

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
Tuesday, January 3, 2017 – Approved 2/7/2017**

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

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

Members Absent: None

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as presented.

Clerk Fisher moved and Treasurer Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda with the removal of the review of the Parks Commission 5-Year Plan. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items – No public comments received.

Police Report: DNR approved a \$4,000 snowmobile grant for the 2016/2017 season – more than double from last year. Yamaha has given us a 2017 snowmobile on the Law Loan Program. Chief Temple has issued zero tolerance for snowmobilers using the Pathway – their carbides are tearing up the asphalt. The department has hired a new part-time officer to fill in on road and snowmobile patrol. Chief Temple reviewed his 2016 annual incident report.

Committee/Commission Reports:

DDA – Discussions continue with Consumers Power and AT&T to come up with a strategy to tighten up the number of overhead wires in the downtown streetscape. **Parks Commission** – Continues to work on the five-year plan; next meeting on January 12th to review what was sent to NEMCOG for final revisions. **Marina Park** – The siding and insulating has been completed by Bob Layman; he also replaced the glass block windows with operational windows that will help with ventilation in the summer. **Planning Commission** – The Cheboygan County Planning Commission's (CCPC) will discuss our Village Center Zoning at their January 4th meeting.

Treasurer Report - Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$746,626.36 and the tax accounts have \$767,884.16 without interest.

Correspondence – Cheboygan County Road loan program; Cheboygan County Commissioners has approved the collection of winter taxes of \$100 or less on the summer tax bill; Department of Treasury has approved Supervisor Ridley's corrective plan except for the timeline of the land tables – that must be completed by June 1st; and a proposal for software and services for BS&A software.

Clerk Fisher presented General Ledger Journal transactions for the current fiscal year for the board to review.

Upon the recommendation of Blake Smith, USDA, Supervisor Ridley and Clerk Fisher met with Mike Engles, Michigan Rural Water Association, to review our budget and our monthly O & M rate. His recommendation was to review our current rates, add an automatic cost of living adjustment to our Rate Resolution, and consider how we would like to allocate the hook-up monies from the State of Michigan (SOM) after reimbursing the township's general fund.

After discussion, Trustee Waldron moved and Trustee Vance seconded to allocate \$200,000 of the SOM towards the RRI fund and keep the balance towards Operations and Maintenance and building a storage shed at the treatment facility. Motion carried with five ayes.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Clerk Fisher to adjust the monthly O & M rate beginning February 1, 2017, as stated in the SOM contract, by the rate of inflation as determined by the January Consumer

Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U); U.S. City Average; All items, not seasonally adjusted, 1982-1984=100 reference base, published by the United States Bureau of Labor. Motion carried with four ayes, one nay.

Public comment began at 7:40 p.m. Comments were heard from three citizens. Public comments ended at 7:49 p.m.

Board member comments – Trustee Vance spoke of the meetings she has attended since the election, Supervisor Ridley stated that he would like to apply for a grant to be used for a screen for displaying the agendas, or other documents, for the public during the meeting. Clerk Fisher recognized that the website needs updating and requested a volunteer to step up and manage the website now that Jane McGinnis has retired.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to pay the bills. Motion carried with five ayes.

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fisher, Clerk
Michael Ridley, Supervisor