

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

Tuesday August 2, 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

22 citizens were in attendance.

Minutes of the special meeting held Tuesday, June 28, 2011, was approved as previously published.

Trustee Waldron moved and Treasurer Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of Item #12A Bob Foster, Item #15 Dr. Mike Florek and Item #16 Adopt A Forest letter from DNR. Motion carried.

Police Report: Very few problems with Summerfest, with the exception of crafter booths visited during the night. The July 4th weekend festivities went off well; we have about ten individuals that are close to being banned from the Green Docks until next summer; complaints have been received by families feeling intimidated by the young people at the Green Docks. They have been told to dial 911 and we are putting extra patrol there. We are gearing up for the boat races that will be held in a couple of weeks.

Committee reports:

DDA: Moving forward on Pathway Project, streetscape still in committee meetings. Meeting times changed to the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. **Planning Commission:** The Cheboygan County Planning Commission held their July meeting and our township hall on the agenda for the Village Center Zoning. Prior to that meeting the County sent out considerable information to the businesses in that area indicating the current zoning for that area and the proposed changes to that zoning. The County Planning Commissioners made the recommendation to approve the change to the County Commissioners. **Marina Park:** Through July 19th the boat launch has collected \$4,853 in launch fees; these funds are used for ongoing maintenance and future major maintenance projects. The committee is discussing the cost effectiveness of manning the launch during busy times versus only the honor system. We have received a bid of \$98,948.50 of which a Waterways grant will pay half and funds from the millage will pay the other half. Paving is tentatively scheduled to begin September 6th. This is the last of the millage monies for the boat launch; however, millage monies are still available for lowering the trail and developing the upper half of Marina Park. No date has yet been set to lower the trail and replace the bridge. **Parks:** Permits are needed for the construction of the vault restrooms at DeVoe Beach; aiming for them to be completed in time for the boat races. A rain garden is almost completed at the Green Docks and the trim has been painted on the township hall. The Veterans Pier Committee has begun their fund raising efforts and Burt Lake Preservation (BLPA) has pledged the last \$51,000 needed for the grant match. **Beautification:** No report.

Airport Manager Report- The airport has been a little busier than normal, the yearly inspection has been completed by Michigan Aeronautics and we are licensed for another year. We had two emergencies that were diverted to our airport. During Summerfest local pilots flew 105 kids and 10 grownups of those 81 of the kids had never flown before and 24 had never been in a plane before. Jane McGinnis thanked Norm for being instrumental in getting a video camera attached to Andy Bowman's plane to obtain aerial footage for a Cheboygan County NLEA video.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,018,987.29; the tax accounts \$287,105.80 without interest.

Resolution offered Trustee Waldron to oppose to incorporation the Township of Tuscarora to a charter township. According to the most recent U.S. census Tuscarora Township has a population of 2000 or more and is therefore eligible for incorporation. The board must take action to either move forward with a resolution of support of incorporating or oppose that action. Treasurer Balazovic supported the motion and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes; Balazovic, yes.

Michigan Townships Association is seeking our opinion on their continuing their efforts on creating a workers' compensation self-insurance program. They are not asking for monetary commitment at this time. Treasurer Balazovic moved to inform MTA of our support of their efforts, Trustee McGinnis seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes.

Mr. Bob Foster, President Indian River Golf Club, read a resolution stating that they were not properly notified of the public hearing held on July 19 for special assessment district (SAD) #5. He did state, however, that the IRGC does use Hemlock Street and does not object to its inclusion in SAD #5.

Supervisor Ridley read Resolution No. 3 for Hemlock Street, SAD #5, into the minutes. This resolution contends that not 20% of the lineal feet objected and the project was estimated at \$35,246.90. A copy is available for review in the Clerk's office. Clerk Fisher moved to adopt Resolution No. 3, Trustee Waldron seconded and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Supervisor Ridley read Resolution No. 3 for E. Fisher Woods Road, SAD #4, into the minutes. This resolution contends that not 20% of the lineal feet objected and the project was estimated at \$100,809.20. A copy is available for review in the Clerk's office. Clerk Fisher moved to adopt Resolution No. 3, Trustee McGinnis seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes; McGinnis, yes.

Jeff Swadling, on behalf of the Sewer Committee member, presented an update to the board and a review of their efforts since the committee was formed in 2005. The SAD will consist of approximately 180 properties from the Indian River Bridge, south to M-68 and east to the Industrial Park. After the Rural Development grant the estimated cost to the district is \$2.6M and is financed over a forty year period. The Committee will begin the petition process this month and request a resolution of support from the township.

After discussion, Trustee McGinnis moved to support the sewer committee's petition drive. Trustee Waldron seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; Fisher, no; Ridley, yes; McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes.

Treasurer Balazovic moved to approve the bid from Rieth Riley for \$98,948.50 for the Indian River Boat Launch paving project. Trustee Waldron seconded and it carried with five ayes.

Dr. Mike Florek presented his Cable Wakeboard Park idea to the township board. After reviewing several sites, Dr. Florek believes that near Cooperation Park would be an ideal location for his park. Supervisor Ridley recommended that Dr. Florek present his idea to the Park Commission at their next meeting.

Correspondence: Ada Takacs, DNRE, advised that the Adopt-a-Forest Program recently placed a 40 yard dumpster at the DNR Indian River Field office for use in disposing trash that was illegally dumped on public land. There is one site in Tuscarora Township: Brudy Rd. near the Hometown Inn.

Citizen comments: The new County Administrator is in place.

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

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor