

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

**November 5, 2013**

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

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

Members Absent: None

Minutes of the October 1, 2013, meetings were approved as presented.

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

Public comments on agenda items: Mrs. Vance, Mr. Morris, Mr. Juntunen, Mr. Pruder and Mr. Kristin expressed their objections to the sewer special assessment.

**Committee reports:**

**DDA:** Working on the streetscape design; have received a plan from Consumers on moving all the poles to the east side of Straits Highway. Construction on the Pathway Project has begun but it will not finish this year due to issues with the bridge foundation.

**Parks Commission:** Taking care of leaves. Supervisor Ridley thanked Phil Welch, Michigan Lake Products, for donating a vinyl walkway that enables those in wheelchairs access to the lake. **Planning Commission:** Mike Cherveney recommended Francine Thuston be appointed to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Denny Darst. **Motion** by Treasurer Balazovic and seconded by Trustee to approve appointing Thuston to the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously. **West Side Road End:** Robin Rohn recommended appointing Doris Miller to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Dick deVore. **Motion** by Clerk Fisher to approve appointing Miller to the committee was seconded by Trustee McGinnis and it carried unanimously. **Marina Park:** The trailhead plans and bid package are expected to be ready by the November meeting. Sallie Snyder will be attending the November Chamber meeting to explore the layout of the upper level of Marina Park.

**Airport Managers Report:** No report.

**Treasurer's report:** The general accounts have \$548539.09 interest; the tax accounts have \$36,950.73 with interest.

**Correspondence:** Resolution passed from the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners encouraging the CCRC and the Townships within Cheboygan County to maintain public access of road ends and easements to water bodies to permit public access and use.

**Motion** by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve the 2014 Cheboygan County Humane Society Contract for \$750.00. Motion carried with five ayes.

**Motion** by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee Waldron to enter into a Commercial Lease Agreement with R. Thomas Snyder for rental of the pole barn on 6111 Floyd St. for \$1,000.00 annually. The barn is used for storage by both the Police Department and the Township; the main difference to the lease is that Snyder may also use the barn for storage. Motion carried with five ayes.

Dennis Burwell provided an update on the fundraising efforts for Veterans Pier. To date they have collected \$226,385.57 plus he has received pledges for an additional \$6500 for a total of \$232,885.57. Burwell stated that he is still fundraising to be able to include additional enhancements to the Pier. Construction will begin spring of 2014.

**Motion** by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to adopt a resolution supporting the efforts of The Army Corp of Engineers efforts to keep Asian Carp out of the Great Lakes. The resolution resolves that Tuscarora Township strongly urges all parties involved to identify a preferred solution to the invasive carp issue and move forward to implement that solution with the greatest sense of urgency. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

**Motion** by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to approve the revised Maintenance Agreement with the Indian River Area Library and the Tuscarora Township Police Department. The agreement is a three year agreement and it changes the percentage of the Maintenance & Repairs to 33.3% per department. Previously, the library was at 40% and the police and township at 30% each. Any expense over \$1,000 must have prior notification to the library and police department before said expense may be incurred. Motion carried with five ayes.

Trustee Waldron provided a bid update and reviewed the evolution of the bid design. Waldron pointed out that grinder pumps were proposed as part of the original system for those properties that sit lower than the gravity main primarily west of S. Straits Hwy. The first bid was on a system that eliminated, but still had the lift stations. The second bid includes (2) pump stations and (9) grinder

station. Supervisor Ridley has requested additional grant funds from USDA Rural Development to maintain the maximum \$8,000/REU cost.

**Public comments:** Public comments began at 8:22 p.m. Comments were received from ten persons. Comments ended at 8:35 p.m.

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

**Motion** by Treasurer Balazovic to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. was seconded by Treasurer Balazovic. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor