

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
May 2, 2017 – Approved June 6, 2017**

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

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

Members Absent: None

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as presented.

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

Public comments on agenda items – No public comments were received.

Committee/Commission Reports:

DDA –RFP for streetscape design has been issued and continued discussion on the proposed the I-75 business loop. Sherri Lincoln has submitted her resignation to spend more time on her businesses. Supervisor Ridley thanked her for her time on the DDA Board. **Parks Commission** – The five-year plan has been completed and submitted, the reservation policy for the pavilions has been revised and is available online. **Marina Park** – Continuing the design of a new sign for Marina Park. The Marina Park Committee is seeking approval to finish the landscaping at the Trailhead by signing a contract with North Star for a not to exceed cost of \$2,600.00. **Motion** by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee Waldron to approve a not to exceed cost of \$2600.00 for landscaping at the Trailhead. Motion carried. **Planning Commission** – No report.

Airport Managers Report – No report.

Treasurer Report– Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,490,382.00 and the tax accounts have \$8,086.00 both without interest.

Correspondence – Cheboygan County Road Commission and a letter from Mr. Muscatt.

FOIA Report – Clerk Fisher reported that in the past month we have received one FOIA request.

Joe Elliott, Gourdie Fraser (GFA), provided two possible alternatives for the future operation and maintenance of our wastewater collection and treatment facility. GFA's Class B Operator, Dave Goen, will be retiring December 31, 2017.

One alternative would be for the township to hire their own Class B Operator and the second would be for the township to request bids to hire a new firm for the operation and maintenance. Elliott also provided a timeline for the township to have someone in place by year-end 2017.

Karen Magee, Indian River Area Library Director, announced that the library will be putting a millage on the August 2018 ballot. They are looking to form a millage committee to work on publicizing why this millage is important to the future of the library. A May 20th workshop has been scheduled to learn how to run a successful millage campaign. Magee provided contact information for anyone interested in attending.

The Indian River Chamber of Commerce and Richard Lincoln are interested in bringing an outdoor summer Artisans market to Indian River. The owners of the Lumbar Yard have given them permission to use their property and to have sufficient parking the Chamber is requesting the use of township property for the artisan's parking. A meeting has been scheduled for May 9th at the Township Hall for further discussions.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee Waldron to approve the use of the township property east of the Lumbar Yard for artisan's parking. Motion carried.

The owners of Precision Hardwood are requesting the township to vacate sewer easements placed on their property in the Commerce Park. Precision is combining four parcels and the easements will no longer be needed. The request is tabled until the legal documents needed to fulfill this request are provided.

We have received the \$471,272.50 balance owing for the Burt Lake State Park hook-up to the sewer system. Clerk Fisher presented her recommendations for these monies.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee Vance to pay the General Fund the balance of outstanding monies owed by the sewer account and any remaining monies needed to fund the RRI account. The balance of the funds to be placed in a separate bank account. Motion carried.

The REU review for Toni Wilson's change of use is tabled until she has received approval to move her liquor license.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to spend up to \$625.00 as matching funds for a Commerce Park sign. The DDA has already approved the expenditure. Motion carried.

Public comment began at 7:52 p.m. Comments were heard from two citizens. Public comment ended at 7:54 p.m.

Board member comments: Clerk Fisher reported that she and Jim Purtill discussed the concern voiced on flower containers left at the township cemeteries. They are recommending that any flower containers remaining after October 1 be stored behind the shed until May 1. At that time, any flower containers not claimed will be disposed of. Trustee Vance requested monthly reports as to those in the sewer district that are not in compliance and what actions have been taken to correct that.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to pay the bills and approve the General Ledger Transactions. Motion carried with five ayes.

Treasurer Balazovic moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fisher, Clerk
Michael Ridley, Supervisor