

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
November 7, 2017 – Approved December 5, 2017**

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

Roll Call by Clerk Fisher. Board members present were Mike Ridley, Supervisor; Susan Fisher, Clerk; Bobbi Balazovic, Treasurer; Trustees Janet Vance and Craig Waldron. A quorum of the board was present.

The October 3, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Waldron moved and Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition Airport Manager's report. Motion carried.

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

Police Report: Up North Prevention has restocked the injector kits for opioid overdoses – they will continue to do so as long as the grant monies are available. The new body cameras have been programmed and are in use, no word has been received on the snowmobile grant. A snowmobile safety class will be held at the Township Hall Saturday, December 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Committee/Commission Reports:

DDA – The DDA will meet Monday November 13th to review a power point presentation from Beckett and Raeder and Northwest Design. **Marina Park** – The lower level of Marina Park will be plowed this winter for snowmobile trailer parking. The Committee is recommending to the Township Board and the Parks Commission that the Bell property be committed to temporary boat parking only due to the deed restrictions. The new Marina Park sign has been installed. **Planning Commission** – A special meeting was held to review a request for a change in the Village Center Zoning Ordinance to allow dog grooming. The Commission made a recommendation to Cheboygan County to include dog grooming in the Village Center Zoning Ordinance. The Commission also voted to recommend the appointment of Jane McGinnis to the Planning Commission.

Motion by Fisher and seconded by Balazovic to appoint Jane McGinnis to the Tuscarora Township Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report – The drop box has been installed for taxes and ballots. Taxes, in the form of a check, can be accepted 24-7. The auditors have recommended that we consolidate our General bank accounts into one account.

Motion by Waldron and seconded by Vance to combine the Boat Launch bank account and the Veterans Pier bank account with the General bank account. Motion carried.

The General Accounts have \$1,491,087.70 and the tax accounts have \$19,404.44. This is with interest.

FOIA Report – Fisher reported that we received four FOIA requests in October.

Agenda Items:

Consumers Energy

Consumers Energy has completed their survey of the general unmetered lighting streetlights within Tuscarora Township. We will be receiving a credit of \$23,839.80 from Consumers Energy.

Supervisor Ridley read a resolution that resolved that the Supervisor and the Clerk be and are authorized and directed to execute a contract with Consumers Energy Company, on behalf of the Township, for furnishing lighting service within the Township for a period of one year.

Motion by Waldron and supported by Vance to approve the Consumers Energy Resolution. Motion carried.

Par Plan Risk Reduction Grant Resolution

Supervisor Ridley read a resolution authorizing the Clerk to submit a Grant Application to the Par Plan, on behalf of the township, to purchase two radar speed limit signs.

Motion by Waldron and seconded by Vance to adopt the Par Plan Risk Reduction Grant Resolution. A roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Fisher, yes; Vance, yes; Ridley, yes; Waldron, yes. Motion carried.

Local Governing Body Resolution for NCSC

Supervisor Ridley has received a request from North Country Sportsman's Club to approve a local governing body resolution for a charitable gaming licenses.

Motion by Fisher and seconded by Waldron to approve the North Country Sportsman's Club resolution for charitable gaming licenses. Motion carried.

Airport Manager Resignation & Appointment

Supervisor Ridley read Norm Pratt's letter of resignation as the Airport Manager effective November 1, 2017. Pratt has served as Manager for nearly 30 years but feels it is time for him to hand the resigns over to someone else at this time.

Norm added that it takes a lot of work to run an airport and that he could not have done the work by himself. He thanked the many volunteers that he has had over the years.

Craig Waldron stated that Norm was the biggest volunteer of all. Thank you, Norm.

Motion by Waldron and seconded by Vance to accept Norm's resignation. Motion carried.

Norm introduced his replacement, Chris Kindsvatter who has been Norm's Assistant Manager for many years.

Motion by Waldron and seconded by Fisher to appoint Chris Kindsvatter as the new Airport Manager. Motion carried.

Airport Manager's Report: Chris reported that he is learning, under Norm's tutelage, what is done at the airport and what needs to be setup for the winter. We will still have the volunteer help needed but we will now be assisted by the Township's personnel; Jim Purtill has already met with Chris and Norm.

Public comment began at 7:32 p.m. Comments were heard from one citizen. Public comment ended at 7:00 p.m.

Board members comments: Vance continues to work on emergency protocol for the Sanitary Sewer System.

Motion by Waldron and seconded by Balazovic to pay the bills and approve the general ledger transactions. Motion carried with five ayes.

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

Susan Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor