit card.

Treasurer's report: Winter tax bills have been mailed. The general accounts have \$820,564.31 without interest; the tax accounts have \$14,338.69 without interest.

Correspondence: Letter received from Stephen Hatt regarding the Griswold Mountain racetrack and an email received from David Lurie on re-zoning for motor sports park.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Clerk Fisher to adopt the Rules of Decorum for Citizen Participation with the correction in the fourth paragraph from Council to Township. Supervisor Ridley read the rules and Clerk Fisher will begin printing them on the back of the agendas. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, absent; Ridley, yes; Fishery, yes; Waldron, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Clerk Fisher to adopt the Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test Resolution for the 2014 assessment year and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, absent, Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to set Saturday, July 5, 2014, as the date for the 2014 firework display with Sunday, July 6th as the rain date. Further discussion is needed on the cost and fundraising. Motion carried with five ayes.

Trustee Waldron reviewed an analysis of O & M Rates, Revenues and Costs, a resolution establishing sewer rates, fees and charges and a WW System Budget. A paragraph will need to be added to the Rate Resolution for metering. Proposing a flat rate for the first two years of \$27.00/ REU for O & M and then review flows and set rates for those with meters. Proposed range includes a ready to serve charge at \$15-\$20 per month per REU plus \$2-\$3 per 1,000 gallons. Gourdie Fraser has said that they are proposing a three year contract at a \$50.00 hourly rate for labor and administration; that contract has not yet been submitted for review.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to adopt the Resolution Establishing Sewer Rates, Fees and Charges in concept, and include as supporting documents the analysis of O & M Rates and the budget, acknowledging that changes may need to be made per legal review and wording added to the Rate Resolution for metering. We have some time as system hook ups would not happen until 2015. Clerk Fisher will provide copies to the State Park, Rural Development, Bond Council and Financial Advisors. A roll call vote was taken: Fisher, yes; Balazovic, absent; Waldron, yes; McGinnis, yes; Ridley, yes.

Public comments: Public comments began at 7:47 p.m. Comments were received from sixteen persons. Comments ended at 8:20 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Waldron to pay the bills was seconded by Trustee McGinnis and it carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Waldron to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor