

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

Tuesday, September 3, 2019 – Approved October 1, 2019

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

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

Minutes of the August 6, 2019 regular meeting were approved as previously published.

Fisher moved and Waldron supported to adopt the agenda with the addition of Sewer District Update. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items began at 7:02 p.m. Comments were heard from one citizen. Public comment ended at 7:04 p.m.

Committee/Commission Reports

DDA – The DDA public hearing scheduled for tonight has been cancelled; a step in the process was missed. **Parks** – Ballfield #6 is almost complete; the Inland Lake Schools shop class will finish the dugouts.

Police Report

Nothing to report.

Library Report

The library will be partnering with the school for a literary lunch program. Tutoring will be offered at the library; fall calendar events are available on the website. They are in the planning stage for Makerspace and have set January for construction.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,848,304.02 and the tax accounts \$414,442.37 to date, with interest.

Correspondence

A chart of the 2018 Cheboygan County Real & Personal Property Tax for Enbridge Energy from John Wallace.

Transient Merchant Ordinance Review/Discussion

The Tuscarora Township Planning Commission will review our Transient Merchant Ordinance and bring recommendations to the township board. Special areas of interest are food trucks and license fees.

Ordinance #15 – Pension Plan

Our current ordinance does not state what percentage will be contributed to a pension plan for our assessor. Traditionally the township has contributed 7.5%.

Vance moved and Balazovic supported setting 7.5% as the contribution for our current assessor. Motion carried with four ayes and one nay.

Fisher will speak to our attorney to see what steps are needed to repeal the ordinance for future assessors.

Potter Consulting Agreement

Waldron moved and Fisher supported an agreement with Potter Consulting for \$5,000 to review the existing sewer ordinance, proposed REU table and criteria sheet. Motion carried unanimously.

Chippewa Beach SAD Resolutions

Balazovic moved and Waldron supported to adopt Resolution #1 for a Prospect St. and Chippewa Beach Road special assessment district stating that the Cheboygan County Road Commission will prepare plans to resurface Prospect Street west of S. Straits Highway to Spruce and on Chippewa Beach Road from Spruce Street to end of pavement. A roll call vote was taken: Vance, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes. Motion carried.

Fisher moved and Waldron supported to adopt Resolution #2 for a Prospect St. and Chippewa Beach Road special assessment district setting Tuesday October 1, 2019 as the date to hear objections to the proposed public improvement of Prospect Street and Chippewa Beach Road. The Township Clerk is directed to publish notice of the hearing in the Straitsland Resorter and to mail notice to all record owners of each property in the proposed district. A roll call vote was taken: Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes; Balazovic, yes; Vance, yes; Ridley, yes. Motion carried.

Police Liaison Officer Agreement

Fisher moved and Vance supported to approve Supervisor Ridley signing the agreement as presented. Motion carried.

Carpet Quote

Vance moved and Balazovic supported to approve Custom Carpets estimate of \$6,058.43 using carpet tiles to replace the carpeting in the township offices and the estimate of \$6,318.59 using carpet tiles to replace the carpeting in the meeting room and kitchen area. Motion carried.

Quiet Island

Waldron moved and Balazovic supported to advise USGS that Tuscarora Township is not in support of the proposal to apply the name Quiet Island to the area north of the Michigan Inland Waterway in Emmet and Cheboygan County. Motion carried.

Sewer District Update

Petitions have been received in excess of 51% in the Gratiot-Marineland sewer phase to move forward with the sewer loan application. If Victor Drive, Onaway and Club Road is eliminated from District 4 then there are petitions in excess of 51% received in favor of going forward with the loan application.

Waldron moved and Fisher supported to add Gratiot-Marineland to the loan application. Motion carried.

Waldron moved and Vance supported to add the streets north of Club Road of district 4 to the loan application. Motion carried.

Public comment began at 8:30 p.m. Comments were heard from five citizens. Public comment ended at 8:35 p.m.

Board member comment: Ridley is meeting with the DNR in October to discuss boat launch improvements.

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

Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael E. Ridley, Supervisor