

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009
PROPOSED**

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 March meeting were approved as previously published.

Waldron moved and McGinnis seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of an Offer to Purchase for lot 6 of the Industrial Park. Carried unanimously.

DDA – Kelly Ashford reported that the grant proposal has been resubmitted to the DNR Trust Fund.

Beautification Committee – Bill Jones stated that the committee would start on the Village Green shortly; benches will go out as soon as the snow is gone.

Police Report – Chief Wagner stands on his previously submitted statistical report. Snowbirds are returning, less houses to check on. Chief Wagner provided a handout on fraud and recommended the Looks Too Good To Be True website (www.lookstoogoodtobetrue.com) anti-fraud website.

Airport Report – Norm stated that they had a long, hard winter but the airport came through it with only minor damage..

Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,282,453.30; the tax account has \$11,635.99 without interest or bank fees.

Supervisor Ridley introduced Jim Purtill as our new Township Maintenance Supervisor. Purtill reported that they have two ball fields ready to go, but not much can be done until the snow is gone. Cooperation Park will be ready for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11th.

Park Commission – Dick Luther reported that Jim Purtill has resigned from the Park Commission Board and would like to appoint Dave Driscoll to fill the unexpired term. McGinnis moved to accept the resignation of Jim Purtill and to appoint Dave Driscoll to the Park Commission, Waldron seconded and the motion passed.

Waldron moved to approve the recommendation by Marina Park and Gourdie Fraser to award a contract to Molon Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$533,083.75 to construct the Indian River boat launch. Molon was the low bid on the project and comes highly recommended by Brian Boals from Gourdie Fraser. Balazovic supported the motion and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Waldron, yes; Balazovic, yes; Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes.

Fisher moved to approve a Construction Management Contract with Gourdie Fraser for the construction of the boat launch in the amount of \$46,900. McGinnis supported the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Fisher, yes; McGinnis, yes; Ridley, yes; Waldron, yes.

Boals reported that Molon is ready to start the project as soon as all the paperwork is in order. Hopefully they can start the week of April 20th.

Waldron reported that the Chev. Cty. Road Commission approved the closure of the culvert over the Little Sturgeon River on River Street, contingent on legal approval. The abandonment of Club Road between River Street and Old Onaway was tabled until further discussion with their legal department. That part of Club Road must be kept available for the residents on River Street during the construction of the new bridge over the Indian River and the removal of the railroad viaduct on River Street.

McGinnis moved to accept the Employee Handbook as presented with Option 2 and with the added words “up to 6,000 hours worked” to the personal/sick/vacation days section. Balazovic supported and the motion passed unanimously.

The request by Supervisor Ridley to schedule a meeting for the Commerce Park parcels has been tabled until the May meeting.

Balazovic moved to approve the budget adjustment requested from Clerk Fisher. \$37,055.22 from 101-101-801-00 Professional Expense for the Wade-Trim note payment to 101-905-995-00 Long Term Debt \$23,886.13 and 101-905-995-01 Long Term Debt interest \$13,169.10. Waldron supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ridley presented a Resolution to request the DNR to hold a public hearing to inquire into the need for special watercraft controls on the Indian River between the I-75 overpass and Burt Lake restricting the use of towing occupied tubes. Waldron moved to include a cover letter with the Resolution indicating our request to only prohibit towing on weekends and holidays. McGinnis supported the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; McGinnis, yes; Fisher, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes.

Fisher moved to approve the Indian River Watercraft Resolution with the addition of the word “occupied” in the second paragraph. Waldron supported the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Fisher, yes; McGinnis, yes; Ridley, yes; Waldron, yes; Balazovic, yes.

A motion by Fisher to approve the Offer to Purchase lot #6 of the Industrial Park Development presented by Carpenter-Ellis GMAC Real Estate for the Cheboygan Life Support Systems in the amount of \$25,000.00, title insurance to be paid by seller. Balazovic supported the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Ridley, yes; Balazovic, yes; Waldron, abstain; Fisher, yes; McGinnis, yes.

Citizen’s comments: Dave Driscoll expressed his concern regarding his family’s property off Club Rd. and access should the road be abandoned. Waldron informed him that the Road Commission and the Township would require an easement be in place before the abandonment could be granted.

A motion by Balazovic to pay the bills was supported by Waldron and a roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Waldron, yes; McGinnis, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. by Waldron.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Susan Fisher and Supervisor Ridley