

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

**March 5, 2013**

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

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

Members Absent: None

44 citizens were in attendance.

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

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

Police Report: Through the combined efforts of the Tuscarora Twp. Police Dept., the Cheboygan Cty. Police Dept. and the MDNR an abandoned snowmobile was removed from the mouth of the Sturgeon River at Burt Lake. The registration was so old the owner was unable to be identified. A table top exercise was held at the school for crisis management. Snowmobile patrol is over for the winter. There have been more arrests for driving under the influence of drugs in 2013 than for under the influence of alcohol.

Committee reports:

**Planning Commission:** A public meeting was held on February 28<sup>th</sup> on the proposed motocross track; the next step is for Mark to apply for a special use permit and rezoning of the property. **West Side Road End:** The first meeting will be Wednesday, March 6, 9:00 a.m. at the Resort Road Burt Lake road end.

Treasurer's report: The general accounts have \$1,109,125.51; the tax accounts have \$646,256.29 and this is with interest. The 2012 tax roll has been turned over to the Cheboygan County Treasurer's office.

The following correspondence was reviewed and presented:

Letter from Ms. McGinn to Supervisor Ridley; Emmet County Planning & Zoning Recreation Plan; MSU Extension notice and a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln.

Ralph Pruder read his letter to the township requesting more information on the 1% interest charged over the rate of interest borne by the bonds issued for the sewer special assessment. Trustee Waldron explained that it was not an administration fee it is a part of the financing package. It may only be used to pay for the improvement for which the special assessment is assessed; to pay the principal and interest of bonds issued for the improvement; and to pay the principal and interest of an advance from the township that is used for the improvement.

Paula Paolino requested her special assessment for the sewers be reduced. She was informed that the special assessment roll has been confirmed and could only be changed by the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Supervisor Ridley read the Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies with the Michigan Department of Transportation. Clerk Fisher moved to adopt the resolution, Trustee Waldron seconded and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Waldron moved to approve Supervisor Ridley's nomination of Richard Andrew as an alternate to the Board of Review. Treasurer Balazovic seconded and the motion carried.

Trustee Waldron requested a date be set for a board workshop to review the draft of the Sewer Ordinance. A date of March 7, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. was set and a copy of the sewer ordinance draft will be placed on the website.

Trustee McGinnis attended the Cheboygan County Road Commission public hearing on the abandonment request of Lake Blvd., Oakley Avenue, Pine Street and the Mack Avenue road end. The proposed settlement will turn the Mack Avenue road end into a private beach for a part of the McHenry's plat. The Commissioner's tabled their decision until their March 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting.

Treasurer Balazovic met with Mike Roper and Greg Bunker for an update on the conditions of the roads in Tuscarora Twp. Eagles Nest is scheduled to go back to gravel this year; and two other roads that are a concern to the CCRC are McMichael Road and Club Road from Martha Street to M-68. Greg will need to use some of our gravel on S. Resort Road and Miller Road. Mr. Wallace stated that MDOT will begin the repaving of M-68 from Straits Hwy. to King Road on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Scott McNeil requested the board's review and to offer comment on a change to the zoning ordinance in the Village Center District and the Overlay District for Farm Product Stands and Farm Markets. The change adds a definition for those uses and it changes it to

an administrative approval process rather than a site plan review or the requirement of a special use permit. Trustee Waldron moved to support the amendment. Trustee McGinnis seconded and the motion carried with five ayes.

Supervisor Ridley moved to appoint Clerk Fisher and Treasurer Balazovic to negotiate the police contract. Trustee Waldron seconded and the motion carried with five ayes.

Citizen comments: Public comments began at 8:00 p.m. Comments were received from seven persons. Comments ended at 8:15 p.m.

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

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor