

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

February 5, 2013

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

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

Members Absent: None

31 citizens were in attendance.

Treasurer Balazovic moved and Trustee Waldron seconded to approve the January 8th, regular meeting minutes as presented and the January 18th special meeting with the following correction: "Members Present: McGinnis, Balazovic, Fisher, Waldron. Members Absent: None". Motion carried.

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

Police Report: Chief Wagner recommends looking at an ordinance that prohibits snowmobile use on sidewalks for next winter. He has had quite a few problems this year with keeping snowmobilers off the sidewalk.

Committee reports:

Marina Park: Marina Park approved a contract with a Landscape Architect for the Trailhead project. **DDA:** We received a \$299,500 grant for the streetscape project through the CCRC. **Parks Commission:** Been busy with the ice rink and plowing snow. The ice rink and the sledding hill are being well used. **Beautification:** No report. **Planning Commission:** On January 24th a public hearing was held to receive public comment on the 2012 Master Plan Update. The Planning Commission has been asked to sponsor a public hearing on February 28th to receive public comment for the proposed motocross race track. **West Side Road End:** The first meeting of the new committee will be within the next couple of weeks. The dock permit has been received for Ellinger Road.

Airport Manager's report: Other than plowing snow, nothing new to report. Only had to shut the runway down one time and that was due to mechanical problems, not snow.

Treasurer's report: The general accounts have \$895,336.88; the tax accounts have \$460,772.54 and this is with interest.

Correspondence:

1. We are in receipt of a Stipulated Order of Dismissal on the civil case against Tuscarora Township, the DDA, and the Committee to bring Wastewater Treatment, Mike Ridley, Craig Waldron and Susan Fisher.
2. An email from Kathy Swanson inquiring as to what legal steps have been taken, or do you anticipate taking to use township owned lands in the development of the proposed sewer district. In 1994 the Industrial Park was reconfigured; at that time 15 acres was set aside to possibly be used for a wastewater treatment facility.

Dennis Burwell provided an update on the fundraising efforts for Veterans Pier. The projected cost of the Pier is \$549,900 of which we have received a 70% MDNR Trust Fund Grant - \$384,930. The Committee has raised \$100,085, with \$51,000 coming from Burt Lake Preservation, 39% is still needed. The goal is to raise the balance by this summer and begin the project fall, 2013.

Clerk Fisher moved to approve the Sewer Grant of Easement for parcel 162-030-300-001-21 in the industrial park. Trustee McGinnis seconded and the motion carried.

A motion by Trustee Waldron to grant the Top O Michigan Outboard Racing Club's request for a waiver of the no wake ordinance on August 17th and August 18th, 2013 for the power boat races was seconded by Trustee McGinnis and the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Balazovic moved to approve the cemetery rates for 2013. Opening and closing rates remained the same except for winter cremains and to add a \$40 fee for Bruce to mark where foundations are to be placed if they do not want to purchase one from him. Trustee McGinnis seconded and the motion carried with five ayes.

A resolution was read by Supervisor Ridley to approve the 2012 Master Plan Update including all associated charts and maps. A motion was made by Trustee Waldron to adopt the resolution, Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Trustee McGinnis and Treasurer Balazovic reviewed the sessions they attended at the 2013 MTA Conference. One of the items McGinnis brought back was information on healthcare and the changes that will be taking place. Balazovic received information that will benefit the Parks Commission on setting user rates.

Citizen comments: Public comments began at 7:28 p.m. Comments were received from seven persons. Comments ended at 7:49 p.m.

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

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor