

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – Approved May 7, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Ridley.

Members Present: Vance, Balazovic, Ridley, Fisher

Members Absent: Waldron

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as previously published.

Fisher moved and Balazovic supported to adopt the agenda with the addition of item #20 – Budget Adjustment. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items began at 7:02 p.m. Two public comments were received. Public comment ended at 7:04 p.m.

**Committee/Commission Reports**

**Parks** -The ice skate rink roof has been delivered by JBS. Ball field #6 is almost ready – but will not be played on until the 2020 season. **DDA** – Met with the utility companies regarding the street scape project. Consumers has come up with a plan that will eliminate all but six wires crossing Straits Highway. Consumers is committing between \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 for this project. The estimated cost to the DDA is \$200,000.00. The DDA will hold an informational meeting at their May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Police Report**

On April 12<sup>th</sup> our department is working with the Tuscarora Township Fire Department Chief and other area law enforcements on an Evacuation and Reunification drill with the Inland Lakes Schools. The school has asked for 100 students and parent volunteers to participate in this drill. This will cause a 15 minutes shutdown of S. Straits Highway from Ken's to Vivios.

The school Resource Officer will be introducing a new school drug program for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Library Report**

The library is back to regular hours. Mara gave a big thank you to the volunteers who helped with the renovation – especially to David Hill. The library has received over \$22,000 in donations to date for the renovations. There will be a grand opening on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. The Summer Reading program will have their kick off on June 15<sup>th</sup> as well and the library is seeking sponsorships from local businesses for the Summer Reading program prizes.

**Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$2,253,560.44 and the tax accounts \$9,136.07 to date, with interest.

**Correspondence**

A letter from a community member complimenting us on our snowmobile patrol.

**Performance Engineering**

Aaron Nordman gave a presentation as to where they are on the Feasibility Study/Preliminary Pre-Engineering report for the next phase of the sewer system. They worked through a variety of options and focused it down to a combination of some pressure sewer and gravity sewer. Gravity will be used wherever possible but there are areas down near the lake that make gravity sewer impractical. There will be some areas around the lakeshore

that will have individual grinder pump stations, cost wise and feasibility wise, they believe it makes the most sense, financially, to get the project going.

The scope of the project includes four separate districts and Nordman has broken down the cost estimates accordingly. He also provided a cost should all districts sign on.

#### Police Contract

Tabled until May.

#### Public Nuisance & Tall Grass Ordinance

After reviewing the proposed Public Nuisance Ordinance, our council, Rosemary Davis, has recommended that we have our ordinances codified. She felt we could adopt the Tall Grass Ordinance with a couple of changes to Section 7F, but she did not feel the Public Nuisance Ordinance should be adopted.

Fisher will obtain costs to have the ordinances codified.

Balazovic moved and Vance supported to adopt the Tall Grass Ordinances with the changes to Section 7F recommended by Council. A roll call vote was taken: Fisher, yes; Balazovic, yes; Vance, yes; Ridley, yes; Waldron, absent. Motion carried.

#### HB4362 Boating Regulation

Vance moved and Fisher seconded to write a letter to Rep. Lee Chatfield asking him to oppose HB4362 that greatly restricts the recreation hours on Michigan lakes. Motion carried.

#### Wilson Road, Club Road and Chippewa Beach Road SAD

Fisher moved and Vance supported for Ridley to begin the Special Assessment process for Club Road and Chippewa Beach Road. Motion carried.

Ridley will wait to work on Wilson Road until he has had the opportunity to discuss the improvements with the Inland Lakes School.

#### MTA Option for Nonpartisan Township Offices

Michigan Townships Association has requested action by our township board on a legislative policy issue on township board's option to have its elected offices appear as nonpartisan on the ballot.

Fisher moved and Vance supported to oppose legislation that would allow township boards the option to have its elected offices appear as nonpartisan on the ballot. A roll call vote was taken: Vance, yes; Fisher, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, no; Waldron, absent. Motion carried.

#### Budget Adjustment

Balazovic moved and Vance supported a budget adjustment from 101-000-386-00 Parks & Recreation Fund Balance to 101-751-967-00 Special Improvement Projects. This is for the skating rink roof. Motion carried.

Public Comment began at 8:13 pm. Comments were received from seven citizens. Public Comment ended at 8:24 p.m.

Fisher moved and Balazovic supported to pay the bills and approve the general ledger transactions as presented. Motion carried.

Board Member Comments: Vance asked the status of Ridley's and Waldron's meeting with the State Park in January.

Fisher moved to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael E. Ridley, Supervisor