

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

**Wednesday, June 26, 2013**

Meeting called to order at 7:50 pm by Supervisor Ridley.

Members Present: McGinnis, Balazovic, Ridley, Waldron, Fisher  
Members Absent: None

31 citizens were in attendance.

**Budget Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2013-2014:**

Supervisor Ridley opened the Budget Public Hearing.

Cindy Poquette reviewed the Library Budget. Because penal fines have once again been reduced the office hours have been cut by nine hours and we no longer have contracts with the other are Townships, non-residents will now be charged \$20 for each card issued. Wireless will be coming soon.

Chief Wagner reviewed the Police Department budget. Clerk Fisher used the incorrect figures at the Workshop on Monday. The revenue should have been \$798,840.00. Supervisor Ridley reviewed the 2013-2014 Township Budgets and DDA Budget.

Public Comments: What does the contingency line item cover? Will it cover the roof repair? The admin position should not be held by one of the elected officials. What is covered under Assessor Professional? Is that tax tribunal for the sewer district?

Supervisor Ridley closed the Budget Public Hearing at 8:10 p.m.

Trustee Waldron moved and Treasurer Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of Citizen Comment on Agenda Items added and the removal of Agenda Item #9. Motion carried.

Citizen comments agenda items: No comments.

The minutes of the June 11 Regular Meeting and the June 17 Special Meeting were approved as presented.

**Correspondence:**

A thank you note was received from Darryl Pfister to the Maintenance Supervisor and crew for their hard work in maintaining the township properties. An email from Kathy Swanson requesting that the Township Board obey the law and set a time and place for the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Electors. An email from Bill Kerr informing the board of their can drive to help fund their computer for VITA. The can drive will run through October, 2013.

**Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the tax bills will be in the mail on Friday. Trustee Waldron moved to approve Balazovic's request to close the Road Rehab bank account. as the bond has been paid in full. Trustee McGinnis seconded and the motion carried with five ayes.

**Tom Hart** questioned our meeting procedures with regards to citizen comment and answering questions at our meetings. He would like to see a change made to how our meetings are handled and how the minutes are recorded.

Trustee Waldron moved to approve Clerk Fisher's budget adjustments: \$3,000 from 101-276-801-00 Cemetery Contracted Services to \$3,000 101-209-801-00 Assessor Professional; \$1,000 from 101-171-960-00 Supervisor Education/Training to 101-209-801-00 Assessor Professional; \$8,000 from 101-000-382-00 Parks Fund Balance to \$2,000 101-691-740-01 Coop Park Maint. & Supplies, \$4,200 to 101-691-860-00 101-691-860-00 Parks Transportation and \$1,800 to 101-691-740-00 General Parks and Recreation Maintenance; \$15,354 from 374-000-390-00 Fund Balance 2011 Road Rehab to 374-906-905-00 Principal Payment 2011 Road Rehab; and \$30,000 from 375-000-390-00 Fund Balance 2012 Road Rehab to 375-906-905-00 Principal Payment 2012 Road Rehab. Treasurer Balazovic seconded and the motion carried.

**General Fund Budget:** Motion by Trustee Waldron to adopt the budget as presented. The street lighting millage will be .1457 and the Fire protection millage will be .645. Treasurer Balazovic seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes. **Police Department Budget:** Trustee Waldron moved to adopt the budget as presented. Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes. After further review that the presented budget would result in a .026 increase in the Police Millage, Waldron moved to rescind his previous motion to adopt as presented, McGinnis seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes; McGinnis, yes. Waldron then moved to approve the Police Budget with a change to change the property taxes to \$796, 940 and contingencies to \$4100. The millage rate will be 3.854. Trustee McGinnis seconded and a roll call

vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, no; Fisher, no; Waldron, yes. Motion carried. **Road Rehab Budget:** Clerk Fisher moved to adopt the budget as presented. Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. **Parks & Recreation Millage Budget:** Clerk Fisher moved to adopt the budget as presented. Trustee Waldron seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes; Balazovic, yes; McGinnis, yes. **2011 and 2011 Road Bond Budgets:** Trustee Waldron moved to adopt the budgets as presented, Fisher seconded and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes. **Sewer Bond Budget:** Trustee Waldron moved and Trustee McGinnis seconded to adopt the budget as presented and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes. **DDA Budget:** Motion by Trustee Waldron to adopt the budget as presented. Trustee McGinnis seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Ridley, yes; Balazovic, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes; McGinnis, yes.

Clerk Fisher moved to keep the monthly meetings the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Treasurer Balazovic seconded and the motion carried.

Trustee Waldron moved to set June 30, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. as the date for the Annual Meeting. Treasurer Balazovic seconded and the motion carried.

Trustee Waldron moved to approve the 25 year DNR Lease Agreement for the Trailhead. The lease allows the township to use DNR property for the Gateway Feature, to install conduit under the trail, to place part of the parking lot on the property, to place a universally accessible access to the restrooms and parking lot and to maintain the grounds from River Street to Martha Street. Trustee McGinnis seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; McGinnis, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Trustee Waldron moved to adopt the Principles of Governance as presented from the Michigan Township Association to all association members. Clerk Fisher seconded and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Clerk Fisher moved to approve the AT&T Metro Act Extension to December 31, 2018. Trustee Waldron seconded and the motion carried.

Citizen comments: Public comments began at 8:50 p.m. Comments were received from three persons. Comments ended at 8:53 p.m.

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

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor