

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2010**

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

Members present: McGinnis, Ridley, Fisher, Waldron

Members absent: Balazovic

21 citizens were in attendance

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as published.

Fisher moved and Waldron seconded to adopt the agenda as presented and it passed unanimously.

Police Report – Chief Wagner stated that he has received calls on the new smoking ban. This law is to be enforced by the business owners, not the police. Our building needs to have no-smoking signs posted at all entrances. He has literature available on the new law. Fire danger is down, ready for the boat launch to start.

Committee Reports:

Parks – Defers to item 12. Supervisor Ridley reported that a grant application has been submitted for Veterans Pier. **DDA** – Funded for the pathway project. Beautification – no report. **Planning Commission** – no meeting was held in March. **Marina Park** – Waiting for authorization to sell annual passes. Irrigation installed at Marina Park, annual passes to be sold at the Township office.

Airport Report – Norm Pratt and Chris Kindsvatter attended a conference for Michigan Aeronautics and reported that funding is being cut. Inspections will now be every three years versus annually. Very few grants left for airport improvements. A pump needed to be replaced on their flowing well and everything needed was donated.

Treasurers report: the general accounts have \$901,003.60, tax account \$5,164.77 without interest or bank fees.

Mary Jo Dismang, Inland Lakes School Superintendent, spoke on the millage questions that will be on the May ballot. One is the renewal of the 18 mills and one is a \$1.5M bond proposal that is an extension of a millage due to expire.

Waldron moved and McGinnis seconded a motion denying Glowwork's request to sell glow-in-the-dark merchandise at the firework display. Waldron stated that this should remain available for service/non-profit groups in the community. The motion carried.

Davis Driskill, Park Commissioner, reported that the Park Commission would like to revise their request for the millage proposal from one mill for three years to .50 mills for three years. Waldron moved to rescind the March motion requesting one mill for three years. McGinnis seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, absent; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes. Motion carried.

Fisher moved to approve a Park & Recreation millage of .50 mills for three years, McGinnis seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, absent; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, no. Motion carried.

Fisher moved to approve Supervisor Ridley contacting Miller Canfield, bond council, to start the procedure of amending the DDA plan and extending the duration of the DDA. McGinnis seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, absent; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes. Motion carried.

Fisher moved and Waldron seconded to set the Budget Hearing date for Wednesday, June 23, 2010, 6:00 p.m. and the Annual Meeting for Monday, June 28, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at the township hall. The motion carried.

Supervisor Ridley presented a Resolution of Support for the state legislature to look at alternative ways to finance roads in Michigan. Ridley also provided copies of the Legislative Analysis for House Bills 5768 and 5770 that would amend Section 8 and Section 2 of the Motor Fuel Tax Act. The issue is tabled until May to allow the board an opportunity to review the material presented.

Supervisor Ridley and Trustee McGinnis reported on the March Cheboygan MTA meeting and that the township was awarded a Michigan Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant for led lighting in the Township hall.

Citizen comments: Sandra Pruder introduced herself as a resident and a Republican candidate for the County Commissioner seat.

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

Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Susan Fisher, Clerk

Mike Ridley, Supervisor