

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**Tuesday June 7, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Ridley with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: McGinnis, Balazovic, Ridley, Waldron, Fisher

Members Absent: None

14 citizens were in attendance.

Minutes of the May 10, 2011, meeting were approved as previously published.

Minutes of the May 10, 2011, closed meeting were approved as presented.

Clerk Fisher moved and Trustee Waldron seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of Item #15: Letter from the Cheboygan County Treasurer regarding a tax foreclosure. Motion carried.

Police Report: We have received \$32,950 from the insurance company for the Ford Expedition. The wrecked vehicle has been stripped down and will be picked up by the salvage company tomorrow. The July 4<sup>th</sup> activities will be covered with borrowed vehicles from the City of Cheboygan and the Village of Mackinaw. Chief Wagner has been working with Mike Edwards, Attorney, on two properties with historical blight problems: one on King Road and one on Parke Road both owned by the same individual. He is also looking at a blighted property on Onaway Rd. that appears to be owned by Cheboygan County. Chief has had success with getting homeowners to respond to complaints on grass cutting and Wagner will be meeting with the County Code Enforcer on a few of the properties to see if they will help with some of the clean-ups.

Trustee Waldron moved and Balazovic seconded to approve the purchase of the vehicle this fiscal year and to the budget adjustment from unallocated to equipment if the vehicle can be delivered before June 30, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports:

**DDA:** Still working on the pathway project and a new design for a crossing at the Subway and the State Park. MDOT will be installing new stop lights at M-68 and Wilson Rd. and at M-68 and Straits Highway. Scott Lange, Cindy Poquette, Sallie Snyder, Kelly Ashford and Ridley are the Streetscape Committee members looking at parking and curb cuts on a block to block basis. **Planning Commission:** The Cheboygan County Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the Tuscarora Township Hall for public input into the proposed Village Center zoning change. **Marina Park:** The landscaping has been completed at the boat launch, Gourdie Fraser has not yet received approval from Jordan Byelich on the parking lot paving project. The Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund is holding a meeting in Petoskey on Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> and we have been invited to present the Trailhead project. Luke Houlton has informed Ridley that there will be a July bid letting on the Indian River Bridge. **Parks:** A golf fundraiser for Veteran's Pier was held this past weekend. Inland Lake Students chose the name "Hide Away Park" for the park at the end of River Street. Brother's Tree Service will be working at the park to elevate and remove dead trees; Jim Purtill has been working closely with the Fire Department to keep it accessible for the department to still obtain water at that location. **Beautification:** The Inland Lakes High School shop class has refurbished and repainted seven benches. BLPA and Jim Purtill will start working on the rain garden at Green Dock.

Airport Manager Report- No report.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,015,015.50; the tax accounts \$4,549.78 with interest.

A motion by Craig Waldron to inform The Citizen's Indoor Swimming Pool Committee of our disinterest in participating in a Recreation Authority for the purpose of building a pool in Cheboygan County was seconded by Trustee McGinnis. The motion carried with five yeas.

Clerk Fisher requested the time of the budget workshop on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> be changed to 11:00 a.m.

Clerk Fisher made a motion for a \$4,000 budget adjustment from 101-000-386-00 Reserved Street Lights to 101-450-920-00 Street Lighting. Treasurer Balazovic seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Supervisor Ridley discussed retaining Clayton McGovern as an Assessing Consultant to help with the changes being requested by the State and, additionally, he will walk Ridley through one complete assessing year and help to train him on the new BSA .Net Assessing software.

Due to the many phone calls Supervisor Ridley has received from Burt Township residents regarding the condition of Eagles Nest Road, Ridley read a letter being sent to Mr. Harold Koviak, Supervisor Burt Township, requesting their participation in the resurfacing of Eagles Nest Road.

Clerk Fisher moved to set Tuesday, July 19, 2011, 7:00 p.m. for a Hearing of Necessity to create special assessment districts to resurface the following roads: Eagles Nest Road, Ellinger Road, Apple Blossom, Bell Chase, Fisher Woods and Hemlock. Trustee Waldron seconded the motion and it carried with five yeas.

The July regular board meeting is rescheduled to Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> and will be combined with the June special meeting to adopt the budgets.

Treasurer Balazovic presented a letter from Linda Cronan, Cheboygan County Treasurer, for first right of refusal on a parcel going up for auction. The property is located at 2117 Resort Road; the issue is tabled until the budget meeting to gather additional information on the property.

Citizen comments: Sallie Snyder stated that the petitions from the Citizens Committee to recall Ken Paquet and David Brandt, CCRC, are available for signature. At the meeting held on the Burt Lake Post Office Scott Swanson learned that should the post office be closed the township could initiate a request to have the mail routed through the Indian River Post Office versus the Alanson Post Office. Fisher will contact Carol Singer to see what steps would need to be taken if they do close the post office.

Treasurer Balazovic moved to pay the bills, Trustee McGinnis seconded and it carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor