

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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

24 citizens were in attendance

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as previously published.

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

Police Report – Two officers were at the school greeting the students back to school and pointing out where our office is located at the school. Two officers attended the elementary school open house giving away and installing car seats for those that did not have approved seats. Chief Wagner stated that the summer went well, lots and lots of people, few problems.

Airport – No report.

Committee Reports:

DDA – Cindy Poquette reported that all the grants for the pathway project have been approved and the project should start spring of 2011. The DDA has also been working on amending and extending the term of the DDA.

Planning Commission – Mike Cherveney reported that the Commission met with the Cheboygan County Planning Commission to review the proposed village center zoning changes. Steve Schnell will announce the date of a public hearing on the changes; the hearing will be held at the township hall. It should be within the next month or two. A public hearing was held August 17th on the Master Plan update; there will be no changes based on the input from the public. The Commissioners will meet this month to finalize the plan for presentation to the township board for approval. **Marina Park** – Waiting to hear from Waterways on approval of the plans to black top the parking lot at the boat launch. A subcommittee has been formed to review how the launch operated this past season and to present any changes that should be made. **Parks Commission** – the Veteran's Pier project will be back on the ballot with changes; the wall at the beach is up and the plan is to wait and see if the second phase of the wall at the walkways needs to be installed.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$600,300.68; the tax accounts \$308,142.51 with interest and fees.

Communication – Nothing to report.

Waldron moved to approve the request from S.C.A.R.S. (Second Chance Animal Rescue & Sanctuary) to use Marina Park on Saturday October 2nd after their first Signature Ride fundraiser for food and refreshments. There will be no alcohol or music and they should be done by 10:00 or 11:00 that evening. Because there is no plan for entertainment a noise variance is not required. McGinnis seconded the motion and it carried.

Fisher moved to adopt the amendment to the DDA Ordinance No. 21. A public hearing was held prior to the regular meeting to present and receive comments on the proposed amendment. Ridley reviewed the key points to the amendment and extension: raising the debt limit from \$500,000 to \$3,000,000; extending the expiration date from 2016 to 2050; there is no change in the boundaries. Tax increment financing does not mean more taxes for the community. They are funds captured from County and Township allocated and kept in the DDA

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

The DNR has submitted a non-matching grant application to upgrade the Chamber restrooms for year round usage; a requirement of the grant is for the local municipality to guarantee the maintenance of the restrooms. The restroom renovation will be the first part of the snowmobile/bicycling trailhead in Indian River. The Chamber has already committed to contribute up to \$1200 per year and requires the Township to reimburse them for all operating costs over that figure. Waldron moved to approve the DNR's request for the Township to guarantee the maintenance of the Chamber restrooms providing that if maintenance funding becomes available through the trail program that Tuscarora Township be eligible for that funding. McGinnis seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, no; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Public Comment: Kelly Ashford suggested using community service hours to help cover the cost of the restroom maintenance. Sallie Snyder complemented Mike on his article in the Resorter last week; she believes that it is a great way to communicate to the public. Bob Chadwick reported that the Road Commission received an unexpected check from their insurance company large enough to prevent layoffs. The recent nomination for appointment to the Michigan Supreme Court, Tom Davis, grew up in Burt Lake, he is Craig's cousin.

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

Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor