

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
September 4, 2018 – Approved October 2, 2018**

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 Craig Waldron and Janet Vance. A quorum of the board was present.

The July 28, 2018 and August 10, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Fisher moved, and Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of a township road millage discussion. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items began at 7:02 p.m. No public comments were received.

Police Report

The school has hired Stacy LaLonde for the 2018/2019 school year. The Department will need to hire a new full-time officer with the understanding that it is a one-year position. It will be a year by year position based on a contract with the school. The interview process has already begun. The department participated in Rapid Response Training with the Cheboygan County and City Police Departments

Committee/Commission Reports

**DDA** – At the September meeting they will be meeting with the Consultants and will be receiving an estimate of probable cost and hopefully that is the date that it will be turned over to Consumers Powers to see about burying the lines **Parks Commission** – Continue to work on the new ball field.

Library Report

Mara Klco, Library Director, reported that the Summer Reading Program has wrapped up. There were 86 participants in the program. A Fall Calendar of Events will be available in the lobby and in the library.

Airport Manager

The seconded mowing of the airport has been completed. Current projects: obtaining quotes to build a storage garage and to complete the fencing on the north side. Signage is being installed for parking and tie-down areas, the taxi and runway signage. Required MDOT caution lighting has been placed on all equipment operating on or near run-way. Submitted to Cheboygan County the zoning information on the airport for their master plan.

Treasurer Report

The general accounts have \$1,990,721.30 and the tax accounts have \$563,851.96 with interest.

Correspondence

A letter from the Michigan Department of Treasury regarding an AMAR follow up review of a previously submitted corrective action plan. That review indicated that there are three areas that need a plan submitted, to the Department of Treasury, no later than September 20, 2018 indicating why the items were not corrected in accordance to the previously submitted corrective action plan and how we intent to correct deficiencies and when they will be corrected.

Supervisor Ridley submitted a letter to the board members stating that it is in the best interest that he step away from some of the duties of assessing.

The Township will need to post an RFP for a new assessor.

2018 Tax Rate Request – Form L-4029

The board reviewed the 2018 Tax Rate Request, Form #L-4029.

Motion by Waldron and seconded by Balazovic to approve as presented. Motion Carried.

DDA Appointment

Supervisor Ridley recommended Kristine Olson, from the GLOW, to fill one of the vacancies on the DDA Board. Motion by Fisher and seconded by Waldron to accept Ridley's recommendation of appointing Kris Olson to the DDA Board. Motion carried.

Feasibility Study Petitions

Bob Kraemer and Kurt Deibel informed the board of their actions taken to obtain petitions for a Feasibility Study for a second phase to the sewer district. They are looking for a study to determine the cost of the sewer. They currently have 52.33% of land mass in favor of the study and 54% of owners in favor.

Henry Herpel thanked Bob and Kurt for their efforts in obtaining the signatures.

Motion by Fisher and seconded by Waldron to obtain an RFP for a Feasibility Study for the petitioned area and for Prospect Street north of the Indian River. Motion carried

Police Liaison Agreement

Chief Temple has submitted a signed agreement from the school; the agreement had previously been reviewed and approved by counsel with a few minor changes.

Motion by Waldron and supported by Balazovic to approve the signing of the agreement once it has been compared with the agreement approved by Counsel Rob Huth. Motion carried.

Township Road Millage

Waldron suggested that we consider a township road millage to take advantage of the matching monies available from the CCRC. A percentage of the millage would go towards working on work previously funded through a SAD. If the CCRC is provided with a budget they would help us develop a plan with the amount of money that we have to work with.

He also suggested that we work towards taking it to the electors at a May 2019 special election. He recommends putting together an informational piece to send out with the tax bills.

Public comment began at 7:40 p.m. Comments were received from nine citizens. Public comment ended at 7:58 p.m.

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

Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Susan Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor