

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Ridley with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members absent: None

18 citizens were in attendance

The minutes of the January meeting were approved with the exception of the line on the Gourdie Fraser bill changing “and on an application submitted” to “for an application submitted”. McGinnis moved and Balazovic seconded to approve the minutes with the corrections. Carried unanimously.

Waldron moved and McGinnis seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

DDA – Cindy Poquette reported that two more street signs have been broken and they are considering offering a reward. The MDOT grant was not funded but was not rejected, they are looking to resubmitting the grant.

Planning Commission – Mike Vizina reported that the Planning Commission has interviewed three firms to assist and aid in updating the Township’s Master Plan. He also reported that all the members plus the Township Board attended a planning and zoning seminar in January.

Marina Park – Sallie Snyder reported that they have authorized Gourdie Fraser to prepare the ads for the bid process for the boat launch

Police Report – Chief Wagner submitted a written report and Ridley read that Chief Wagner has seen an increase in incidents where people will purchase merchandise with a bad check and then attempt to return some or all of the merchandise for cash. He has cautioned businesses not to refund cash if the check has not yet cleared the bank.

Airport Report – Flying is light, snowplowing heavy.

Eric Jacobson mentioned that we would need to appoint someone as Cemetery Sexton before spring.

Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$718,961.97, tax account \$840,233.29 without interest or bank fees.

McGinnis moved and supported by Waldron to approve the request from Top O Michigan Outboard Racing Club to waive the “no wake” ordinance on August 8 and August 9, 2009. Carried unanimously.

Waldron moved and McGinnis supported to designate the most northerly parking space in the Village Green parking lot as handicap. The motion carried with five yeas.

Ridley reported that we would be obtaining bids for maintenance contracts for municipal properties.

Waldron moved and Fisher seconded to close Straits Highway between River Street and M-68 to ORV use. The motion passed unanimously.

A special meeting has been scheduled (and posted) for Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the township hall to discuss the MTA conference.

Waldron moved and Balazovic supported to set the date for the budget workshop to be Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Township Hall and the annual meeting to be held June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. Carried unanimously.

Fisher moved and Balazovic seconded to approve the Bull Dog Group's use of Marina Park for the purpose of a fundraiser from Wednesday August 12, 2009 through Friday August 14, 2009. Motion carried.

Waldron moved and Balazovic supported Marina Park's request for abandonment of Club Road between Old Onaway Rd. and River St. and their request for abandonment of the tube over the Little Sturgeon River on River St. A roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; McGinnis, yes; Waldron, yes; Fisher, yes. Motion carried.

McGinnis moved and Ridley seconded to pay a bill submitted by Gourdie Fraser for serviced performed on an environmental assessment. A roll call vote was taken: Ridley, yes; Waldron, no; Balazovic, no; Fisher, no; McGinnis, yes. Motion failed.

Jim Minster, from Gourdie Fraser, presented the board with a framed picture of the Green Docks that was used at the MTA Conference.

Citizens comments: Thank you for keeping the ice rink up so well this winter; thank you to Heather Waldron and Emily Jones for giving free ice skating lessons at Cooperation Park.

Waldron moved and Balazovic seconded to pay the bills. The motion carried.

Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Susan Fisher, Clerk