

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

**August 1, 2017 – Approved September 5, 2017**

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

Roll Call by Clerk Fisher. Board members present were Mike Ridley, Supervisor; Susan Fisher, Clerk; Bobbi Balazovic, Treasurer; Trustees Janet Vance and Craig Waldron. A quorum of the board was present.

Fisher moved and Vance seconded to approve the June 27, 2017 meeting minutes with changes. Motion carried.

Fisher moved and Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items – Public comment began at 7:03 p.m. Comments were heard from five citizens regarding the I-75 Business Loop. Public comment ended at 7:12 p.m.

**Police Report:** We had a very busy Summerfest which resulted in traffic and parking complaints – primarily the bigger truck traffic. A meeting was held with the Chamber, Township, Road Commission, Police and Fire Department to correct these issues for next year. The consensus was to change the traffic pattern by re-routing large trucks and diverting the north bound and south bound traffic on different roads. Several more meetings will be held prior to next year's event. The Department has been notified NB I-75 will be shut down for six hours on Labor Day for security purposes.

**Committee/Commission Reports:**

**DDA** – A special meeting will be held August 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss and review the streetscape design RFP. **Marina Park** – No meeting was held in July; the new Marina Park sign has been ordered and should be received the end of this month.

**Treasurer Report** - Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,703,448.02 and the tax accounts have \$512,666.69 both without interest. The drop box has been received and will be installed no later than the end of September.

**Correspondence** – Clerk Fisher received the 2016 Annual Actuarial Valuation report from MERS on the Police Departments retirement account. Our percent funded rose from 57% to 69% with the modifications our department was willing to make.

**FOIA Report** – Clerk Fisher reported that in July we have received five FOIA requests.

**Agenda Items:**

Supervisor Ridley turned the floor over to John Wallace who introduced Jeff Lawson, Cheboygan County Administrator. Lawson gave the board an update on a few current topics at the county: recycling, capital improvements and boat shelters. Tuscarora Township's recycling agreement is coming due and Jeff took notes on the township's recycling concerns. He informed the board that the Council on Aging is who we would need to contact to have a senior center located in our area.

DDA Appointment

Supervisor Ridley made recommended Darryn Vizina to serve a three-year term on the DDA.

Motion by Balazovic and seconded by Vance to appoint Darryn Vizina for a three-year DDA term. Motion carried with all ayes.

### Sewer Feasibility Discussion

Supervisor Ridley has requested a discussion on what it would take for the township board to consider a sewer feasibility study for a second sewer district. He reported that more and more people are coming in and asking for sewers in the residential district – the area from the Indian River to the Sturgeon River and from Burt Lake to the current district. There are residents who are willing to fund a mailing to find out what support there is within this district, but they need to know if the township is supportive of this.

After further discussion, Fisher moved and Waldron supported a motion to encourage a petition for a sewer feasibility study, and for the township to research funding for the study, for the area from the Indian River to the Sturgeon River and from Burt Lake to the current district. The motion carried with five ayes.

### I-75 Business Loop

Supervisor Ridley noted that there has been a lot of discussion on the I-75 Business Loop at the DDA meetings. He reported that the DDA voted to table the discussion until after the streetscape project is complete but Mr. Muscott continues to bring the subject up at every meeting. Muscott would like the DDA to fund the \$10,000 for signs and Ridley believes the DDA needs direction from the Township Board. Approximately one year ago the township board moved to support research into the business loop. Ridley believes that we moved with haste.

Motion by Fisher and supported by Waldron to withdraw support of an I-75 business loop. Motion carried with four ayes and one nay.

### Ordinance – 1A

Clerk Fisher presented amended Ordinance #1A – Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance. General Council Rob Huth reviewed and approved the ordinance.

Motion by Waldron and seconded by Balazovic to adopt and publish Ordinance 1A. Motion carried with five ayes.

### Ordinance – 2A

This ordinance was amended to include that no firm, person or corporation shall sell or offer to sell vehicles or other commodity of any nature on the public right of way of Straits Highway from M-68 to the Indian River Bridge nor on any Township property. With the exception of the temporary parking of vehicles in connection to private residences adjacent to Straits Highway.

Motion by Balazovic and seconded by Fisher to adopt and publish Ordinance 2A. Motion carried with five ayes.

### Postage Meter Contract

The postage meter contract is due to expire. Fisher has obtained two quotes, one from Pitney Bowes for \$76.72/month and one for \$69.66/month NeoPost machine from Michigan Officeways. Fisher would like to obtain more references on the NeoPost machine.

Waldron moved and Balazovic supported to allow Fisher and Balazovic to do further research and make the decision. Motion carried with five ayes.

### Copier Maintenance Contract

Clerk Fisher presented a contract from Van's Business for full service maintenance including all parts, labor & supplies, excluding paper and staples, for \$.01/per copy.

Fisher moved and Vance supported to approve Van's Business maintenance agreement. Motion carried with five ayes.

Gourdie Fraser RFP & Water Rate Resolution Proposal

Supervisor Ridley presented a proposal from Gourdie Fraser for a Request for Proposal for O & M of the township's Wastewater/Water System and the preparation of a draft Water Rate Resolution. The proposal is for an hourly fee not to exceed \$800.00.

Motion by Waldron and seconded by Vance to accept the Gourdie Fraser proposal. Motion carried with five eyes.

Public comment began at 8:30 p.m. Comments were heard from three citizens. Public comment ended at 8:38 p.m.

Northern Lakes Economic Alliance presented a report on the recent Broadband survey they conducted.

Board member comments: Vance reported that she will continue to research other community's safety protocol. Ridley stated that he has an open-door policy and if they have any questions to please stop in and discuss them with him.

**Motion** by Waldron and seconded by Balazovic to pay the bills and approve the general ledger transactions. Motion carried with five eyes.

Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

Susan Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor