

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 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

30 citizens were in attendance

Minutes of the June meeting were approved as published.

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

Police Report – Chief Wagner reported that Indian River was very active over the July 4th weekend; but, there were no major incidences to report. Very busy keeping boat launch envelopes picked up and filled.

Committee Reports:

DDA – A special meeting was held to review bills from Fleis & Vandenbrink. The new Fleis & Vandenbrink contract is currently being reviewed by Rob Huth; the DDA gave permission to have the township attorney to negotiate the contract. The terms for Kathy Swanson and Phyllis Kristin are up and the DDA asked to reappoint both Phyllis and Kathy to the board. **Beautification** – No report. **Planning Commission** – The Planning Commission held a joint meeting with the Cheboygan County Planning Commission to review a Village Center concept. **Marina Park** – The boat launch was very busy this past weekend. The parking lot is still on track for paving this fall. Ridley questioned whether the committee is still looking into getting volunteers on busy weekends. Andy Bowman took pictures of the launch this past weekend. **Parks and Recreation** – Jim Purtill reported that everything seems to be running smoothly.

Airport Report – Norm reported that the airport ran smoothly this past weekend.

Treasurers report: the general accounts have \$54,944.75, tax account \$1,224.80 without interest or bank fees. Tax bills have gone out.

Communication: Mike read an email received from the Chamber regarding the fireworks.

Pete Pallas gave a presentation and answered questions on Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Jane moved and Balazovic seconded a motion to sign the MERS Healthcare Savings Program Participation Agreement. The agreement was approved several years ago but needed to be rewritten to reflect the union contract. A roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Balazovic, yes; McGinnis, yes.

The Chamber presented a request and a diagram of layout for a carnival to be held in Marina Park during Summerfest. The carnival was omitted in error from the previous request for Summerfest. Ridley asked if there are other options available. Several concerns were expressed: boat launch overflow parking, neighbor concerns, the ground at the park being too wet for the heavy equipment, parking. Ridley stated that he is in support of having the event close to the other events; however, there is insufficient time to work out the problems. No motion was made, the request died from lack of support.

Jim Wightman, Ellinger Road, expressed his concerns with the condition of Ellinger Road and inquired as to the steps necessary for repaving the road. After discussion, the board decided to hold a special meeting to discuss whether the township should continue with special assessments for road improvements or possibly seek a local millage.

Waldron moved and McGinnis seconded a motion to approve signing the Burnham & Flowers Administrative Service Agreement. This agreement gives Burnham & Flowers the ability to manage the reimbursement of the deductibles. The motion carried and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fishers, yes; Waldron, yes.

Fisher moved and Balazovic supported the amendment to Cemetery Ordinance #22. The draft had been submitted at the workshop meeting held June 23, 2010. The motion carried.

Balazovic moved and McGinnis supported the cemetery fee schedule submitted by Fisher. Motion carried.

Fisher moved and McGinnis supported signing the three year contract with the Police Officers Labor Council contingent on the final copy matching the verbally agreed to terms. The motion carried and a roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Waldron, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; McGinnis, yes.

Jane McGinnis showed a video of the boating activities on the Indian River on July 3rd and July 4th. McGinnis is concerned about the lack of enforcement and a lack of signage of the new tubing ordinance. Fisher stated that there are three signs on the river: one at the boat launch, one at the I-75 overpass and one at the mouth of the river. Sallie Snyder suggested informing anyone towing tubers on Saturdays and holidays of the new ordinance.

After discussion and comments from Phyllis Kristin, Fisher moved and Waldron supported Supervisor Ridley's recommendation of appointing Bonnie Pung and Mike Saker to the DDA board. Kathy Swanson withdrew her name for reappointment. The motion carried and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Citizen comment:

- Bob Chadwick, Road Commission presented a brochure on frequently asked questions for the countywide road millage proposal.
- Ellinger Road and Eagles Nest Road are in bad shape. The DDA requires there to be five property owners appointed to the DDA. Are there five property owners now appointed to the DDA? Yes.
- The boat launch needs additional signage and tickets should not be issued until more signs are installed; the fine is too exorbitant. The board will review the signage to see where improvements can be made.
- There is a pizza and politic evening being held on Thursday July 22nd at the Home Town Inn.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor