

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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

21 citizens were in attendance

McGinnis moved and Waldron seconded to approve the minutes of the August meeting as were previously published. Motion passed.

Waldron moved and Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Marina Park – the boat launch has been heavily used since it opened. A ribbon cutting was held in August that the DNR attended as well as those who were active on the Committee several years ago. The first reimbursement check is in the mail from the DNR. The Marina Park Committee would like to see the boat launch added to the website. There is a meeting scheduled with the DNR in September on the proposed trailhead. **Parks** – parks has cancelled their September meeting. **DDA** – the pathway project is moving along will learn in December if we qualify for a Trust Fund Grant. **Beautification** – nine new benches have been built. Some have already gone to artists and some are still weathering. There are still eleven old benches that have not been claimed. Next meeting is September 9th (second Tuesday of every month). The Committee is looking for more artists. **Planning Commission** – reviewed the existing land use plans, made corrections and talked about goals and objectives.

Police Report – The requested speed study for Straits Highway in the downtown district should be done some time this month. They will also do a speed study on M-68 in front of the school. Two officers will be doing a child safety seat inspection and installation at the school this week. The Department has partnered with Jonathan Rand to distribute donated books to local children who have been traumatized or if a student is seen doing something good.

Airport – Finishing up the filling of the cracks.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$347,840.04; the tax accounts \$222,747.63 without interest.

Communication – Supervisor Ridley read a letter submitted by Jeff & Shawn Whittey requesting financial support to clean up the canal between Holden and Burchfield Street. The Board will send a letter to the Drain Commission requesting they look into the situation.

Sidewalk Snow Removal – The board discussed stopping the service of snow removal for those businesses and residents along the downtown district of Indian River. The Township will also be obtaining bids for snow removal for the Village Green parking lot and the municipal building parking lot. The Township currently has an ordinance in effect that requires property owners to remove the snow and ice from the sidewalks.

Fisher provided the board with a summary of the bids received for the repair of the boiler and pump. After discussion, and listening to comments from the Sales Manager for Great Lakes Plumbing & Heating, Fisher

moved and Waldron supported approving the bid from Controlled Elements for \$7,007.00. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Bid Policy – the Township does not have a formal bid policy in effect. In response to recent complaints the board will be preparing a formal bid policy and procedures to present at a later meeting.

Waldron moved to approve the \$825.00 Membership Services Invoice from Nemcog. Balazovic supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

Waldron moved and McGinnis supported a resolution to approve a revised grant agreement with the DNR for the boat launch. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Sallie Snyder thanked the local taxpayers for supporting the millage that allowed the boat launch to be built. Hap Herpel mentioned that the speed on Prospect St. was noticeably slower while the Police Department had the speed monitoring device installed. Since the removal of the monitoring device the speeds have again increased. Can the Department issue a few speeding tickets on Prospect as a deterrent.

Balazovic moved and Waldron 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