

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

December 2, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Ridley.
Members Present: McGinnis, Balazovic, Ridley, Waldron
Members Absent: Fisher

Supervisor Ridley asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the November 11, 2014 or the minutes of the special of November 19, 2014, meeting as presented. No changes were requested. Supervisor Ridley so moved both minutes were approved as presented and the motion carried.

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

Public comments on agenda items: No public comments received.

Committee Reports

DDA – Committee members have been surveying the businesses on the proposed Streetscape angle parking. **Planning Commission** – Nothing to report this month. **West Side Road End** – The group has a new Chairperson, Charlie Miller, and a meeting will be scheduled for a later date. **Parks Commission** – Working on equipment now so that it will be ready for the spring. **Veterans Pier** – Paver bricks for engraving will be available for order. There will be (2) sizes available both allowing for 15 characters per line. 4"x 8" with 3 lines available and 8" x 8" with 6 lines available. Cost is \$50.00 for the 4"x 8" and \$100.00 for 8" x 8". **Marina Park** – The opening of the bid package for the Trailhead will be December 11, 2014 and bid packages for the Marina Park pavilion will be advertised. Targeted completion for both projects is June 30, 2015.

Police Report: The department received a grant through Enbridge to purchase a new 800 MHz radio. Grant money will be available next year and the department will apply then to purchase another radio. Brandon Blumke was promoted to Sergeant and will start in that position December 8, 2014.

Airport Manager's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: The general accounts have \$592,487.79 without interest and the tax accounts have \$14,395.06 without interest. Treasurer Balazovic stated that tax bills are higher this year for two reasons: the Cheboygan County Road Commission milage, and last year everyone saw a reduction in the school operating costs due to a refund to cover the tax error made in 2012.

FOIA report: Trustee Waldron stated that the Township has received a larger than normal amount of requests for documents through the FOIA process. He added that this can be costly to process from a time and material cost perspective and that it might be worthwhile for the Township to review the policy during the winter and modify it if necessary. He suggested that the use of email and the Township website might be good alternatives for distribution of information.

Parks Commission vacancy / discussion: Supervisor Ridley announced that Tom Snyder has agreed to fill the vacancy created with Robin Feagan leaving. This appointment will have to be approved by the Parks Commission. Trustee Waldron made a motion to approve contingent upon the Parks Commission approval and Trustee McGinnis seconded. Motion carried. Supervisor Ridley suggested that during the winter, the Township review with the Parks Commission to determine what they envision their role to be, clarify expectations, and look at how to support their endeavors.

Public comments: Public comment began at 7:22 p.m. Comments were received from two persons. Public comments ended at 7:28 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Waldron to pay the bills was seconded by Treasurer Balazovic and it carried with four ayes.

Motion by Trustee Waldron to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Burke, Assistant Deputy Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor