

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD

**Tuesday, November 9, 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

17 citizens were in attendance

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as previously published.

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

Police Report – October was a busy month as confirmed by the statistical report. The State has advised that we will once again receive a snowmobile patrol grant.

## Committee Reports:

**DDA** – The DDA is still working out the details of the Fleis & Vandenbrink contract; they are also working on tying the streetscape project in with the bridge project. There will be a meeting scheduled in December with the businesses that would be impacted by the road closure; a notice will be posted in the paper. **Planning**

**Commission** – Mike Cherveney reported that at their October meeting they approved the master plan and are prepared to make a recommendation to fill the term vacated by Bill Jones. The Commissioners also met with the Cheboygan County Planning Commission November 4<sup>th</sup> to review the village center zoning plans to hammer out the boundaries, what would be in the core zone. The County will finalize the plan in time for the January P.C. meeting with a public hearing to be held mid March. **Marina Park** – The parking lot of the boat launch will not be paved this fall waiting for Waterway's approval on the bid package. The viaduct removal is dependent on the Indian River Bridge contractor whether it will be scheduled for fall 2011 or spring 2012.

**Parks Commission** – The Park Commission briefly reviewed options for private fund raising for Veterans Pier. The parks are being prepared for winter and the fall clean-up of the cemeteries are underway.

Airport Manager Report – Nothing new to report, everything is running smooth.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$508,170.57; the tax accounts \$21,923.30 with fees and interest. Balazovic also reported that there will be refunds issued for some of the Road Rehab special assessment payments made this fall. There was a glitch with the program that tacked on additional interest and those who paid the higher amount on the bill will be receiving a refund.

Trustee McGinnis moved to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation to appoint Jim MacLaren to the unexpired two year term vacated by Bill Jones. Jim retired to the community several years ago and expressed an interest on serving on the Planning Commission. Clerk Fisher seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

A resolution was read by Supervisor Ridley to approve the 2010 Master Plan including all associated charts and maps. A motion was made by Trustee Waldron to adopt the resolution, McGinnis seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes; McGinnis, yes.

Discussion was held on the Fleis and Vandenbrink contract for the DDA trails project. Waldron expressed his concerns over the statement of understanding dated October 26, 2010 and the revised contract referring to that statement of understanding. A few of the issues remaining are:

- Fleis & Vandenbrink's request to get paid \$9,600 for the SR2S engineering if the project comes in below cost. Waldron believes the only way Fleis & Vandenbrink can get paid the \$9,600.00 is to cut the project.
- A clause added that states we are not to be held harmless if the project does not go through.
- Right of way issues have still not been resolved
- Is the subcontracting for soil borings in the grant
- Concerns over the possible need of hydraulic modeling of the river, this issue should have been settled by this time
- Engineering not to exceed 15% of the project

At the October meeting a request from the Top of Michigan Trails Council was presented to pledge \$180.00 for two signs for the North Central State Trail and was tabled to gather further information. The signs, per Emily Myerson, would be located on Straits Highway not on the trail as previously thought. Fisher moved to pledge the \$180.00 for the signs, Balazovic seconded the motion and it carried with five yeas.

Waldron moved to authorize our maintenance crew to plow the boat launch parking lot this winter for snowmobile trailer parking. The purpose is two-fold: it will validate our claim to the DNRE the necessity of snowmobile trailer parking near the trailhead and it will alleviate the concerns of the parking lot heaving due to frost Balazovic seconded the motion and it carried.

Waldron moved to set Saturday July 2, 2011, as the date for the 2011 firework display with Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> as the rain date. The bids Fisher obtained were \$10,000 if held on July 4<sup>th</sup> and \$7,350 if held on a date near the 4<sup>th</sup>. The \$10,000 show would be approximately five minutes longer. McGinnis seconded the motion and it carried with five yeas.

Fisher moved to approve a \$750.00 contract with the Cheboygan County Humane Society. Discussion was held on whether this should be paid through our taxes to Cheboygan County and Waldron requested a letter be sent to the Cheboygan County Commissioners requesting that they look at how they fund the Humane Society and if they need to increase that amount. Ridley seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Fisher questioned whether our anytime clean-up vouchers for the Emmet County transfer station were transferrable and the board stated that they are not. Discussion held on whether we should still offer the voucher since we now have the recycling center. Fisher is to request Emmet County to ask for identification when the vouchers are presented.

Citizen Comments: Bob Chadwick thanked the board for the support in his run for County Road Commissioner.

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

Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor