

**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

22 citizens were in attendance

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as published.

Fisher moved and Waldron seconded to adopt the agenda with moving the closed session to Item #18 and adding Darryl Vizina to Item #17. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Report – There is still confusion with regards to the enforcement of the nonsmoking band. With a grant from a federal agency the department has switched from paper to electronic accident reporting. The State Police post in Cheboygan will be changing to a detachment unit by the end of May; no plans to supplement that force at this point. Main emphasis for the post is to have a night car as much as possible and a day car whenever possible.

Balazovic arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Committee Reports:

Parks – Working on the Veterans Pier millage. **DDA** – The DDA is in the process of extending the life of the DDA. **Marina Park** – Boat launch open, annual passes and resort passes for those in the small cottage business are available for purchase at the Clerk's office. Road Commission has submitted a use permit to allow us to lower the viaduct and trail. Boat launch should be paved in September.

Airport Report – Nothing new to report, have been receiving inquiries about building hangers.

Treasurers report: the general accounts have \$1,064,548.98, tax account \$5,784.76 with interest and bank fees.

Ridley reported on communication received from Kelli Sobel, State Tax Commission. They will be monitoring the development of land values and ECF's for the 2011 assessment roll. Additionally they are encouraging the Township to perform field inspections on 20% of the parcels annually and to document and record those inspections.

The township has received a request from the Cheboygan Cty. Planning Dept. for permission to utilize our assessment information. They are looking to have a database with the appraisal information of the commercial and industrial buildings. Ridley will request Steve Schnell to attend a meeting to provide additional information.

Waldron moved and Fisher seconded a Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies with MDOT. This resolution is required to place signs in the road right of way for the boat launch. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Ridley presented a Resolution of Support to Implement TF2, Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Act. No support for the resolution was offered.

Beautification Committee – Dick Binder, Dick Luther and Verne Binder are new members of the Committee. The Committee would like to purchase six trash receptacles for the downtown district. Fisher asked if the DDA has approved the style that they have chosen. New artists have volunteered to paint additional benches and the Committee would like to begin cleaning up and landscaping of the little park on River Street. Waldron suggested running the design by the Fire Dept. so that they don't ruin the landscaping with their trucks.

Balazovic moved and McGinnis seconded a motion to approve the 2010 Master Plan Draft for distribution to the adjacent counties and townships. The motion carried.

Fisher moved and Waldron seconded a motion to hold a public hearing on Wednesday June 9th for the proposed 2010 Master Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Fisher moved and Balazovic supported a request from the Friends of Inland Lake Schools for a one night gaming license for a 50/50 raffle to be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

Darryl Vizina reported on the new Drug Court program. This is an alternative to prison or jail for non-violent, high end drug abusers and it has been going extremely well. There have been nine entered into the program with ages running from 18 to the mid 30's. They are drug tested three times a week and weekly home inspections are performed. Mr. Vizina reported that there has been a very large increase in drug activities in Cheboygan County.

Waldron reported that at the annual Fire Dept. Banquet two awards were issued for 25 years of service. That brings their total to five who have 25 years of service. They also have 5-7 individuals in the department who have completed the Fire Fighter One.

A motion by Waldron to move into a closed session to discuss the police contract was seconded by McGinnis. Motion carried. At 8:02 the board moved into closed session.

A motion by Waldron and seconded by McGinnis to return from closed session back into open session was seconded by McGinnis. Motion carried unanimously. At 8:14 the board moved back into open session.

Citizen comments: Mike Patrick introduced himself. He is running for the 107th House of Representatives on the Republican ticket. Bob Chadwick introduced himself and announced he is running for the Cheboygan County Road Commission. Luke Houlton presented information to the board on the proposed road millage on the August ballot.

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

Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Susan Fisher, Clerk

Mike Ridley, Supervisor