

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

**Tuesday, May 1, 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

35 citizens were in attendance.

Minutes of the April regular meeting were approved with the addition of the Beautification report "Focusing on a boardwalk at Hide-A-Way Park, the high school students will provide all the labor. Benches are going in for repair and/or repainting". The minutes of the special meeting from April 11, 2012, were approved as presented.

Clerk Fisher moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of #21, Press Release. Treasurer Balazovic seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes.

Police Report: Two of the three involved in the break-in at the VFW pled guilty and are going to prison. As a result of a writing contest for students at Inland Lakes initiated by the Kiwanis Club DARE received a \$500.00 donation; the subject of the paper was the student's favorite charity.

Committee reports:

**Marina Park:** The boat launch is officially open and annual passes are available at the township. Rental of Marina Park for Summerfest has been resolved. A motion was approved at the April meeting to not allow seasonal rentals by commercial establishments in Marina Park or the boat launch this year. Work continues on finishing the boat launch overflow parking lot in Lower Marina Park and the upper level will soon be seeded. **DDA:** The pathway project will hopefully begin by fall. The DDA invested \$90,000 on enhancements and lighting on the new bridge and they are still working on a financial package for the streetscapes. **Parks Commission:** Still cleaning up the parks, getting the picnic tables and benches out and working with Davis Construction on getting Club Road cleaned up and closed to traffic. **Planning Commission:** There was no meeting held last month. **Beautification:** The school will start working on the benches and the Parks Commission approved the funding for the material needed for the board walk at Hide-A-Way Park.

Airport Manager Report – Nothing new this month.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$975,475.41; the tax accounts \$3,866.82 without interest.

Correspondence: Rob Huth, from Kirk, Huth, Lange & Badalamenti, sent a proposal to serve as our General Counsel at the hourly rate of \$100 per hour and propose an annual retainer of \$1,000 per year. Mr. Huth owns a home in Tuscarora Township and has extensive municipality experience.

Discussion on the survey requested from the Cheboygan County Road Commission on a county wide millage. Trustee Waldron suggests that if we support anything that it would be a township by township millage. Clerk Fisher will complete the survey based on the discussion: No to a county wide millage.

Clerk Fisher requested a \$3,700 budget adjustment from 101-000-389-00 Boat Launch Reserve to: \$2,000 101-751-740-00 Boat Launch Operating Supplies, \$500 Bt. Launch Contracted Services, \$700 101-751-920-00 Boat Launch Utilities and \$500 101-751-930-00 Boat Launch maintenance and repairs. These adjustments are based on a previously approved budget set by the Marina Park Commission. Treasurer Balazovic moved to approve the request, Trustee Waldron seconded and it carried.

FEMA has developed new flood plain maps for Cheboygan County for flood insurance and flood plain management; based on these maps, mortgage companies may start requiring a homeowner to purchase flood insurance beginning in August. In order for our residents to be able to purchase flood insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program, Tuscarora Township must adopt a new ordinance and resolutions of intent for participating in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Trustee Waldron moved to adopt Ordinance No. 27 addressing flood plain management provisions of the state construction code. Trustee McGinnis seconded and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Treasurer Balazovic moved to approve the Resolution of Intent for Participating in the National Flood Insurance Program. Trustee Waldron seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes; Balazovic, yes; McGinnis, yes; Waldron, yes.

Clerk Fisher moved to approve the Joint Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement to manage flood plain development with Cheboygan County for the National Flood Insurance Program. Trustee Waldron seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes; Balazovic, yes; McGinnis, yes.

Trustee Waldron moved to approve the liquor license application for Black Brown Trout. Treasurer Balazovic seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes.

Trustee Waldron moved to adopt the salary resolution for the elected officials; Trustee McGinnis seconded and the motion carried.

After discussion the Mr. Lincoln's request to use DeVoe Beach this summer to rent paddle boards Trustee Waldron moved to table until the Parks Commission has made a decision, and, if necessary call a special meeting. Treasurer Balazovic seconded and it carried.

The residents on River Street east of S. Straits Highway obtained a bid from the CCRC for paving their street. This would be tied in with the bridge work and therefore insufficient time for a special assessment. Clerk Fisher moved to approve a contribution of \$1800 towards the project providing the balance of \$7,302 is received by Friday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Treasurer Balazovic seconded and it carried with five ayes.

There is a need to re-hold the second required, public hearing for the Ellinger and Apple Blossom Road special assessment; the newspaper failed to print the required second notice in their March 22<sup>nd</sup> edition as contracted. Bond Council stated that they will not be able to sell the bonds without the noticed being published. Trustee Waldron moved to adopt Resolution #4 for Ellinger Road and Apple Blossom Road and set the date for the public hearing for Monday May 21, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. Treasurer Balazovic seconded and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Trustee Waldron voiced that he would like to put together a press release addressing the special assessment and revenue bond process and the general liability of the township on the bonds. Waldron and Ridley will work on the release and the board will hold a special meeting to review and approve the notice.

Public comment: What is going on at the corner of Club and Onaway road? Should the township send a letter to Dr. Benesheck on the new flood plain maps?

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

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor