

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

March 3, 2015 – Approved April 7, 2015

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

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

Members Absent: None

Supervisor Ridley asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the February 3, 2015 meeting as presented. Clerk Fisher requested a correction in the agenda approval from Trustee Balazovic to Treasurer Balazovic.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve the February 3, 2015 minutes with the correction. Motion carried with five ayes.

Supervisor Ridley asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the February 18, 2015 Special Meeting. No changes were requested. Supervisor Ridley so moved the minutes were approved as presented and the motion carried.

Clerk Fisher moved and Treasurer Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items: No public comments received.

Committee Reports

DDA – A request has been made to MEDC to give a presentation to the DDA on Place Making at their March meeting. A decision will be made in April on the TAP Grant with the formal announcement to be in July. **Planning Commission:** A special meeting was held to review the parking variance requested by Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH). **Veterans Pier** – The dedication event will be Saturday, May 23, 2015, ~~3:00~~ 1:00 p.m. at DeVoe Beach. Continue to receive and approve enhancement items and the paver brick program is going well. The funds from the brick paver go 2/3 for the cost of the brick and 1/3 for a Veterans Pier maintenance fund. No Veterans Pier Committee meeting in March. **Marina Park** – Marina Park has set the 2015 boat launch fees at \$6.00 for the daily pass, \$40.00 for the annual pass and \$50 for a business pass for one vehicle, \$10 each additional vehicle. The pavilion projects are moving along on schedule; Gina Burke will be the project manager for the pavilion.

Police Report: It has been very quiet this past month providing time to do a little housekeeping and clean files.

Airport Manager's Report: Had a visit from the Border Patrol Customs. We are currently working on revising our hanger leases.

Treasurer's report: Tax season has ended. The general accounts have \$1,352,352.73 without interest and the tax accounts have \$230,461.53 without interest.

FOIA report: Clerk Fisher reported that there was one FOIA request in February that took about 45 minutes.

Correspondence: Received a letter from a law firm in Detroit regarding Prospect Street and a letter from Lee Chatfield to schedule a roundtable discussion with the Township Board.

Website Update: At our special meeting we reviewed the quotes and sample websites; continuing to review our options.

Trustee Waldron reviewed a sewer agreement between the State of Michigan and Tuscarora Township for the Burt Lake State Park (BLSP). There are two changes, or additions that Waldron would like to add to the agreement. Keith Cheli, our contact with the BLSP will need to review these changes and have them approved on his end. Waldron would like to see the following additions, clarifications (shown in italics):

1. Page 3, Paragraph J after "...commercial users of the sewer system." *Likewise, notwithstanding anything herein, including the rate provisions in Section I.G. the State will pay its pro-rata share of the actual costs for the operation and maintenance expenses for the sewer system*
2. Page 2, Paragraph E: The State shall be provided an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed sewer system construction plans *for the service to the Park* at fifty percent (50%) and ninety percent (90%) plan development completion.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to authorize Supervisor Ridley to sign the agreement with the two additions, clarifications. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Discussed the parking variance requested by OMH for their new facility that they plan to build in Tuscarora Township. Trustee Waldron expressed his disappointment that the Cheboygan County ZBA did not approve the variance request. He discussed the variance with Steve Schnell. Apparently the ZBA did not feel they had the authority to grant this variance. The Cheboygan County

Planning Commission will be reviewing the current parking ordinance for medical facilities this month. Trustee Waldron stated that our Planning Commission should plan on meeting with Steve Schnell and at some point have further discussion on our own zoning. Additionally, we need to review our old policies and ordinances for anything that may be out of date.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve Supervisor Ridley approving the roofing replacement RFP engineering Services for \$2,800.00 with Northwest Design. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor/Assessor Ridley reported on the 2015 assessed and taxable values as well as a letter from Janice Eaton, Cheboygan County Equalization Director. The 2015 assessed value is down by 1.1% but our taxable value increased 1.2%. Ms. Eaton has recommended a complete reappraisal for our township. Clerk Fisher and Treasurer Balazovic expressed that if we are doing a complete reappraisal it needs to be started right after the March Board of Review. They additionally expressed their concern over the cost of a complete reappraisal. Ridley stated that he will submit a plan for the assessment roll at the April meeting.

Public comments: Public comment began at 7:53 p.m. Comments were received from four persons. Public comments ended at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Trustee McGinnis and seconded by Clerk Fisher to pay the bills. Motion carried with five ayes.

Motion by Trustee Waldron to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor