

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
Tuesday April 10, 2012**

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

Members Present: McGinnis, Balazovic, Ridley, Waldron, Fisher
Members Absent: None

37 citizens were in attendance.

Minutes of the March regular meeting were approved as previously published. The minutes of the special meeting from March 26, 2012, were approved as presented.

Trustee Waldron moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes.

Police Report: Chief Wagner is working on the specs and numbers for the laptop computers that will be purchased with the Homeland Security grant that we received.

Committee reports:

Marina Park: Marina Park is still working on lowering the trail; the project will not be complete until the bridge is asphalted. At that time they will asphalt River St. We have had quite a bit of dirt added to Marina Park for both boat launch over flow parking and to provide a firmer surface for events that are held at Marina Park. The next project is developing the Club Road level at Marina Park. **DDA:** The DDA is moving along with the pathway project; they purchased the lights and other aesthetic items for the bridge. **Parks Commission:** Spring cleaning at the parks and the cemeteries. **Planning Commission:** Had a short quarterly meeting in April and discussed getting the Master Plan updated to the current census; this will get the Master Plan on the census timeline for future updates.

Airport Manager Report – They are getting the equipment ready for mowing versus snow plowing. The state has appointed a new airport inspector.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,181,088.26; the tax accounts \$4,897.31 with interest.

Correspondence – Emmet County is updating their recreation plan; a resident sent a letter expressing her concerns on the sidewalks (lack of and/or condition of) from the bridge to Barbara St. Mike Roper, Cheboygan County Road Commission sent a letter to all Cheboygan County Townships seeking our opinion on a road millage; Roper's letter was tabled until the May meeting.

Clerk Fisher reported that she is in receipt of petitions in sufficient numbers to require the proposed revenue bonds go for a vote. Supervisor Ridley stated that revenue bonds were always just a funding option and that he is not in favor of waiting for an August or November election. That would put us up against the wall on the funding timeline. Trustee Waldron believes that we should put it back to all special assessment. He is not in favor of waiting for an August election; it had always been planned for special assessment and it wasn't until the last couple of months that revenue bonds were even discussed. Trustee Waldron moved that we go forward with special assessment and not put the revenue bonds on the August or November ballot. Trustee McGinnis seconded and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

The Indian River Chamber of Commerce presented their schedule of events for Summerfest, July 16-22 and the Walleye Tournament May 26th. Both had been previously submitted to the Marina Park board and were tentatively approved pending negotiation of the parker usage fee. Clerk Fisher also stated that the township parking lot be reserved for library and township business until the library closes on Friday, July 20th. Trustee McGinnis moved to reserve the dates pending the fee negotiation. Treasurer Balazovic seconded and it carried with five ayes.

Mr. Lincoln, Brass Wind Landing, submitted a request to set up a concession at DeVoe Beach for the rental of stand up paddle boards and to sell bottled water, canned soft drinks and light snacks. After discussion, the issue was tabled until both Marina Park and the Park Commission can review the request. Additional issues that need to be resolved are zoning, policy and insurance.

Trustee Waldron moved to approve Clerk Fisher's request to have Ohioville Cemetery surveyed and new markers installed that can be located with a metal detector. Treasurer Bobbi seconded and it carried unanimously.

Clerk Fisher moved to approve the road improvement agreements with the Cheboygan County Road Commission; Ellinger Road is \$142,830.55 and Apple Blossom is \$77,693.04. The special assessment roll was approved at the March 26th special meeting. Trustee McGinnis seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes; Balazovic, yes; McGinnis, yes.

Clerk Fisher moved to approve the Maintenance Agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for the Chamber Restrooms. Treasurer Balazovic seconded and it carried.

Public comment: Mr. McGinnis is not in favor of a road millage and he is in favor of Mr. Lincoln's request. The road commission has wasted too much money. It was suggested that the Road Commission put workers on M-68. When are we going to pick up ideas from the Michigan Township Association? County Commissioner Wallace stated that the ambulance millage will be coming up for renewal this year with a possible slight increase. The Waldrons, with the help of others, once again put on the Easter Egg Hunt at Cooperation Park. This year parents of some of the young children did not want to follow the rules set by the hunt organizers.

Trustee Waldron moved to pay the bills, Trustee McGinnis seconded and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor