

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

May 6, 2014

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

Members Present: McGinnis, Ridley, Fisher, Waldron

Members Absent: Balazovic

Trustee Waldron moved and Clerk Fisher seconded to approve the April 1, 2014, meeting minutes with a change to the West Side Road End committee report. Motion carried.

Clerk Fisher moved and Trustee McGinnis seconded to adopt the agenda with the removal of Item #20 Lot Split and the addition of Pavilion Agreement and a discussion on conditional rezoning. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items: Public comments began at 7:03 p.m. Comments were heard from one person. Public comments ended at 7:05 p.m.

Committee reports:

DDA: The Pathway Project is underway; still working on streetscape project. **Parks Commission:** Spring cleaning; ball parks are up and going and the cemeteries will be done by Memorial Day weekend. **Beautification:** Donations have been offered to add permanent benches or tables to Hide-A-Way Park similar to what is at Green Docks. Dave Carpenter will attend the next meeting to discuss installing a dry hydrant there as well. A couple of the benches will need to be repainted local artists are needed for painting a bench. **Planning Commission:** Discussed at great length at the April 25th meeting was the request for rezoning of Griswold Mountain and the fact that the Cheboygan County Planning Commission had not made a request for recommendation or for clarification of any kind from our planning commission. This is different than how these issues have been handled in the past. The Commission drafted a letter to be sent to the County Commissioner's clarifying their position on the rezoning.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee Waldron to approve the reappointment of Francine Thuston and Kelly Ashford to a three year term to the Planning Commission to end July, 2017. Motion carried. Correspondence received from the Planning Commission for a request to reconsider signage in the Village Center Zoning, Waldron requested that the letter be sent to our Planning Commission.

West Side Road End: Bids are being received for the Ellinger Road dock. **Marina Park:** The boat launch is open; the trailhead drawings continue to be finalized. The trailhead will be completed before streetscape construction begins and the work on the location and design of a 30' x 40' pavilion to be built on the upper level of Marina Park continues. **Veterans Pier Committee:** Out for construction bids with the bid opening scheduled for May 21st, 1:00 p.m. After bid opening the committee can continue to work on the shore improvements.

Police Report: The snowmobiles have been put away for the year. The Memorial Day Parade and the July 4th Parade will run from Ken's north.

Airport Report: Been busy getting the equipment ready for summer; we were fortunate that we had no damages to the lights after this past hard winter.

Treasurer's report: The general accounts have \$1,327,999.15 without interest and the tax accounts have \$14,359.46 without interest.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to adopt the following ballot language for a Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op Natural Gas Franchise to be placed on the August Ballot:

Confirming grant of an irrevocable Natural Gas Franchise to Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op its successors and assigns, for the purpose of laying, maintaining, and operating natural gas main/pipelines on, along, across, and under the roads, alleys, bridges and other public places and to conduct a local natural gas business in the Township of Tuscarora, Cheboygan County, Michigan for a period of 30 years from August 6, 2013. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to authorize contracting for dust control up to \$5,000.00. The company that we contracted with in 2013 is not included in the bids from Cheboygan County Road Commission. Jim Purtill will check with the companies listed to see if any apply with any method other than gravity flow. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Clerk Fisher to waive our first right of refusal to all parcels that were foreclosed upon in March of 2014 in Tuscarora Township. Motion carried with four ayes and one absent.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to purchase a refurbished black & white multifunction copier for \$2800.00. This includes a \$1200 trade-in for the previously purchased copier. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve the purchase of 53 acres of state land, Parcel #162-030-300-001-00 near the sewer treatment facility for \$1.00 and Brian Fullford's survey estimate for \$1900-\$2100 contingent upon the DNR allowing the trail to be rerouted at a later date if deemed necessary. Motion carried with four ayes, one absent.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve Clerk Fisher's requested budget adjustments: \$70,000 from 101-000-391-00 Veterans Pier Fund Balance to 101-101-801-04 Veterans Pier Professional; \$600 from 101-210-801-00 Attorney Fees to 101-247-702-00 Board of Review Salaries. Motion Carried.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee Waldron to adopt the Resolution Determining Final Interest Rate for Sewer Special Assessment Roll of 3.625% per annum. The original proposed rate was 3.75% but the USDA bond closed at a rate of 2.625% (0.125%) less than anticipated. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, absent; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee Waldron to appoint Sgt. Gordon Temple to the position of Chief upon the retirement of Chief Wagner on August 1, 2014. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, absent; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Discussion held on the Cheboygan County windshield estimates for placing a concrete curb at the north intersection of Floyd and Juno and curb and gutter at Lake and Juno. Trustee Waldron suggested that we talk with Gourdie Fraser about including this as a separate bid item with the trailhead project.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee Waldron to adopt a Salary Resolution in an amount not to exceed 3% for the office of Supervisor, Clerk Treasurer, and Trustees. This resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on June 30, 2014. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, absent; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to the Resolution that amends the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund to include approximately 150' of boardwalk at the east end of the existing steel wall. A roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; McGinnis, yes; Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes; Balazovic, absent.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve an Agreement with Sanders & Czapski Associates for the construction/bidding plans and specifications for the proposed Marina Park pavilion in the amount of \$4900.00, approved by the Marina Park Committee at their April meeting. Motion carried.

Trustee Waldron voiced his concerns regarding the decision made by the Cheboygan County Planning Commission on the requested zoning change at Griswold Mountain and that they did not request input from either the township board or the township planning commission. This request has now been placed before the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners (CCBC) and Waldron believes it would be appropriate for the township board to make a recommendation to either support or not support the request. Discussion was held as to what has been presented to the CCBC and the Tuscarora Township Master Plan adopted in 2012.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to advise the CCBC that the Tuscarora Township Board of Trustees supports the proposed limited use of Griswold Mountain as presented with up to four national events per year. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, absent; Ridley, yes; Waldron, yes; Fisher, yes.

Public comments: Public comments began at 8:06 p.m. Comments were received from one person. Comments ended at 8:08 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Waldron to pay the bills was seconded by Trustee McGinnis and it carried with four ayes and one absent.

Motion by Trustee Waldron to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor