

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
TUESDAY JANUARY 5, 2010**

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

Members present: Balazovic, Ridley, Fisher, Waldron

Members absent: McGinnis

19 citizens were in attendance

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as published.

Waldron moved and Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda with a request from the Marina Park and from the U.S. Census Bureau. The motion carried with four yeas, one absent.

**Committee Reports:**

**Parks Commission** – Dick Luther reported that the Parks Commission is looking at ways to add lights at Coop Park, and also discussing ways to generate money for the Parks. Jim reported that the rink is up and running, the sledding hill and ice rink is getting a lot of use already. Volunteers will be starting to help with the maintenance of the rink soon. **DDA** – Trust fund grant came through. The commitment from the Trust Fund is \$393,400, local match is \$131,100.00. The applicant will be Cheboygan County Road Commission. The project will be complete in 2012. **Beautification** – Meeting scheduled for this month. **Planning Commission** – The December meeting was cancelled due to weather; next meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. **Marina Park** – Working on a budget for summer 2010 and setting the launch fees for 2010 at \$5.00 daily and \$50.00 annual.

**Police Report:** Snowmobile season well under way. Snowmobile patrol is busy; we patrol the trail in Tuscarora Twp. from 10:00 am - 10:00 pm Fridays and Saturday and 8:00 am – 8:00 p.m. Sundays. State grants fund 85% of the snowmobile patrol costs

**Airport** – Nothing new to report, it has been easy to take care of the snow so far this season.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$309,181.20 and \$1,590,760.54 in the tax accounts and this is without interest and bank fees.

Balazovic moved and Fisher supported a motion to approve the 2010 Fire Protection Contract. The motion passed with three yeas, one absent and one abstention.

Waldron moved and Fisher supported a motion to set the meeting dates for May, August and November to the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried with four yeas, one absent.

Assessor Jacobson provided the board with the 2010 Poverty Exemption Guidelines. The adoption of the guidelines was tabled until the February meeting to allow the board the opportunity to review the data.

Supervisor Ridley reported that the Township Board must actually approve the DDA Budget, not just review, as had been the Board's practice in the past. After discussion, the approval of the DDA budget was tabled until the

February meeting to allow the DDA board to provide more information on past actual expenses and clarification on the professional services budgeted figures and the Indian River Pathway budgeted figures.

Waldron motioned to approve the conceptual drawings presented by Marina Park for the proposed Trailhead utilizing part of the Marina Park property, the Village Green parking lot and the township property recently purchased from the DNR. This is a joint project with the Marina Park and the DNR. Balazovic supported the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes; McGinnis, absent.

The Census Bureau requested the Board to inform the public that there are positions available for the 2010 Census. They have provided business cards and brochures that are available in the Township offices providing more information.

No public comments.

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

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

Respectfully submitted

Susan Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor