

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2010**

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

Waldron moved and McGinnis seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting with the following correction to the DDA committee reports: The applicant was Tuscarora Township. Also a spelling correction on the fire protection contract motion from years to yeas. The motion passed.

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

Police report – Parking issues at the Burt Lake public access on E/W Resort Road have resulted in obtaining a temporary no parking order for one side of E/W Resort Road; this will allow fire and/or ambulance to get through to Hamilton Road.

Committee Reports:

Parks Commission – Dick Luther reported that a stereo has been purchased for the skating rink, still looking for affordable speakers. Jim Purtill stated that the light poles from Mt. Pleasant will go up for bid this spring. **DDA** – a special meeting has been scheduled for Monday February 8th at 12:00 p.m. at the township hall with the township board to discuss the DDA budget, priorities, NLEA/Gourdie Fraser bill and Fleis and Vandenbrink. **Beautification** – No meeting was held in January. **Planning Commission** – Master Plan is progressing, refined some areas of the preliminary maps at the January meeting and Mary Campbell will format them and resubmit them at the February meeting. **Marina Park** – Molon submitted the Indian River Boat Launch to the Builder's Exchange contest and they won the award. Fee structure for this year was also discussed at the January meeting.

Balazovic and Fisher reported on some of the classes they attended at the annual MTA conference. They received updates on the constitutional convention that will be on the November ballot, election updates, and attended classes on the board of review process, employee compensation and fringe benefit concessions.

Airport report – no report this month

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$750,063.49 and \$163,492.08 in the tax accounts and this is without interest and bank fees.

Assessor Jacobson updated the board on the fourteen point mini review that the Township failed this year. Jacobson went over the new guidelines that have been put in place for the 2010 assessment roll.

Waldron moved and Balazovic supported the fee schedule for FOIA requests and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Balazovic moved and Waldron supported a motion to adopt the Freedom of Information Act Coordinator Resolution appointing the office administrator as the coordinator. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

The review of the FOIA policy and procedures adopted in 2003 is tabled until the March regular meeting.

Waldron moved to adopt the federal poverty guidelines for the 2010 assessment year. Fisher seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Waldron moved to adopt the Amendment to Boat Launch Entrance Fee Ordinance. The amendment allows the fees to be set annually at the February regular meeting of the Township Board. Balazovic supported the motion and it passed.

Fisher made a motion to approve the following entrance fee rates recommended by the Marina Park Commission: \$5.00 daily, \$50.00 annual and a \$50.00 per unit resort rate. These rates are pending approval from the DNR. Waldron seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public comments: Do we know when the Indian River Bridge will be replaced? Luke Houlton had reported to Supervisor Ridley that construction will begin after Labor Day. Different emergency plans are being discussed between the police, fire and ambulance for service while the bridge is under construction. What do we hear from the State on the repair of M-68? Ridley sent a letter to MDOT, along with letters of support from the county road commission, and the state, county, and township police departments, requesting that they move up the date for repaving of M-68.

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

Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor