

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
Tuesday October 4, 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 regular meeting held Tuesday, September 6, 2011, were approved as previously published.

Clerk Fisher moved and Trustee McGinnis seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Police Report: Chief Wagner reported that the suspects are in custody on the VFW break-in, and the majority of the property returned. While hunting, two local citizens came across a patch of marijuana growing and worked with SANE in the removal. There were seven juvenile arrests last month. The new holiday and sick time coverage policy put in place this fiscal year has seen a \$5,500 savings in payroll for the first quarter. Target savings for the year is \$18,000.

Committee reports:

DDA: Currently working with MDOT and the crossing of M-68 at the State Park. A public hearing on the streetscape design was held. There was a good attendance and a lot of good input was received. A second public hearing will probably be held at the October DDA regular meeting. **Planning Commission:** The County Commissioners approved the proposed Village Center Zoning at their September meeting. **Marina Park:** River Street viaduct has been removed and the trail is being lowered with a completion date of October 14th. The non-toxic contaminated material has been placed on Township property between Martha Street and the Lumbar Yard and will be covered with 12" of clean dirt and seeded. Some of the clean fill dirt is being spread in the lower level of Marina Park to help build-up the overflow parking area. This was negotiated with the contractor at no cost to the township in exchange for them staging their equipment on township property. The boat launch parking lot will be paved this week; half the cost being paid with a Waterways Grant and the other from the millage dollars; this completes the boat launch project. This winter the commission will begin planning how the upper level will be used.

Airport Manager Report- Switching from summer mode to winter mode, everything is going fine.

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$585,839.51; the tax accounts \$884,646.29 without interest.

Supervisor Ridley certified that he has received petitions for the repaving of Ellinger Road north of M-68 equally 58% of the total road frontage. Ann Whiteman requested copies of the petitions and inquired what the procedure was from this point. Ms. Whiteman also questioned whether certain property owners only received credit for their percentage of ownership.

Clerk Fisher moved to contract with the Cheboygan County Road Commission for engineering and a firm quote for the repaving of Ellinger Road providing a review of percentage ownership has been correctly accounted for. The cost for obtaining the quote is 2% of the windshield estimate. Trustee Waldron seconded the motion and the motion carried with five ayes.

Clerk Fisher moved to contract with the Cheboygan County Road Commission for a firm quote for the repaving of Apple Blossom contingent that the petitions received are at least 51% of the total road frontage. The cost for

obtaining the quote is 2% of the windshield estimate. Treasurer Balazovic seconded the motion and it carried with five ayes.

Trustee Waldron moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the sale of 2011 special assessment bonds for the repaving of Fisher Woods and Hemlock Street. Treasurer Balazovic seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes/ Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Clerk Fisher reported that the 2012 employee health insurance rates will be a 3.91% reduction in premium.

Discussion was held on Senate Bill 7 passed in September that limits township contributions to employee health insurance effective January 1, 2012.

Citizen comments: What is the status on Eagles Nest Road? We have received an updated quote of \$212,000. Can a reduced speed limit sign be put on Eagles Nest Road? The road commission might be willing to put a "rough road reduced speed" yellow sign up, but that would only be a suggested speed. Carl Pollard thanked the board for the job we are doing. Reminder that a town photograph on the camel back bridge will be held on Sunday October 9th.

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

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor