

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 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

39 citizens were in attendance

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as published.

Fisher moved and McGinnis seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of item #18, Communication and it carried unanimously.

Police Report – Winter was good with a lot of snowmobile traffic in town. A temporary no parking area to maintain access to South Hamilton was put in place in February and that will be removed this spring. A study will be performed this summer before a permanent no parking area is installed next winter. Waldron stated that he believes the no parking area could be smaller and still allow for emergency vehicles to get through.

Committee Reports:

Parks – Defers to item 12. **DDA** – Working on getting three street signs replaced. **Planning Commission** – worked on Master Plan at the February meeting. The March meeting has been cancelled and Mary Campbell will be providing final draft to be reviewed by early April – a public hearing will be scheduled for this summer. **Marina Park** – Discussed additional overflow parking, volunteers for busy weekends at the boat launch, sprinkling system, landscaping and fishing tournaments at Marina Park.

Trustee McGinnis attended the local MTA Chapter meeting – Joe Lavender, Cheboygan County Equal. Director reported at the meeting that assessments county wide are down approximately 4%, with taxable values down .03%. Luke Houlton reported on the Road Commission budget and their plans to put a 1 mill proposal on the August ballot.

Airport Report – Norm reported that the airport saw more traffic than any previous winter.

Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$823,310.04, tax account \$932,258.89 without interest or bank fees.

Matt Radulski, MDOT Development Engineer, addressed the repair and answered questions regarding the section of M-68 from the Shrine to Parke Road stating that it is scheduled to be repaved in 2015. Radulski's district receives \$8M a year for six counties that include about 165 freeway miles and approximately 400 non-freeway miles.

Jennifer Andrew, Park Commissioner, reported that the ice rink is now closed for the season at Cooperation Park; this was the longest season to date for the rink. Andrew submitted a resolution requesting the township board to support a ballot proposal of 0.75 mills for four years for the purpose of adding Veterans Pier, a fishing pier, to DeVoe Beach. The Parks Commission will be applying for grants and also private fund raising. After discussion, Trustee Waldron moved to support a 1.0 mill for three years with the following ballot language for the August ballot:

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of Tuscarora, County of Cheboygan, Michigan, be increased by One Dollar (\$1.00) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) (1.0 mills) of the taxable value for a period of three (3) years, 2010 to 2012, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide funds for the purpose of acquiring, improving, maintaining, and supporting public parks and places of recreation in the Township? It is estimated that 1.0 mills would raise approximately \$210,000.00 when first levied in 2010.

McGinnis supported the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; Ridley, yes; McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Fisher, yes.

Fisher moved and Balazovic seconded to appoint Billy Andrew as an alternate member on the Board of Review to serve until November, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Waldron moved and Balazovic supported a request to create a special assessment district to assist in financing the repaving of Grace Street and Wenonah Avenue on Sturgeon Island. All costs to be paid by the members of the assessment district. The date for confirmation of the roll is set for Tuesday, April 6, 2010, 7:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion by Fisher to grant the Top O Michigan Outboard Racing Club's request for a waiver of the no wake ordinance on July 31st and August 1st, 2010 for the power boat races was seconded by McGinnis and the motion passed unanimously.

The Top O'Michigan Outboard Race Club also requested use of Marina Park for the Sunday August 2nd awards ceremony and to allow parking by permit only on Mack and South Street for the races on July 31st and August 1st between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Waldron moved to approve Top O'Michigan's request, McGinnis seconded and the motion carried.

Fisher moved and Balazovic supported the Chamber's use of the Marina Park Boat Launch for the Walleye Tournament weight-in and awards on May 29th between 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm providing the launch is kept open for public use. The motion carried.

Waldron moved and McGinnis supported the revision of the FOIA policy as presented by Clerk Fisher. The major change in the policy is that requests must be made in writing. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Ridley reported that the State Dept. of Treasury has approved our corrective plan for our 14 point review; they will schedule a review in April, 2010. The township board signed a resolution of support for a grant request for broadband providing Indian River was included in the plan and followed the M27 corridor to the City of Cheboygan. The original plan submitted by Merit by-passed Indian River, Wolverine and Vanderbilt.

Citizen comments: Robin Rohn stated that the fence on the East/West Resort Road end is not on the property lines. Bob Chadwick, recently appointed to the Cheboygan County Road Commission introduced himself. He is the only Commissioner that lives west of M-33. Alex Strobehn, introduced himself; he is running for State Representative. Gina Burke thanked the board for their action on the Sturgeon Island special assessment. Roger Jacobs would like to see a discount on the boat ramp for residents – Ridley informed him that the DNR does not allow us to give a discount to township residents.

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

Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.
Susan Fisher, Clerk

Mike Ridley, Supervisor