

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING
TO REVIEW THE DDA STREETScape PLANS THE PROJECT FUNDING
May 7, 2013**

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

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

Members Absent: None

43 citizens were in attendance.

Supervisor Ridley reviewed the DDA streetscape plans and funding. The DDA has received a thirty to forty years \$1M - \$1.1M Community Facilities Loan from USDA Rural Development. There is also a \$300,000 federal grant for the paving of Straits Highway from the Indian River Bridge to M-68. The \$300,000 grant has allowed the DDA to add lights to the project. It is being funded by the DDA, tax increment financing, who receives approximately \$68,000 to \$70,000 per year. The DDA is waiting to hear from AT&T regarding moving their posts.

Robin Rohn: How much has the DDA saved for the project? Have you been holding onto funds for a long time? There being no further questions, Supervisor Ridley moved to close the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. Trustee Waldron seconded and it carried.

The May regular meeting of the board was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The April 2, 2013, regular meeting minutes were approved as previously published; the April 11, 2013, and May 1, 2013, special meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Clerk Fisher moved and Treasurer Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Dan White, Tuscarora Township's council on the DeYoung, et al v Mastrofrancesco, et al litigation, presented an update on the litigation and the proposed consent judgment. The agreement would abandon several roads and provide for a private beach at the foot of Mack Avenue. The Road Commission unconditionally abandoned Lake Blvd. at the foot of Mack and they abandoned Pine Street. The township now needs to decide whether they wish to accept the abandoned interest in the roadway or abandon these roadways and accept the consent judgment. The court is expecting an answer within the next couple of days as to where things stand.

After further discussion and comments from Tim MacArthur and Larry Hanson, Trustee Waldron moved to accept Cheboygan County Road Commission's abandoned interest in certain platted roadways within the plat of M.A. McHenry's Subdivision of Keystone Park. Trustee McGinnis seconded and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Trustee Waldron moved to reject proposed vacation of certain platted roads within the Plat of M.A. McHenry's Subdivision of Keystone Park. Clerk Fisher seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Waldron, yes; Ridley, yes; McGinnis, yes; Fisher, yes.

Police Report: Walt Chamberlain will be having surgery on his shoulder and will be out for four to six months. Chief has hired Chris Crawford as a new part-time officer. Chris grew up in the area and he is a veteran having served tours in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Committee reports:

Marina Park: The Parks application has been revised to include all of Tuscarora Township parks and has been approved by council. Marina Park will begin working with Bill Sanders, Architect, who will help with the trailhead. The May 16th Marina Park meeting has been scheduled to Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. **DDA:** Waiting to hear back from MDOT on the latest submission on the trailhead incorporating MDOT's changes. **Parks Commission:** Getting caught up on all the grounds due to the late spring weather. The pavilion will be put up shortly at DeVoe Beach. **Beautification:** Six benches have been sent to the school for repair and/or repainting. The High School is constructing a sign for Hide-A-Way Park. **Planning Commission:** There has been no application or plans submitted by Mark Hall on a motocross track. **West Side Road End:** Robin has received material costs for the docks. Drawings for Resort Road have not yet been received from the Cheboygan County Road Commission.

Airport Manager's report: Still in spring clean-up mode. Norm is about half way done with trimming trees and brush for the clear zone.

Treasurer's report: The general accounts have \$1,130,819.39; the tax accounts have \$11,373.50 with interest. Treasurer Balazovic has received from the County Treasurer a list of properties in Tuscarora Township that have been foreclosed on that we may purchase by paying the minimum bid prior to the public auction. Trustee Waldron moved to waive our first right of refusal to all parcels listed. Trustee McGinnis seconded and the motion carried with five ayes.

Clerk Fisher moved and Trustee McGinnis seconded Treasurer Balazovic's Resolution for the Acceptance of Payments by Financial Transaction Device. This will allow credit card payment of property taxes with all fees passed onto the payer. Sewer payments, special assessment payments and any miscellaneous transactions shall not be made by financial transaction device. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: A petition requesting the board to hold a special meeting will be passed onto the Township's legal counsel.

Supervisor Ridley presented several scenarios for distributing the cost of resurfacing Eagles Nest Road. The CCRC has stated that unless plans are made to resurface Eagles Nest than they will be turning it over to gravel. Ridley will get that information out to those properties affected by the special assessment.

Trustee Waldron moved and Treasurer Balazovic seconded to change the June meeting date to June 11th, 7:00 p.m. Motion carried with five ayes.

The budget workshop is scheduled for Monday, June 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Clerk Fisher submitted a copy of a self-evaluation questionnaire required from Rural Development of the township hall site and building for the sewer project for review of the board.

Clerk Fisher presented a maintenance agreement between the Indian River Area Library, the Police Department and the Township Board establishing the basis for allocating the costs of operating and maintaining the Tuscarora Township Municipal Building. She recommended accepting it as presented except reducing the percentages to what are currently being assessed. Treasurer Balazovic moved to approve the agreement with the proposed changes. Trustee Waldron seconded and the motion carried with five ayes.

Cheboygan County United Way has requested townships in Cheboygan County to contribute annually, on a per capita basis, to a proposed 211 Service in Cheboygan County, Trustee Waldron moved to not contribute to the service. Trustee McGinnis seconded and the motion carried with five ayes.

Treasurer Balazovic moved to approve Marina Park's request to sign an agreement with Sanders & Czapski for a concept plan for the trailhead. The plan would link Indian River, the North Central Trail and the Marina Park. The contract is for \$6,200 plus reimbursable expenses estimated at \$700.00. Trustee Waldron seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes.

Trustee Waldron reviewed the necessity for moving the treatment facility well to another parcel owned by the township in the Industrial Park. Waldron requested board approval for Supervisor Ridley and Clerk Fisher to sign the necessary paperwork to grant a well and waterline easement for township parcels in the Industrial Park that will service the treatment facility and additional parcels in the Industrial Park. Clerk Fisher moved to approve the request, Trustee McGinnis seconded and the motion carried.

Clerk Fisher moved to adopt a salary resolution for the elected board members to not exceed 3% pending the review of the budget at the budget workshop. Trustee McGinnis seconded and a roll call vote was taken McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Citizen comments: Public comments began at 8:23p.m. Comments were received from nine persons. Comments ended at 8:40 p.m.

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

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor