

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 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

22 citizens were in attendance

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as published.

Waldron moved and McGinnis seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Police Report – Chief Wagner is ill and unable to attend the meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

**Parks** – Maintenance for winter has begun; flower barrels have been picked up, benches put away, removing leaves from the parks and cemeteries and trimming dead branches. **DDA** – The DDA has agreed to amend and extend their term of existence. Additionally, they have agreed to participate in funding the sewers in their district. **Beautification** – The committee is looking for sponsors and artists for the 16 benches left to be painted. They are also looking at landscaping the River Street Park. **Planning Commission** – The Commission is still working on goals and objectives for the new Master Plan. Reviewing current and future land use maps and putting pressure on the County Planning Commission regarding the Village Center zoning. The public hearing will be held sometime in the spring. **Marina Park** – Still working on the trail head design, boat launch use is starting to slow down.

Airport – Nothing new to report, preparing for winter.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$458,111.29 and \$20,977.43 in the tax accounts and this is without interest and bank fees.

Fisher moved and Waldron supported a motion to approve the Chamber of Commerce request to use the Township Hall meeting room, the Township Hall parking lot and the Village Green for the Christmas in Indian River festivities on Friday, November 27, 2009. The motion passed unanimously.

Fisher reported that after the Board's October meeting with the Park Commission Board that the Township employees will continue to plow the hall parking lot and the village green parking lot. Also, the Township will continue to plow the sidewalks this upcoming season due to a review of the ordinance for snow removal by Attorney Dan Martin. Martin stated that the current ordinance is to prevent property owners from blocking or piling up the sidewalks and streets with their own snow removal.

The Township Board will be holding a special meeting Monday, November 9, at 3:00 p.m. at the Township hall to discuss road improvements.

Waldron moved and McGinnis seconded to approve the signing of a Waterways Grant Agreement with the DNR for paving the parking lot at the new boat launch in the amount of \$61,595.00. This is a matching grant

with the Township's portion to come out of the Parks and Recreation Millage. The engineers anticipate being able to pave the parking lot next summer or early next fall. A roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes; McGinnis, yes.

Discussion on the cemetery ordinance resolution to amend the cost of the cemetery sites and perpetual care has been tabled until December to allow Fisher time to survey what other municipalities are charging for grave sites and perpetual care.

The board received a request from Mr. Dennis Lennox to pass a resolution to stop the DNR from prohibiting the recreational fishing of walleye in Mullet Lake. Ridley reported that the Fisheries reported that they have been in discussion with the local Tribes and that the meeting being held on Saturday at the Township Hall has been changed in context. Waldron requested that the issue be tabled until after the DNR reports at the meeting on Saturday.

After discussion on the cost of holding the 2010 fireworks display on July 4<sup>th</sup>, Waldron made a motion to hold the 2010 fireworks display on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the cost of \$7,245.00 with the rain date to be set at a later date. Balazovic seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken, McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Public Comment: Do we know why M-68 is being surveyed?

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

Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor