

TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP  
3546 S. Straits Hwy  
Indian River, MI 49749  
October 4, 2022  
Meeting Minutes

- **Supervisor Ridley called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call of Board Members**
  - Attended by: Webb, Ridley, Balazovic, Vance, Kramer
  - Absent: 0
- **Approval of the September Meeting Minutes:**
  - Motion by Kramer to dispense the minutes.
- **Adopt Agenda:** Motion made by Kramer, supported by Vance to accept the agenda as amended adding Township of Excellence Resolution.
- **Public Comment on agenda items:** Beth Henderson commented that the hiring of an Assessor took too long.
- **Correspondence**
  - There were two letters of correspondence.
- **Treasurers Report and Bills**
  - Motion by Webb, supported by Balazovic to pay the bills. All in favor
- **Police Report:** Chief reported on a man that entered the Northern Michigan Baptist Bible Church and, on his way, out stole a van. He was caught at the border. Blight cleanup is moving along with Northland Sports. Department is struggling with mandatory training due to ongoing issues with COVID.
- **Reports:**
  - **DDA:** Starting on the “black hole” for lighting. Parks Commission: topsoil is spread and irrigation should be installed in the next week or two.
  - **Planning Commission:** Mike Cherveney updated the Board on Officer appointments, ten-year Master Plan update status and Bylaw update.
  - **Library:** Kelsey discussed upcoming programs including a shipwreck hunter coming. There will be a Halloween Carnival at the end of the month. Library is also starting their strategic planning for the next five years meetings are every fourth Tuesday at 3:30 in the library meeting room.

- **Sewer update:** Bob asked if there were any objections for him to discuss Phase II with Bond console. No objections.

- **Township of Excellence/MEDC:**

- Motion by Webb, supported by Kramer to allow Supervisor to continue with MEDC (RRC) program. All in favor.
- Motion by Vance supported Kramer by to proceed with Township of Excellence. All in favor.

- **Credit cards use policy: Resolution offered by Mike Ridley supported Vance.**

**Roll call:**

Bob yes

Dawn yes

Mike yes

Bobbi yes

Janet yes

Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted

- **Inter Local Agreement for Recycling**

- Motion made by Kramer, supported by Vance to participate in the agreement. All in favor.

- **Dockage Match Funds (Boat Launch or General Fund)**

- Motion made by Mike, supported by Webb to take match funds out of the general fund. Mike, Bobbi and Dawn in favor, Bob and Janet opposed. Motion carried

- **Budget Adjustments:**

- Motion made by Janet, support by Bob to amend the general fund balance to transfer out \$103, 782.74 that is restricted for boat launch to the boat Launch fund and then amend the boat launch fund to transfer in the \$103,782.74.

- **Prioritize Road Projects (Mac-a-Vista, Club)**

- Mike to discuss with Steve Mann and start working on Club Road. Steve Schultz from Mac-a-Vista discussed the status of their project. The petitions are out and it is pending the process.

- **Assessor Position/Correspondence**

- Communication from Brooke to rescind her application because she wasn't comfortable with what was being said or printed in the paper and the impact it would have on her reputation. Discussed that the Board is not following the hiring policy that was adopted.

- **Citizen Comments**

- There were seven public comments.

- **Board Comments**

- There were numerous comments and discussion about lack of communication between board members.
- Supervisor Ridley read Jay Reidsman's email as follows:

**From:** Jay Reidsma <[jay.reidsma@gmail.com](mailto:jay.reidsma@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** 8/22/2022 Special meeting comments

**Date:** August 22, 2022 at 12:43:28 PM EDT

**To:** "Jay D. Reidsma" <[jay.reidsma@gmail.com](mailto:jay.reidsma@gmail.com)>

To the board,

It's time to begin a transition from the current Clerk to Clerk Elect, and to begin a transition from current Board to the new Board.

I would like to request that a Transition Process be added to the September Agenda.

The Residents have spoken! They voted for New leadership to Respect and Represent their interests.

In fact, a resident has already asked for a professional and gracious transition at the August Board meeting.

If these special meetings involve hiring decisions, then any new employee needs to know:

Their employment would be considered interim, and their employment could be subject to change after November 8th election. You need to make this clear to them.

In summary, please add an agenda item in **September** for a proper transition process. I expect it. The residents expect it. The business owners expect it.

Thank you

- **Motion to Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn M Webb, Clerk  
Michael Ridley, Supervisor

