

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

March 4, 2014

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

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

Members Absent: None

The February 4, 2014, and the February 27, 2014, meeting minutes were approved as presented.

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

Public comments on agenda items: no public comments were received.

Committee reports:

DDA: The March 17, 2014, meeting will be rescheduled. **Parks Commission:** No report – just waiting for spring. **Planning Commission:** No report. **Beautification:** No report. **West Side Road End:** No report. **Marina Park:** New annual passes have been ordered; passes will be the cost the same amount as last year. After meeting with the DDA, Marina Park has decided not to wait for the streetscape project to begin; the trailhead start date is anticipated to be fall of 2014. A concept drawing for Jake's Place, a proposed playground that is being donated to Marina Park, was reviewed at the February meeting. **Veterans Pier Committee:** Various permitting agencies have approved our request to repair and replace the boardwalk on the Indian River and to increase the platform to 600 square feet. Additional design cost to incorporate these changes is \$12,800. Next meeting is Tuesday March 11, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

Police Report: Snowmobile patrol is over for this season as we have used up the entire grant dollars awarded; however, the sleds are still available for emergencies. While on snowmobile patrol two stolen sleds were uncovered. the Police Department is sponsoring a Tri-Rivers Little League team.

Airport Report: Nothing to report - waiting for spring.

Treasurer's report: The general accounts have \$1,512,841.85 without interest and the tax accounts have \$237,418.13 without interest.

Correspondence: Nothing to report.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee Waldron to approve the following terms for Planning Commission members: Mike Vizina, Mike Cherveney and Dan Nivelte terms expire July 2016, John Schams term expires July 2015 and Kelly Ashford and Francine Thuston terms expire July, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to grant the Top O Michigan Outboard Racing Club's request for a waiver of the no wake ordinance on August 16th and August 17th, 2014, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for the power boat races. Motion carried with five ayes.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to approve a \$7,696.00 contract with Great Lakes Fireworks LLC for the 2015 firework display. The display date is July 5, 2014, with a July 6, 2014, rain date; there is no rate increase this year. Motion carried with five ayes.

Supervisor Ridley reviewed a report on a committee being formed to evaluate the roads in Tuscarora Township through the CCRC PASER system. The committee will consist of Jane McGinnis, Mike Ridley, Burt Tomczak, Kathy Bunker and Carl Pollard.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to adopt the March 4, 2014 Resolution Establishing Sewer Rates, Fees and Charges that includes the future Flow Metering/Commodity Charge System provisions and the Benefit User Chart. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee Balazovic to approve the Water and Waste System Grant Agreement with USDA Rural Utilities Service for an estimated cost of \$5,892,000.00 with a maximum \$2,660,750.00 loan and a maximum grant of \$3,231,500.00 or 54.84% of project. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, Yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Clerk Fisher to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance and Sale of 2014 Special Assessment Sewer Bonds at a maximum rate of 3.75% which equals one percent above the rate of interest borne by the bonds and a maximum loan of \$2,411,000.00. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve the Loan Resolution authorizing Tuscarora Township to incur indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving, and/or extending its wastewater collection and treatment system between Tuscarora Township and the USDA pursuant to the provisions of Special Assessment P.A. 188 of P.A. of 1954. A roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; Fisher, yes; McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve Clerk Fisher and Treasurer Balazovic to negotiate a permanent easement with William Bartlett for approximately 1.6 acres of railroad property that will be utilized in a wastewater collection system. A roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; McGinnis, yes; Waldron, yes; Fisher, yes.

Public comments: Public comments began at 7:28 p.m. Comments were received from six persons. Comments ended at 7:37 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Waldron to pay the bills was seconded by Treasurer Balazovic and it carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Waldron to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor