

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

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 – Approved September 3, 2019

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

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

Members Absent: None

Minutes of the June 24, 2019 regular and the July 12, 2019 special meetings were approved as previously published.

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

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

Committee/Commission Reports

DDA – USDA has approved a \$1.4M loan for the streetscape project. The Citizens Committee met as part of the statutory conditions to extend the life of the DDA. The DDA has partnered with the Chamber to bring a music series at DeVoe Beach every Thursday this summer. **Parks** -The new ball field will, hopefully, be ready to be used next spring and the new structure over the ice rink is almost complete. The tennis courts need to be worked on.

Police Report

It has been a good summer, unfortunately last weekend there were three break-ins on summer residences. Running ads to obtain bids for the improvements to the police department offices.

Library Report

The summer reading program wrapped up this past week. There were 102 participants in the program.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,893,083.86 and the tax accounts \$590,383.50 to date, with interest.

Set Meeting Dates for 2019/2020

Fisher moved and Balazovic supported to keep our regular meeting dates to the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Motioned carried with five ayes.

Transient Merchant Ordinance Review/Discussion

We currently have a transient merchant ordinance that Ridley believes needs a review – it needs to address food trucks and special events. Fisher would like the board to review the sample ordinances provided and discuss it at the September meeting.

Grant Application – Boat Launch Improvements

Vance moved and Waldron supported applying for a grant for an additional dock at the boat launch that can be used for tying up the boats while the owners retrieve their trailer. Motion carried.

Airport Resolution - Renaming

Ridley read a resolution acknowledging the 30 years of dedication and service by Norman and Ruth Pratt to the Calvin Campbell Airport. In honor of this service, the resolution resolves that the airport be renamed the Campbell-Pratt Airport.

Fisher moved and Waldron supported to adopt the resolution as offered by Supervisor Ridley. A roll call vote was taken: Vance, yes; Balazovic, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes; Ridley, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Update on meeting with USDA

Blake Smith, USDA, informed Ridley when they met that currently the USDA is only writing a sewer loan application for district 2. If the other districts would like to be included in the loan application, they have 30 days to show that there is more than 50% of land mass support. The plan is to have the application submitted by December.

Sewer Workshop

Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. was set for a sewer workshop for the board to discuss sewer rates, grinder pumps and the criteria sheet.

Chippewa Beach SAD

Ridley has worked on the Chippewa Beach SAD and has some preliminary figures to present to the board. The figures he presented is \$1200.00 flat rate for every parcel and \$6.00/ft for those with frontage on Chippewa Beach Road. Ridley will continue to work on the SAD.

Humane Society Contract

Balazovic moved and Fisher supported a \$1,000.00 a year contract with the Cheboygan County Humane Society. Motion carried with four ayes and one nay.

DDA Resolution to Set Public Hearing Date

Fisher moved and Balazovic supported a resolution setting Tuesday, September 3, 2019, to consider the adoption of an ordinance approving an amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Tuscarora Township DDA. A roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; Fisher, yes; Vance, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes. Motion carried.

Public comment began at 7:42 p.m. Comments were heard from ten citizens. Public comment ended at 7:57 p.m.

Board member comment: Vance thanked Bob Kramer for his effort in obtaining the signatures for the sewer feasibility study.

Vance moved and Waldron supported to pay the bills and approve the general ledger transactions as presented. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael E. Ridley, Supervisor