

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
Tuesday January 3, 2012**

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

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

Members Absent: None

17 citizens were in attendance.

Trustee Waldron moved to approve the December 6, 2011 minutes adding that there are five employees that would be affected by Senate Bill 7 Health Insurance Contribution Act not four as was previously reported. Treasurer Balazovic seconded the motion and it carried.

Trustee Waldron moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of #13 Communications from Burnham and Flowers. Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes.

Police Report: Chief reported that the holidays were quiet across the township and that the Charger has been sitting in the garage for a month waiting for headlights that are back ordered across the country. Snowmobile patrol has begun with the snow that has finally arrived.

Committee reports:

DDA: The DDA held a work session on January 2nd on the streetscape plan. They are looking at receiving finalized plans by the end of January from Gourdie Fraser. **Beautification Committee:** Member Brandon Beltz is working on a \$6,000 community improvement grant application that would allow the shop class to build a boardwalk at Hideaway Park.

Planning Commission: Nothing to report; no meeting was held in December. **Parks Commission:** After the revised five year plan has been adopted the Parks Commission will begin meeting quarterly. **Marina Park:** Nothing to report, no meeting was held in December.

Airport Manager Report – No report, December was a quiet month.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$466,189.03; the tax accounts \$949,867.62 without interest.

Clerk Fisher moved and Treasurer Balazovic supported a motion to approve the 2012 Fire Protection Contract for \$134,805.00. This is the third year in a row that the contract has been reduced. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, abstain.

Trustee Waldron moved to adopt the federal poverty guidelines for the 2012 assessment year. Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes. Discussion on adopting an asset test for 2012 was tabled until February.

Clerk Fisher presented a letter received from Burnham & Flower regarding Senate Bill 348, the Health Insurance Claims Assessment Act. The bill assesses a 1% tax to certain Michigan health insurance claims and replaces the 6% use tax that is currently applied to Medicaid services. The insurance companies will be collecting the tax.

Citizen comments: Supervisor Ridley that the public hearing scheduled for January 16th on the proposed sewer district has been cancelled. Ridley is calling a special meeting on January 16, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is a work session for the proposed sewer district with our financial and legal advisers, the township board, the engineers and the sewer committee.

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

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor