

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 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

23 citizens were in attendance

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as published.

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

Police Report – Chief Wagner reported July was exceptionally busy, but all the summer events are now done for the season. Gordon Temple was promoted to Sergeant on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Department will have their own office at the middle school beginning this fall; the officer's will be meeting with the school principals each day.

Committee Reports:

**Beautification** – No report. **Planning Commission** – A meeting is scheduled for Wed. August 11<sup>th</sup> with the Cheboygan County Planning Commission to discuss Village Center Zoning. The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup>, for the Master Plan. **Marina Park** – Mike Ridley dropped off an aerial photograph of the boat launch to the Waterways Commission. **Parks and Recreation** – Dave Driskill congratulated the Girls Little League softball team who ended up third in State. Field five will be getting some updates this fall. Discussion held at the August meeting about DeVoe beach and the stone wall going up at the beach. The Commission will be holding a special meeting August 16<sup>th</sup> to allow for further discussion. Disappointed in the results of the Veterans Pier millage that lost by 56 votes; they believe there was confusion on the ballot language. Dave would like to have the Park Commission, millage committee and the township board to meet to brainstorm the pier millage. The deadline for ballot submission is August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Airport Report – No report.

Treasurer's report: the general accounts have \$688,874.33, tax account \$414,644.36.

Communication: Mike received a letter from a resident on Wood Street with concerns on the traffic on Wood St. from the boat launch. We have moved the sign on Onaway Rd. closer to Nabanois and we are still looking for additional signage solutions. Mike also received a letter from a long time resident on Ellinger Rd. questioning when that road would be repaired.

Fisher moved and Waldron supported a request from Baraga Broadcasting, Inc. for approval of a charitable gaming license for auctioning off a home. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Mike read into the minutes the Resolution to Amend and Extend the life of the DDA for another 40 years that was approved by the DDA on Monday August 16th. There is no change in the boundaries, however, the debt limit changed from \$500,000 to \$3M dollars. The growth was figured at zero growth four years and 2.5% for the next 36 years. If the DDA was allowed to expire, it would be capturing funds at the new rates versus the 1996 rates. Waldron moved to adopt the Resolution to amend and extend the DDA, Balazovic supported and a roll call vote was taken: Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Balazovic, yes; McGinnis, yes; Waldron, yes.

Balazovic moved and Fisher supported adopting a Cafeteria Plan for pre-tax premium contributions for those employees opting to purchase insurance. Motion carried.

Discussion held on how to fund improvements to the roads in Tuscarora Township. There are several options available: propose a township wide millage, continue with special assessments or a combination of special assessments and millage.

Luke Houlton reported that the County Commissioners voted 7-0 to put the County-wide road millage request on the November ballot. Waldron stated that even if the millage passes it doesn't help much with Tuscarora Township. The township would have received about \$31,000 that could have been used for a 10% contribution on special assessments.

It was decided that a committee will be formed and will meet prior to the September regular board meeting to discuss the path the Township Board should take on roads.

Citizen Comments: Who is responsible for the upkeep of roads that have been approved under special assessments? Bob Chadwick asked for support on the November ballot for County Road Commissioner. He stated that he did not opt in on the insurance offered by the Road Commission.

Waldron 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