

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD – APPROVED DECEMBER 6, 2016**

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

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

Supervisor Ridley stated that there will be a small reception after the meeting tonight in honor of Trustee McGinnis and her eight years of service to the township.

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

Members Absent: None

Minutes of the October meeting were approved with corrections: Trustee McGinnis seconded Clerk Fisher's motion to reserve the right to decide on our interest on Mr. Ruppel's request and added the following sentence to the review of Rob Ruppel's request: Trustee Waldron recused himself and moved to the audience so he could address the board as a citizen. Trustee Waldron moved to adopt the minutes with the corrections, Treasurer Balazovic seconded and the motion carried.

Trustee Waldron moved and Clerk Fisher seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of Karen Brewster. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items – No public comments received.

Police Report – The Department participated in Trunk or Treat again this Halloween. Chief Temple has learned that grant monies are unavailable from the State of Michigan for a new snowmobile. He is working on getting more funding to repair the two sleds we have or trade one in or possibly getting a sled loaned to us through Yamaha. He is working with Indian River Sports Center on the loaner. The Officers are participating in the No Shave November and the monies they raise will go to the Kim Monthei Cancer Fund.

Committee/Commission Reports:

Marina Park – a large rock with a plaque has been placed near the playground denoting that the playground is in Memory of Jake Vorce and the date the playground was installed. The Mud Brothers held a successful ATV ride using Marina Park as the starting place; they had over 200 vehicles with 400 participants. Sallie Snyder commended them on their successful ride and for how well they took care of Marina Park. The final submissions have been sent to the Trust Fund to close out the Trailhead grant. **Planning Commission** – The Planning Commission met last month to discuss the need for changes to the Village Center Zoning Overlay District in Indian River. The CCPC held their mid-October meeting in Indian River to hear comments and concerns on the Village Center Zoning Overlay District. The Planning Commission recommends appointing John Thompson for a three-year term; Mike Vizina chose to not take on another term.

Trustee Waldron commented that he appreciated the CCPC for holding a meeting here in Tuscarora Township.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve the appointment of John Thompson to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Airport Manager Report – The asphalt cracks were filled this past month; getting the equipment set up for winter.

Treasurer Report – Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$934,938.55 and the tax accounts have \$51,553.57 without interest.

Correspondence – Top of Michigan Outdoor Racing Club sent a thank you note. ITC will be working on the high-tension lines in the area.

Roger Gauthier, Democratic Candidate for Drain Commission introduced himself and spoke of his qualifications for the position and his concerns on Line 5.

Karen Brewster, Republican Candidate for County Clerk introduced herself and presented her qualifications for the position.

Supervisor Ridley reviewed the Michigan State Tax Commission Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR) Review Sheet and the Corrective Action Plan he has since submitted to the Tax Commission.

Supervisor Ridley reviewed a draft of a 2016 DDA Annual Report regarding the status of tax increment financing. This report will be revised and presented at the December meeting.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve Clerk Fisher's budget adjustment of \$4,500 from 101-000-390-00 Unallocated to 101-276-977-00 Equipment. This is for a purchase of an industrial/heavy duty leaf blower that will be split between the Parks Budget and the Cemetery budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Public comment began at 7:30 p.m. Comments were heard from one citizen. Public comments ended at 7:33 p.m.

Board Comments: Trustee McGinnis spoke of her enjoyment of the past eight years working with the board and Trustee Waldron spoke of his pleasure of working with Trustee McGinnis over the past eight years – even with the partisan differences. He stated that it shows how well two sides can work together. Supervisor Ridley thanked Jane for all her help with the brochures and power point presentations. Thank you Jane.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to pay the bills. Motion carried with five ayes.

Trustee McGinnis moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fisher, Clerk
Michael Ridley, Supervisor