

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

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Ridley.

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

Members Absent: None

34 citizens were in attendance.

Minutes of the November meetings were approved as presented.

Clerk Fisher moved and Treasurer Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of Item #16 Fleis & Vandenbrink contract and Item #17 reschedule January meeting. Motion carried with five ayes.

Police Report: We have received a \$3000 snowmobile grant from the state; they have reduced our funds because of the lack of snow the past three winters. Monday December 10th is the annual Shop with a Cop at Wal-Mart.

Committee reports:

Marina Park: A landscape RFP is being sent out for the Trailhead, still looking at how to best utilize the upper part of Marina Park.

DDA: Pathway project is ready to go, still missing two ROW permit; will go for bid next spring. **Parks Commission:** Winding down for winter. **Beautification:** The next project will be sprucing up and cleaning up the five welcome to Indian River signs.

Airport Manager's report: Performing the necessary maintenance. There was a hit and run, first ever, by a pilot but there was no major damage.

Treasurer's report: The general accounts have \$526,008.72; the tax accounts have \$18,330.33 with interest.

Robin Rohn presented an update on the West Side Public Access/Recreation Group's findings on a dock for Ellinger Road and a ramp for Resort Road. **Ellinger Road Dock:** Rohn learned that the Army Corp of Engineer's requires permits for seasonal docks. Mike Roper will be taking this request for a permit before his board at their next meeting. **Resort Road ramp improvement:** Rohn stated that Hank Jankoviak (Cheboygan County Soil Erosion Officer) took a look at the site and does not believe a concrete ramp will be required. Waldron was informed that the Road Commission will not need to pay for the permits but he believes the Group needs to foot the 2% deposit required from the CCRC.

Trustee Waldron moved to support the West Side Public Access/Recreation Group's efforts to get a dock at the Ellinger Road end and to improve a ramp for lake access at Resort Road and associated necessary parking solutions. Additionally, the West Side Public Access/Recreation Group is to form a committee with either a member from the township board or the parks commission to work toward these efforts and to report back to the township board when there is something pertinent. Balazovic supported the motion and it carried with five ayes.

Mike Roper, CCRC Manager, reviewed the projects that were completed in 2012 in Tuscarora Township and the DDA's Straits Highway project for 2013. Roper is submitting a request for \$299,500 to the local task force December 18th, and then to the eleven county task force in January. He does not see a problem with the local task force but it could be a bit more difficult with the eleven counties. Roper also mentioned that he is starting the paperwork to turn over road ends to the townships should they want them.

The 2013 Blue Cross Blue Shield hospitalization rates increased 12.5%. After discussion Trustee Waldron moved to freeze the rates that the township will pay to the 2012 rates for the non-unionized employees until a 20/80 percent is reached. Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, no; Ridley, yes; Fisher, no; Waldron yes.

Treasurer Balazovic moved to set Friday, July 5, 2012, as the date for the 2013 firework display with Saturday, July 6th as the rain date. Clerk Fisher seconded and the motion carried with five ayes.

Cheboygan County Humane Society has submitted their annual contract for animal control services. Trustee Waldron moved to approve the contract for \$750.00. Clerk Fisher seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Waldron moved to approve Supervisor Ridley's recommendation of appointing Billy Andrew, LeeAnn Malenfant and Terry Kabat for the 2013-2014 Board of Review term with William Andrew as an alternate. Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes.

The DDA has approved a \$59,500 construction phase contract with Fleis & Vandenbrink for the Pathway Project. Trustee Waldron moved to approve Supervisor Ridley signing the contract, Trustee McGinnis seconded and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Trustee Waldron moved to change the regular January 1, 2013, Board meeting to January 8, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. Trustee McGinnis seconded and the motion carried.

Citizen comments: Public comments began at 8:02 p.m. Comments were received from five persons. Comments ended at 8:12 p.m.

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

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:13p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor