

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

Tuesday, June 5, 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

51 citizens were in attendance.

Minutes of the May regular meeting were approved as previously published. The minutes of the special meeting from May 17, 2012, were approved as presented.

Trustee Waldron moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of #14, update from Darryl Vizina, Cheboygan County Prosecutor. Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes.

Police Report: Made it through Memorial Day weekend with no major problems. Still waiting to hear from AAA on the grant for the radar trailer and the three laptops that we are purchasing from the Homeland Security grant are on order.

Committee reports:

Marina Park: Marina Park is still progressing, the upper level has been graded and seed planted. The seeding was done by Davis Construction as part of their in-kind payment for staging of their equipment during bridge construction. **DDA:** M-DOT is requiring pilings on the pedestrian bridge over the Sturgeon that will cost an additional \$50,000, this is still being negotiated. Kelly Ashford is resigning from the DDA so we are looking for a volunteer to fill her seat. **Parks Commission:** Nothing new to report. **Planning Commission:** There was no meeting held last month. **Beautification:** A 100' board walk was installed by the students of Inland Lake Schools at Hide-A-Way Park; benches are out and working with the students to get some of the benches repainted or repaired.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$876,379.04; the tax accounts \$8,611.29 without interest.

Treasurer Balazovic moved to approve the line adjustment requested by Dave Carpenter for a piece of property on Wahbee Avenue, Parcel #161-C09-000-022-00. Trustee McGinnis seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. James McCready presented his findings on the history of the Constance Park Plat. Mr. McCready contends that the section of property on the canal north of Arthur Street is a deeded park dedicated to the public and is not for mooring of boats or parking of vehicles. He would like to mediate with the board regarding the boats in the canal and parking; however, he is prepared to file a quit claim deed for that piece of property claiming ownership and granting Debbie Beebe an easement to her boat house if a mediation cannot be worked out.

Supervisor Ridley informed Mr. McCready that the township retained the services of Brian Fullford as to the status of the land in question. It is Mr. Fullford's opinion that the section of land north of Arthur St. is a platted road, not certified, but platted. It is also Fullford's opinion that Lot 6, Block 1 would have riparian rights to the canal. Ridley stated that unless the Road Commission vacates or abandons the road it is still a platted road and the Township has no interest in that property.

Trustee McGinnis presented a graph explaining how the tax dollars collected by the township are disbursed and what services the township provides with the tax dollars it receives. McGinnis is happy to email her presentation upon request.

Clerk Fisher requested a \$6,500 budget adjustment from 101-210-801-00 Attorney, General Board to 101-209-801-00 Assessor Contracted Services. Trustee Waldron made a motion to approve the request, Treasurer Balazovic seconded and it passed with five ayes.

Darryl Vizina, provided an update on the statistics for his office for 2011. Vizina gave recognition to Dale Williams for spearheading the case against three individuals for a B&E in our Township as well as other B&E's in the City of Cheboygan and several other locations across the state. Questions asked: What is the status of synthetic marijuana in our county? Why does the southern part of the county have more methamphetamine problems than the northern part? There is currently no synthetic marijuana being sold in Tuscarora Township. What is the age range for methamphetamine? Vizina pointed out how important our local police department is now that the State Police have closed their Cheboygan Post. A local police department provides services that we would not receive from a larger agency: Coverage of the boat races, school liaison officer, community safety program, hunter safety classes, chamber events, child safety seats.

Citizen Comments: Pat McGinnis announced that Sunrise Cable presented a program to the Cheboygan EDC that would allow the broadcast of events from the high school and could also allow broadcast of other community events. He requests the township board

support this project if it comes before the board. Ms. Hergt asked if there would be additional meetings with regard to the motocross track at Griswold Mountain. Supervisor Ridley informed her that if Mark Hall decides to go forward with his plans there will be public hearings on the issue. Trustee Waldron explained Hall's proposal for a motocross track on the old Griswold Mountain property and his desire to bring in several national events annually to the property.

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

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor