

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2009**

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

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

Members absent: None

18 citizens were in attendance

Waldron moved and Balazovic seconded to approve the minutes as published with the exception of the line of Waldron requested a letter changing “Waldron requested a letter from the DNR stating that Tuscarora Township taxpayers cannot” to “Waldron requested a letter from the DNR *requesting* that Tuscarora Township *be allowed to issue Tusc. Twp. Taxpayers a discounted season pass.*” The motion passed unanimously.

A motion by Waldron and seconded by McGinnis to accept

Committee reports:

**Parks** - everything going well, busy summer; **DDA** – pathway project is moving along, met with MDOT a few times regarding the project. The DDA is concentrating on one leg of the pathway at a time. **Beautification** – proceeding with benches, and looking for artists for painting the benches. The Committee is also looking at the costs of trash barrels for the downtown area. **Planning Committee** – there was no meeting in July. **Marina Park** - boat launch is open and have a few kinks to work out. Signs have been ordered that were not included in the bid package. The parking lot should be paved sometime next year; parking bumpers have been ordered. We should be ready to start charging the entrance fee by this weekend.

Police report – the Department has, with Jim Purtill, tried a new program this summer for youth violators. Instead of having the youth go through the criminal justice system, the violators work a required number of ours with the Parks Department. The program has worked well so far. The Dept. borrowed a radar sign from the Petoskey Dept. of Public Safety and they are getting ready for the boat races.

Airport report – everything coming along fine, will be filling the cracks on the runway this summer. Summerfest activities at the airport turned out well flew about 100 kids on Sunday.

Treasurer’s report – without interest and penalties the general accounts have \$420,829.48 and the tax accounts have \$403,581.03.

Fisher moved and Waldron seconded renewing the Mutual Aid Agreement with Mackinaw City. This is the fourth renewal; however, it has never been used to date. A

roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Fisher moved and McGinnis seconded Supervisor Ridley signing a Resolution in Support of the Northern Michigan Broadband Cooperative. The Northern MI Broadband Co-op will be applying for stimulus money to build a fiber backbone in northern MI. NEMCOG has requested our support. A roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; Ridley, yes; Balazovic, yes; McGinnis, yes; Fisher, yes.

McGinnis moved and Ridley seconded Supervisor Ridley signing the Michigan Green Communities Challenge. This is the first step required in applying for a \$50,000 EECBG grant issued through the state of Michigan. There is no match required for rehab energy audits, upgrades to our heating/cooling system. Thirteen different projects have been approved. Additionally there is a LED lighting project that requires a 10% match. There will only be 150 grants issued. NEMCOG could possibly write the grant. A roll call vote was taken: Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes; Waldron, yes; Balazovic, yes; McGinnis, yes.

Citizen's comments: Downtown speed limit is 35 – too fast for downtown. How do we get the limit lowered: Chief Wagner will request another survey from the Michigan State Police. Will there be a ribbon cutting for Marina Park? The Township will try to schedule one for Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Have we hired a mechanical engineer? No, that is on hold at this point. Does NEMCOG have sources for an energy audit?

Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Susan Fisher, Clerk  
Michael Ridley, Supervisor