

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 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

16 citizens were in attendance

Balazovic moved and McGinnis seconded to approve the minutes of the June meeting were previously published. Motion passed.

Waldron moved and Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda with the additions of a discussion on the office hours, approval of DDA appointments and communications. Motion passed unanimously.

Fisher moved and Balazovic supported the recommendation of the DDA to appoint Rebecca Behm, Kelly Ashford and Cindy Poquette to another three-year term. A roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; McGinnis, yes; Ridley, yes; Balazovic, yes; Fisher, yes.

Committee Reports:

DDA – nothing new to report. **Parks** – all is going well at the parks, Jim is doing a great job. The Parks Commission is looking at a few improvements – still in a discussion mode. **Beautification** –nothing new to report, next meeting Wednesday, July 8th at 3:00 p.m. **Planning Commission** – reviewed some of the recommendations from Mary Campbell at the June meeting. Will continue to work on the Master Plan. There is no fixed time for the Master Plan to be completed; it will depend on when the Commission is ready for public input. The July Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled. **Marina Park** – the construction of the boat launch has gone very well with Molon and Gourdie Fraser. The only exception is getting AT&T to move the lines so that the road can be reestablished on River Street. No final date has been set as to when it can be opened; the Commission is working on the drop box and signs. Looking at holding a grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony mid August. Next meeting is Thursday, July 16, 2009.

Airport – New roof put on terminal building and they are preparing for the Summerfest activities at the airport. Saturday, August 18th they will be giving free rides for children from ages 7 – 17, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.. There will be a car show and open house from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m on Sunday the 19th.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$960,403.95; the tax accounts \$45.48 without interest. Summer tax collection has begun.

Waldron moved and Fisher supported signing the Authorizing Resolution for Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact. MEMAC is a cooperative between municipalities to provide emergency aid and assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Ridley, yes; Waldron, yes; Fisher, yes; Balazovic, yes.

Communication – Mike Ridley read a letter received from Rebecca Humphries, Director of the DNR, thanking the Tuscarora Township Police Department for removing nine of the ten illegal dumpsites in Tuscarora Township.

Boat Launch Ordinance – Motion by Waldron to adopt Ordinance 25 a Boat Launch Entrance Fee Ordinance was supported by Balazovic. The Ordinance establishes a \$5.00 per day boat launch entrance fee and a \$35.00 annual pass with fines for persons who violate the ordinance. Waldron requested a letter from the DNR stating that Tuscarora Township taxpayers cannot be issued a discounted season pass. A roll call vote was taken: Fisher, yes; Balazovic, yes; Waldron, yes; Ridley, yes; McGinnis, yes.

Motion by Waldron to approve up to \$2500.00 to hire a mechanical engineer to evaluate the heating system and make suggestions on a course of action and develop bid specifications at the board's direction. The motion also requires the approval of the Police Department and Library Board. Waldron stated that technology has improved since the system was installed in 1994 and it might be cost effective to upgrade the whole system. The motion was supported by McGinnis and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Balazovic moved and McGinnis supported a request from the Friends of Inland Lake Schools for a one night gaming license for a 50/50 raffle to be held on Wednesday, July 15th. The motion passed unanimously.

Ridley reported that eleven property owners have been notified of blight violations. Five have responded with a plan and commitment to clean up the blight and six have failed to respond.

Road update – five windshield estimates have been obtained with preliminary discussions with citizens on five additional streets. Ridley stated that these rehabilitations should be a citizen driven effort and that Township support will be on a first come first serve basis. McGinnis requested a windshield estimate be obtained for Victor Drive.

Waldron moved and Fisher supported Ridley signing a Riparian Usage Agreement as presented, or a similarly worded agreement, between Jay and Marjorie Harless and Tuscarora Township. The agreement, submitted by the Township's attorney, allows the Township to continue to place the south buoy line at DeVoe Beach as it has been done in past years. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on Tuscarora Township becoming a core partner with Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA). Cheboygan, Emmet and Antrim Counties are currently members of NLEA. Because Cheboygan County is a member of NLEA all of the services provided by NLEA would come to the Township through Cheboygan County's membership.

McGinnis reported on the DNR's open meeting for restrictions on towing on the Indian River that was held at the township on Wednesday, July 1, 2009. The attendance at the meeting was low. The DNR will present their recommendations within 90 days and the Township then has 60 days to either accept or reject the DNR's recommendations. McGinnis would like to see another method to get the word out on public hearings.

After discussion, the Township Board has changed the office hours to Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Public Comment: Sallie Snyder thanked Jim Purtill and his crew for watering the grass at Green Docks. Fireworks were great this year, no issues or problem reported. Request that the clerk needs a laptop for the meetings.

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

Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor