

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

**March 3, 2020 – Approved April 7, 2020**

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

Roll call by Clerk Sue Fisher. Board members present were Mike Ridley Supervisor; Sue Fisher, Clerk, Bobbi Balazovic, Treasurer and Janet Vance. Absent Craig Waldron, Trustee. A quorum of the board was present

Minutes of the February 4 regular meeting were approved as previously published.

Fisher moved and Vance supported to adopt the agenda with the addition of Cheboygan County Road Commission. Motion carried.

Citizen Comment on agenda items began at 7:05 p.m.: Comments were heard from one citizen. Public comment ended at 7:06 p.m.

Police Report

The construction is complete ahead of schedule and on budget.

DDA

Going out for bids on the Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project March 27<sup>th</sup> and letting will be on May 1<sup>st</sup>. If the bids come in over 10% of the estimate of the overall projected cost the DDA will need to adjust the project or extend the timeline. The bid has a “no construction” clause for the summer holiday weekends and a completion date by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$2,256,328.67 and the tax accounts \$69,341.60 to date, with interest. DDA and Library funds will no longer be reported with the general accounts.

DDA Public Hearing

Supervisor Ridley opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. This hearing is a statutory requirement for amending the DDA. This amendment is to bring the Marina Park property into the DDA district.

Frank Jakubus – What millages does the DDA capture funds from? The DDA captures from Cheboygan County Road Commission, CCE and the senior millage.

With no further comments, Supervisor Ridley closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Chippewa Beach/Prospect St. Public Hearing

Supervisor Ridley opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. This hearing is for the Chippewa Beach/Prospect St. petition for a road special assessment. We are in receipt of petitions of 50.6% of the road frontage. There are 442 parcels in the district with 343 back lots.

Jess Miller: What is the process? Where are we at? What is up for discussion? What is the timeline?  
Susan Whitener: What are the figures? What will we be paying?  
Tina Sorenson: How many miles are being paved? Have we looked at chip and seal?  
Dennis Ramont: Is the township looking at doing the other roads? What happens if there is an overage?  
Frank Jakubus: Is there a warranty or guarantee on the work?  
Dawn Webb: State and federal specifications must be met. This will meet the 25-year life expectancy.  
Terry Powers: Why weren't others given an opportunity to vote? Why just those with frontage?  
Tina Sorenson: Why aren't tax dollars being used to do the road.  
Dennis Ramont: How do we get this to be a primary road?  
Susan Whitener: Who is going out for the contractor selection? Will chip and seal even be considered?  
Mark Fielder: Stated his concern about the deterioration of road from the golf course sprinklers.  
Tom Stephens: Questioned what happens if the bids come in over 10% of the estimate.  
Matt Whitener: What is the process after we receive the bids.  
Jess Miller: Huge number of ice fishermen, shouldn't the township be contributing more?  
Loren Wilcox: What is the estimated rate for those without frontage?  
Sallie Snyder: Will they repair Hemlock if it is used as a detour?  
Terry Powers: Questioned back lot rates for this special assessment versus others. Terry read her letter submitted to the board.

There being no further questions Supervisor Ridley closed the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

#### Chippewa Beach/Prospect Street SAD Resolution #2

Supervisor Ridley read Resolution #2 that resolves that the board determines that the petitions filed with the township constitutes more than 50% of the total frontage, that the Township Board approves the plans and estimate of cost for the improvement of \$1,145,600 and of that \$1,030,538 will be spread against the assessment district and that the district shall consist of all of the lots and parcels of land in Exhibit B.

Motion by Fisher and supported by Balazovic to adopt Resolution #2 for the Chippewa Beach/Prospect Street Special Assessment District. A roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Vance, yes; Ridley, yes; Waldron, absent. Motion carried.

#### Northland Brewing On-Premises Tasting Room Permit Application

Motion by Ridley and supported by Balazovic to approve the application from Northland Brewing Company for a new on-premises tasting room permit for 3798 S Straits Hwy., Indian River, MI and a roll call vote was taken: Vance, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, absent. Motion carried.

#### Marina REU Assignment

Reviewed the recommended REU assignments for marinas. Tabled until April with the question as to whether Dan Potter took pump outs under consideration with his recommended assignments.

#### Energy Lighting Project Proposals

Motion by Balazovic and supported by Fisher to approve White Pines Electric's bid for \$29,985 with a rebate of \$4348.00 if the library can participate. That rebate amount is good through March 2020. Motion carried.

Sewer O & M Rate Review

Balazovic reviewed her O & M rate study and recommended a 6% increase for 2020. This would be a 3.42% increase over the automatic rate of inflation built into the rate resolution. Fisher recommends asking Burt Lake State Park to

Motion by Fisher and supported by Ridley to approve the recommended 6% increase for 2020. A roll call vote was taken: Vance, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, absent. Motion carried.

Top O Michigan Ordinance Waiver Request

The Outboard Racing Club is requesting a waiver of the “no wake” ordinance for August 8<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Motion by Fisher and supported by Balazovic to approve a waiver of the “no wake” ordinance as requested. Motion carried.

Set dates for Budget Workshop and Annual Meeting

Motion by Balazovic and supported by Vance to set June 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 for the workshop and June 25<sup>th</sup> for the annual meeting. Motion carried.

Cheboygan County Road Commission

Supervisor Ridley requested approval for the township to borrow money from Cheboygan County should the DDA run short during the construction of the Pedestrian Safety Improvement project for the repaving of Straits Highway. The Road Commission has stated they would reimburse the township in their next fiscal year. No action taken.

Public comment began at 8:3 p.m. Comments were heard from six citizens. Public comment ended at 8:50 p.m.

Fisher moved and Vance supported to pay the bills and approve the general ledger transactions as presented. Motion carried.

Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael E. Ridley, Supervisor