

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
March 6, 2018 – Approved 4/3/2018**

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 Craig Waldron and Janet Vance. A quorum of the board was present.

The February 6, 2018 and the February 27, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

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

Public comments on agenda items – No public comments received.

Police Report

NLI has ordered the new server and should be delivering it within the next few weeks. Stacy LaLonde has been chosen as the Inland Lakes School Resource Officer.

Committee/Commission Reports

DDA – The walk through with the property owners in the Streetscape District had – the plan has not been received from the engineers. **Parks Commission** – Jennifer Andrew reported that the Parks Commission has approved hospitalization for Joe Walker and is requesting that the Township Board approve it as well. Joe would pay 20% of the \$377 monthly premium. Supervisor Ridley pointed out that this would be for the position: a year-round, full time employee.

Motion by Balazovic and seconded by Fisher to approve hospitalization insurance for a year-round full time Maintenance/Parks employee. Motion carried.

Marina Park – Sallie Snyder said that Marina Park held its last meeting in February. They will be meeting with the Parks Commission on March 8th to confirm the dissolution of the Marina Park Committee. Sallie read a history of the formation and accomplishments of Marina Park and thanked current and past members for all the hours they had dedicated to the committee.

Airport Manager

Experimental Aircraft Association is planning a couple of community events: a Fly-In and a Young Eagles event. A couple of projects the airport hangar owners are looking at is completing the wood fence and a pavilion. They will be working with Mud Brothers again this fall.

Treasurer Report

The general accounts have \$2,244,264.07 and the tax accounts have \$266,785.63. Bobbi is in the process of turning the 2017 tax roll over to Cheboygan County.

Correspondence

Court of Appeals decision on the Indian River Trading Post and Indian River Property Company.

FOIA Report

Six FOIA requests were received in February.

Sewer Report

Mead & Hunt has brought the numbers below the DEQ threshold for the past month. They have also caught up all the back data, filed the January report, will soon file the February report and filed the required response to

the DEQ Violation notice. She is initiating a grease education program with all the restaurants due to a pump malfunction at lift station one.

2018 Firework Display

Motion by Fisher and supported by Waldron to approve the \$8,000 contract with Great Lakes Fireworks for the July 2018 fireworks display. Motion carried.

MERS Health Care Savings Agreement

MERS has informed us that our Health Care Savings Agreement is not compliant with new tax laws. We need to amend our current agreement for all Police Employees hired prior to 2011 and a new agreement for all hired after 2011.

Motion by Fisher and seconded by Balazovic to adopt a new Participation Agreement with MERS Healthcare Savings Program for employees hired after 2011. Motion carried.

Motion by Vance and seconded by Balazovic to adopt the amended Participation Agreement for employees hired prior to 2011. Motion carried.

Interlocal Recycling Agreement

The Interlocal Agreement between Tuscarora Township and Cheboygan County is up for renewal. The revised agreement has been received from Jeffery Lawson and the length of the agreement is for six years.

Motion by Fisher and supported by Vance to approve the Recycling Surcharge Interlocal Agreement between Tuscarora Township and the County of Cheboygan. Motion carried.

Budget Adjustments

Motion by Waldron and supported by Balazovic to approve Fisher's requested budget adjustments for the Eagles Nest SAD due to a change in General Ledger numbering: \$17,804 from 377-000-450-00 SAD Payment to 860-000-451-00 SAD Payment; \$2,706 from 377-000-665-00 Interest to 860-000-665-00 Interest; \$21,000 from 377-446-991-00 Bond Principal to 860-450-99-00 Bond Principal and \$2,294 from 377-446-995-00 Bond Interest to 860-450-995-00 Bond Interest. Motion carried.

Sewer Metered Rates

The Sewer Rate Resolution had a provision in it for metered rates. Waldron used the State Park Contract as a basis for determining a gallon rate and a monthly fixed/surcharge rate. Based on the current flat rate charge and the maximum surcharge rate (based on the State Contract) and calculated a \$22.00 per month for the fixed/surcharge rate and a \$1.95 per 1,000-gallon rate. These numbers are preliminary and may need to be adjusted next year.

Waldron also suggested that we consider breaking these rates down by the quarter or month and adopt a user rate that reflects the increase of cost in the months that the usage is down. It would be a reduced per gallon rate for heavy users in the winter months when the monthly flow is low.

Motion by Vance and seconded by Fisher to approve Waldron's recommendation to set the sewer metered rates to \$22.00 per month for the fixed/surcharge rate and \$1.95 per 1,000-gallon rate. Motion carried.

BS&A Software

Fisher presented a revised proposal for software and services to convert the current Cogitate program for general ledger, accounts payable, cash receipting, payroll and utility billing to the BS&A software. Proposals have been obtained in the past and the cost keeps going up. Balazovic and Fisher have attempted to work with the Cogitate program to get the reports needed for the audit and have been unsuccessful. The total cost will be \$53,200.00.

Motion by Waldron and supported by Vance to approve the software purchase as presented. Motion carried.

Public comment began at 7:40 p.m. No public comments were received.

Board members comments: Waldron thanked Sallie Snyder for her dedication and time devoted to the Marin Park Committee.

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

Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Susan Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor