

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

Tuesday June 28, 2011

Meeting called to order at 8:03 pm by Supervisor Ridley.

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

Members Absent: None

21 citizens were in attendance.

Minutes of the June 7, 2011, meeting was approved as previously published.

Clerk Fisher moved and Treasurer Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Police Report: The Charger was delivered early; getting temporary lights put in so that it may be utilized for the July firework display and still planning on borrowing vehicles from the City of Cheboygan and the Village of Mackinaw City.

Trustee McGinnis moved to approve an application for a DNR, 85% funded snowmobile patrol grant. The cost to the township for the 2010/2011 winter season was \$609 and costs have been allocated in the 2011/2012 budget. Treasurer Balazovic supported the motion and it carried with five ayes.

Committee reports:

DDA: Still working on the streetscape plan; a committee meeting is scheduled for next week. Trustee Waldron moved to approve Supervisor Ridley's recommendation to appoint Jim O'Donnell, Scott Lange and Matt Whitener to three year-terms on the DDA. Clerk Fisher seconded the motion and it carried. **Planning**

Commission: The Village Center Rezoning has been tabled until July 20th to address concerns mainly on the overlay district. **Marina Park:** One bid was received for the paving of the boat launch; the new signs have been installed at the boat launch and Sallie Snyder presented the Trailhead to the DNR Trust Fund at their recent hearing. **Parks:** New picnic tables and benches have been installed at Green Dock and DeVoe Beach. **Beautification:** The clearing of the dead trees was completed at Hide-Away Park (located at the River Street road end).

Airport Manager Report- Finished the runway painting project.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,063,576.61; the tax accounts \$4,544.78 with interest. Balazovic received notification from Cheboygan County Equalization that the cost to mail the tax bills would increase approximately \$500.00 this year; they would no longer be combining the bills for owners that have more than one parcel. Due to that change, Balazovic mailed the bills herself with the minimum savings of \$600 in postage alone.

General Fund Budget: Motion by Trustee Waldron to adopt the budget with the removal of the 2% salary increase for the township board. Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes. **Police Department Budget:** Clerk Fisher moved to adopt the budget as presented. Treasurer Balazovic seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes. **Road Rehab Budget:** Trustee Waldron moved to adopt the budget as presented. Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. **Parks & Recreation Millage Budget:** Trustee McGinnis moved to adopt the budget as presented. Treasurer Balazovic seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes. **DDA Budget:** Motion by Trustee Waldron to adopt the budget as presented. Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dan O’Henley, Cheboygan County Recycling Director, requested support to moving the recycling containers to the vacated ambulance garage. The move will allow for a a local hazardous waste drop-off site. Trustee Waldron moved to support the move of the Cheboygan County recycling containers, Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and it carried.

Clerk Fisher moved to adopt Special Assessment Resolution No. 1 to approve Tuscarora Township obtaining estimates for the resurfacing of: Special Assessment District (SAD) 1 – Ellinger Road; SAD 2 – Apple Blossom; SAD 3 – Bellchase Drive; SAD 4 – E. Fisher Woods and SAD 5 – Hemlock Street. Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Trustee McGinnis moved to adopt Special Assessment Resolution No. 2 declaring our intention to make public improvements to SAD 1 – Ellinger Road; SAD 2 – Apple Blossom; SAD 3 – Bellchase Drive; SAD 4- E. Fisher Woods and SAD 5- Hemlock Street and which the costs of the public improvements will be assessed to the following lots and parcels: SAD 1 - All parcels with frontage on Ellinger Rd and other members gaining special benefit are residents on The Bridle Path, Hassler Woods Road, King Point Road and Moyer-McKee Road. SAD 2 – All parcels on Apple Blossom. SAD 3 – Parcels on Bellchase Drive east of Arlene Drive. SAD 4 – All parcels with frontage on Fisher Woods Road east of Straits Hwy. to the road end at the Sturgeon River and other members gaining special benefit are parcel owners on Monna, Louise Drive, Arthur Hills, Schultz Dr. and Wilson Rd. south of Fisher Wood Rd. SAD 5 – All parcels on Hemlock St. west of Straits Hwy. and east of Spruce. Other members of the district are parcel numbers 161-M53-022-001-00 and 161-024-200-001-00.

Trustee Waldron moved to approve an assessing consultant contract with Clayton McGovern for one tax assessing cycle. Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes.

Trustee Waldron moved to approve the Merit Metro Act application contingent on the final review from the attorney. Clerk Fisher seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes.

Mr. Ralph Pruder presented a request for the Board to support the naming of the Indian River Bridge to “Memorial Bridge” and to support a plaque being placed on the bridge honoring any Inland Lakes School District veteran killed in action. This plaque would be purchased and maintained by the local Cochran-Robert VFW post. Trustee Waldron moved to support the placing of the plaque but not to the naming of the bridge. Clerk Fisher seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes; Balazovic, yes; McGinnis, no.

Clerk Fisher reported that the attempt by the MTA to form a Worker’s Compensation Self-Insurance Fund was not successful.

Citizen comments: No comments

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor