

**MINUTES OF THE  
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
May 11, 2021 – Approved June 1, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Supervisor Ridley

Roll call by Clerk Dolly Rodriguez. Board members present were Mike Ridley, Supervisor; Dolly Rodriguez, Clerk; Bobbi Balazovic, Treasurer; Robert Kramer, Trustee; Janet Vance, Trustee. A quorum of the board was present.

Minutes of April 2021 Meeting (amend or dispense)

Bob supports. All in favor.

Adopt Agenda for this meeting

Motion to approve. All in favor.

Public Comment

Public comment made by one person

Treasurer's Report & Bills

Balazovic made motion to pay bills, Vance supported.

Police Report

Recently hired a part-time officer. Her name is Sydney Blair. She is from the city of Petoskey and she recently graduated last week from the Police Academy. She is currently a paid fire fighter for the city of Petoskey. Kramer thanked the chief for all the hard work on blight.

Reports: DDA, Library, Parks Commission

DDA, the streets are done! Street signs should be in by end of month. Getting electricity at the street corner for the sculpture. Next meeting Monday, May 17. Library appreciates the support of the recent mileage. Thanked the clerk and everybody who worked the election. Adding more classes and a lot of events. Summer reading program is June 1 through August 15 for all ages. Parks Commission, short staffed, planning to have sculpture and street signs finished by Memorial Day. Ridley complimented Doug on Cooperation Park. Scoreboard file is on hold.

Planning Commission (Food Truck Ordinance)

Asked the board to approve the ordinance. The use of generators was questioned. The ordinance can be readdressed in the future if need be. Motion made by Balazovic to accept the ordinance, supported by Vance. Roll call. All in favor.

Ordinances

Chief Temple is working on township ordinances to bring them up to date. Some new definitions were added under general provision; regarding blight, the language was updated. Each time a citation is given for blight, the fine increases. If a court **order** orders to hire a clean-up company it will be at the violators expense, plus attorney fees. Vance made a motion to adopt, Kramer supported. Roll call. All in favor.

Sewer Report/Leased REU discussion

Request to Congressman Bergman for an earmark is going before the house of appropriations committee. Senator Stabenow's office should contact Kramer by the end of this week or early next

week. Friday Kramer will be electronically meeting with Performance Engineering regarding. Burt Lake State Park is still an issue. We can raise the issue or wait. Recommendation is to wait. Leased REU portion. Should we charge a fee for the initial application. Sewer committee is recommending we do have a minimal fee.

#### MDOT Resolution

Motion for Township Supervisor Mike Ridley to sign Resolution. Motion made by Kramer, seconded by Vance. Roll call.

#### Summerfest Chamber request

Based on the Governor's reopening plan there will still be restrictions. Summerfest will be July 14-18. Motion for Summerfest made by Balazovic, supported by Vance. All in favor. Discussion regarding starting a bike rental program for Indian River from Breakers to Cooperation Park for a per hour rate. Charging stations to be installed in the Chamber of Commerce parking lot.

#### Cheboygan County Covid Relief Potential Projects

Inform County we want some of the relief money being given. COVID money to be spent by 2024. Kramer and Vance put together a Summary of Proposals. 1) Extend bike path; 2) bike rental program; 3) establish I-75 business loop; 4) placing the sturgeon sculpture, info kiosk, park benches; 5) Cooperation Park improvements; 6) tourism enhancements at Marina Park; 7) electric vehicle charging stations; and 8) downtown streetscape enhancements. Items 3, 4 and 8 were scratched. Motion to write letter to John Lewis made by Kramer, supported by Vance.

#### Set Dates: Budget Workshop and Annual Meeting

Budget Workshop if Thursday, June 24 at 1:00 pm; Annual Meeting is Tuesday, June 29 at 6:30 pm and Board meeting at 7:00 pm. Vance made motion, Rodriguez supports. All in favor.

#### Citizens Comments

Began at 8:30. There were 3 citizen comments. Ended at 8:41

Motion to Adjourn made by Kramer, supported by Vance at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolly J. Rodriguez, Clerk

Michael E. Ridley, Supervisor