

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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 September meeting were approved as previously published.

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

Police Report – Statistical report submitted.

Committee Reports:

DDA – The details of the Fleis & Vandenbrink contract for the pathway project are still being reviewed and the SR2S might be a separate project. Rebecca Behm has resigned from the Chamber and the board needs to appoint a replacement. **Planning Commission** – At the September meeting final changes to the Master Plan update were reviewed. Four members of the commission need to be reappointed and Bill Jones has resigned; Mike Cherveney would like Gina Burke considered as a replacement. Plans to adopt the master plan are expected at the October meeting. Steve Schnell has reported that they are finalizing the plans for Village Center Zoning. A public hearing on the VCZ will be held at the township hall. **Marina Park** – Daily passes for the season to date brought in \$7,000.00 and discussion was held on concerns regarding signage and enforcement. The asphalt paving of the parking lot will probably be postponed until spring. **Parks Commission** – everything is going well; busy painting the ice rink, staining and putting away the picnic tables and storing the flower barrels away for the winter. The next meeting is Monday October 11th and there will be a Veterans Pier Committee meeting following the Parks Commission meeting.

Airport Manager's Report – Norm stated that they are starting to prepare for winter, changing the equipment over from mowers to blowers.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$550,248.00; the tax accounts \$822,653.26 without interest and fees.

Communication – Received a preliminary notification from the DNRE Trust Fund on the Veterans Pier grant application. We scored 290 points which is in the middle of the top 1/3 applicants; we are given the opportunity to tweak the application to gain more points. They are very optimistic that the project is fundable.

Brian Burns, CEO Presque Isle Electric & Gas, gave a brief overview on Presque Isle Electric: they serve 33,000 electric accounts and are a non-profit co-op. Tuscarora Township has received grants from their independent board of directors that oversee their grant applications. Their franchise is up for renewal in 2018.

Waldron moved to approve Indian River Sports Center permit application to display merchandise being held for sale within the right-of-way of Straits Highway providing the display does not encroach upon the right-of-way less than thirty feet back from the solid white line of the south bound travel lane. Tuscarora Township will enforce any civil infractions of IRSC stated in the resolution. McGinnis seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes; McGinnis, yes.

The Planning Commission is requesting the Board to approve the reappointment of Mike Vizina, Mike Cherveney and Dave Barton to an additional three year term to expire July, 2013 and to advertise to fill the two year term vacated by Bill Jones. Mike Cherveney would like to place Gina Burke's name up for consideration for Bill's seat. Waldron moved to approve the request and McGinnis seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Waldron moved to adopt a Resolution that allows the Board to approve or reject the master plan that is presented to the Board in November. Balazovic seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken, McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Fisher moved and McGinnis seconded the Christmas in Indian River's request to utilize the Township hall meeting room, parking lot and the Village Green beginning at 12:00 p.m. on November 26, 2010, for their holiday activities. Motion carried.

Setting the date for the 2011 fireworks has been tabled until November to gather costs for the display.

Waldron moved and McGinnis supported Supervisor Ridley signing a consultation contract for \$1200 to negotiate and research the staging and compensation to Tuscarora Twp. of equipment at Marina Park during the bridge construction. Motion carried.

Fisher moved to close the Debt Service Fund that was formed for the building of the township hall. The bonds were paid in full in 2009. Waldron supported and the motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, the request from Top of Michigan Trails for Tuscarora Township to pledge \$182.00 for the purchase of two signs identifying the North Central State Trail at the township parking lot and South Straits Highway was tabled until Top of Michigan can be contacted regarding the kiosk that is currently in the parking lot.

Waldron moved to approve Mike Ridley's recommendation to appoint Dan Nivelto to the DDA. Rebecca Behm has resigned from the board and Scott Lang who was a second nominee has stated that he would prefer to wait a couple of years. Balazovic seconded the motion and it carried.

Fisher requested a \$12,000 budget adjustment from 101-000-382-00 Parks unallocated to 101-691-933-00 special improvement projects for the stone wall, sod and repairs to the sprinkler system at DeVoe Beach. Balazovic made a motion to approve the request McGinnis supported the motion and it carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments: Bob Chadwick and David Brown are running for seats on the Cheboygan County Road Commission. Bob Chadwick is the only Commissioner from the south end of the County.

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

Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor