

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
Tuesday, December 6, 2016 – Approved January 3, 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 November meeting were approved as presented.

Trustee Waldron moved and Treasurer Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of CCRC Road Grant and the removal of Police Report. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items – No public comments received.

Committee/Commission Reports:

DDA – Meeting with the Cheboygan County Road Commission (CCRC) on the Streetscape. **Marina Park** –Sallie Snyder thanked the Indian River Women’s Club and the Christmas in Indian River organization for helping to make the town look festive. The Marina Park board voted to recommend keeping the launch fees the same for 2017. Bob Layman has begun the insulation work on the Trailhead restrooms.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee Waldron to keep the boat launch fees the same for calendar year 2017. Motion carried.

Planning Commission – The Cheboygan County Planning Commission (CCPC) is still working on definitions for the Village Center Zoning and food trucks.

Airport Manager Report – Norm reported that they are doing general maintenance at the airport.

Treasurer Report- Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$513,094.51 and the tax accounts have \$32,941.70 without interest.

Correspondence – CCPC sent notification on a December 21st meeting addressing a Special Use Permit Amendment for Precision Forestry and a donation request from Cheboygan County United Way.

CCRC submitted a land division application for their property on Sturgeon Bay Road where their public boat ramp is located. After discussion, Trustee Waldron moved and Trustee Vance voted to deny the request. Motion carried with four ayes and one nay.

Supervisor Ridley submitted the DDA Annual Report for review.

Motion by Treasurer Balazovic and seconded by Clerk Fisher to appoint Deb Fullford and Billy Andrew as Board of Review Members. Motion carried with five ayes.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Clerk Fisher to adopt the federal poverty guidelines for the 2017 assessment year as presented. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on holding the sewer O & M Rate as is or increasing it in 2017 with a cost of living percentage. Discussion tabled until the terms of the Burt Lake State of Michigan contract is reviewed.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee Vance to maintain the current fee schedule with no increases and adding the dates of November 15th – April 15th for the winter cemetery open/close fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to approve Clerk Fisher's budget adjustment of \$3,000 from 101-000-387-00 Marina Park Fund Balance to 101-101-801-01 Marina Park Professional; \$1,500 from 101-000-387-00 Boat Launch Fund Balance to 101-751-740-00 Boat Launch Operating Supplies; and \$15,000 from 207-000-390-00 Police Fund Balance to 207-301-977-00 Equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee Vance to adopt a Resolution Adopting the Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet County Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. Motion carried with five ayes.

After discussion for and against, motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to approve the 2017 Humane Society Contract for \$1,000.00. Motion carried with four ayes and one nay.

Motion by Trustee Vance and supported by Clerk Fisher to approve the 2017 Fire Department Contract in the amount of \$161,640.00. Motion carried with four ayes and one abstention.

Supervisor Ridley reported that the CCRC is accepting applications for a road grant for up to \$25,000 to be used on local roads. It is Ridley's recommendation that we apply and use it to help offset the cost of repairing the balance of Club Road.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to apply to the CCRC for an up to \$25,000 grant that can be used towards paving Club Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Public comment began at 7:50 p.m. Comments were heard from four citizens. Public comments ended at 8:00 p.m.

Board member comments – Clerk Fisher and Treasurer Balazovic responded to a public comment made regarding assessing practices and Trustee Vance spoke of the meetings she has attended since the election and the training she has scheduled.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fisher, Clerk
Michael Ridley, Supervisor