

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

**September 3, 2013**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Ridley.

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

Members Absent: None

40 citizens were in attendance.

Minutes of the August meetings were approved as presented.

Clerk Fisher moved and Trustee Waldron seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of #16 Sewer Update. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ridley opened the Hearing of Necessity for the proposed Eagles Nest Road SAD. Written objections have been received with signatures meeting the 20% of front footage to stop the improvement until a petition is filed with the township board that has been signed by record owners of land constituting more than 50% of total road frontage of the district. Questions: why isn't the township willing to pay for the road repaving? We do not have a local road millage. Does Burt Township have a local road millage? Will all the holes be patched? What was the final plan, will the township contribute to the assessment? Strongly urge the township to go for a local road millage. County millage ballot proposals have been turned down. At 6:14 Trustee Waldron moved to close the public hearing, Treasurer Balazovic seconded and the motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items: Two public comments were received.

Police Report: Chief Wagner reported that the races went smoothly this year. Two instances of scam emails were reported recently, new traffic lights have been installed and Chief pointed out that the school zone speed limit is back in force now that school has started. Once the Pathway Project is in the speed limit will be 35 mph through the school zone.

Committee reports:

**DDA:** The DDA met with Consumers and AT&T to discuss a new telephone/electrical pole layout and is now waiting to get a cost from Consumers of moving all the poles to one side of the road and as far east as possible. They are also looking at limiting the number of wire crossings from 45 crossings down to five crossings. **Parks Commission:** The Parks Commission is looking at getting new equipment by trading in an older tractor that needs transmission work. The new equipment would be purchased with a new blower that can be used for taking care of the new DDA pathway project. Waldron questioned whether the DDA planned on contributing to the purchase of the new blower. Trustee Waldron moved to approve the purchase of the tractor contingent on the approval of the Parks Commission. The Parks would use \$10,000 of their reserve towards the purchase. Treasurer Balazovic seconded and the motion carried with five ayes. **Beautification:** No report. **Planning Commission:** The special use permit for the water park was approved by the Cheboygan County Planning Commission on August 7<sup>th</sup> with a fencing restriction. There were no lighting restrictions placed on the park; hours of operation will be from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. **West Side Road End:** The Committee is waiting for word from the DEQ, the surveys have been done.

Treasurer's report: The general accounts have \$1,053,253.71; the tax accounts have \$12,379.34 without interest.

Correspondence:

1. Cheboygan County Waterways Commission Resolution 01-13
2. Copies of objection letters to the DEQ Resort Road end application

Dennis Burwell provided an update on the Veterans Pier project: The \$165,000 matching funds have been met, and exceeded, for the DNR Trust Fund grant of \$384,900.00. The dinner auction was very successful; most auctions items were donated by local businesses and the flag project has also been successful. The committee continues its fundraising efforts for further enhancements. Requests for engineering bids have been made and construction is expected to begin spring of 2014. A huge thank you goes to Dennis, Burt Lake Preservation and to all those who have donated their time and money to this project.

Supervisor Ridley has received a request from NLEA for Tuscarora Township to become a municipal partner of theirs; technically we already are as both Cheboygan County and the Chamber of Commerce are already partners. We also provide a facility to hold their workshops at no charge.

Gina Burke provided a Marina Park update. A NBAA Bass tournament will be held the weekend of September 20<sup>th</sup> and they will be using the boat launch and Marina Park for the event. They are anticipating 100 boats. Marina Park recommends that the township board approve the trailhead concept; anticipating the bid package to be done in September by the landscape architecture. Bids will go out once the DNR Trust Fund and the DNR Recreation and Trails have had an opportunity to review and also approve the bid

package. Timing on the trailhead is dependent on the approval process and the streetscape project. Trustee Waldron moved to approve the trailhead concept, Trustee McGinnis seconded and it carried with five ayes.

Trustee Waldron provided an update on the Waste Water Collection bid. Will go out for rebid sometime this month; reviewing the elevation plans. Rural Development and Gourdie Fraser are expecting more bids with the timeframe change and by breaking up the bid package into several different sections.

A motion by Trustee Waldron to move into a closed session for a telephone conference with Dan White, Township Council, to discuss the DeYoung et al vs Maestrofrenesco, et al litigation was seconded by Treasurer Balazovic and a roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; McGinnis, yes; Waldron, yes; Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes. Motion carried. At 6:52 p.m. the board moved into closed session.

A motion by Clerk Fisher to return from closed session back into open session was seconded by Trustee Waldron and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes. Motion carried unanimously. At 7:00 p.m. the board moved back into open session.

The purpose of the conference was to discuss a brief that Dan White will file by September 4<sup>th</sup> on the abandonment of Mack Avenue.

Public comments: Public comments began at 7:05 p.m. Comments were received from three persons. Comments ended at 7:07 p.m.

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

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor