

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
January 8, 2019 – Approved February 5, 2019**

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 December 4, 2018 regular meeting minutes and the December 12, 2018 special meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Waldron moved, and Vance supported to adopt the agenda with the addition of cemetery lot repurchase. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items began at 7:03 p.m. Public comments were received from two citizens. Public comment ended at 7:04 p.m.

Police Report

Chief Temple reviewed yearly stats. The new vehicle is ready for pick-up.

Committee/Commission Reports

DDA – Met with Consumers Power and with the engineers – best alternative at this point is to leave the poles between the sidewalk and the curb and eliminate as many of the crossing as possible and clean-up anything that is not being used. It is not economically feasible to bury the lines. Further information is needed from the Chamber prior to deciding on whether to contribute to Rhythm on the River.

Library Report

Work has begun on the renovation project and \$10,000 has been received in donations for the project. The library will be closed from February 9th through March 11th.

Treasurer Report

The general accounts have \$1,470,126.63 and the tax accounts have \$1,082,231.03 with interest.

Assessor Committee Recommendation

Three candidates were interviewed for the position – and there were good things about all three. John Gehres stood out as the one that Balazovic and Fisher believe will be the best fit for our community. His proposal was very fair - \$45,000.00 – with an additional \$500.00 for insurance. Besides recommending Gehres for the position, Fisher and Balazovic have two additional recommendations: one would be to keep monies in the budget for additional field work for the next two years and, since his bid was so reasonable, to offer a one year contract at the \$45,000.00 and bring it back to the board after 90 days for review.

Balazovic moved and Waldron seconded to approve the recommendation to hire John Gehres for the assessing position. Motion carried.

Sewer PER/RFPs

Bids proposals for the sewer preliminary engineering reports were reviewed. After much discussion, Waldron moved and Fisher seconded to award the job to Performance Engineering for \$8,000.00. Motion carried.

Road Millage Language

Discussion on road millage language tabled until the February 5th meeting.

Board of Review Appointments

Balazovic moved and Waldron seconded to approve Ridley's recommendation of appointing Terry Kabat, Deb Fullford and Leann Malenfant to the Board of Review. Motion carried.

Firework Date

Waldron moved and Vance seconded to have the firework display on Friday, July 5th and have Saturday, July 6th as the rain date. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting & Budget Workshop

Fisher moved and Balazovic seconded to set June 18th at 1:30 p.m. as the date for the budget workshop and June 24th at 6:30 p.m. for the Annual Meeting with the special meeting to adopt the budgets immediately following. The July meeting is cancelled. Motion carried.

Recreational Marihuana Ordinance

Supervisor Ridley read the proposed Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments Ordinance that prohibits all marihuana establishments within the boundaries of Tuscarora Township. The ordinance would be subject to referendum to have it voted up or down on a ballot and there is no deadline for referendum.

Motion by Waldron and seconded by Vance to adopt Ordinance No. 34 – Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments and a roll call vote was taken: Fisher, yes; Vance, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Waldron, yes. The ordinance will take effect 30 days after publication.

Fire King Storage Cabinet

Waldron moved and Fisher seconded to approve up to \$4,500 to purchase a Fire King fire proof storage cabinet for additional storage. Motion carried.

Cemetery Lot Repurchase

We are in receipt of a request to repurchase a full lot consisting of eight graves in Ohiovile Cemetery.

Waldron moved and Balazovic seconded to repurchase the lot for \$250.00. Motion carried.

Public comment began at 8:04 p.m. Comments were received from three citizens. Public comment ended at 8:09 p.m.

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 8:11 p.m.

Susan Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor