

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 – Approved December 3, 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 October 1, 2019 regular meeting were approved as previously published.

Fisher moved and Waldron supported to adopt the agenda with the addition of MERS Defined Contribution Resolution and the removal of Funding Agreement CCRC. Motion carried.

Police Report

Fall training was completed in October. Chief Temple thanked Carl and Lori Pollard and Jeff Earls for purchasing new snow tires for the patrol cars. Chief Temple gave a demonstration at Indian River Sports Medicine on Senior Fraud. All phone scams were discussed that has been going on in ours and other communities; also, what information to not give out over the phone.

Library Report

Our new Director, Rudy Wright, starts November 19th; he has been in working with Mara so it should be a smooth transition. The Halloween Carnival was attended by about 150 children.

Treasurer Report

Clerk Fisher reported that the general accounts have \$1,589,689.20 and the tax accounts \$53,339.94 to date, without interest.

Special Assessment

With the lot combinations received through October, it brings the per parcel cost to \$2,255 and a per front foot cost of \$1.50 based on 341 back parcels and 96 front parcels. This does increase the cost for the back parcels. Written objections have been received of more than 20% of the total frontage. The board may not proceed to make the improvements unless it receives a petition requesting the improvement signed by the record owners of land constituting more than 50% of the total frontage.

Discussion held on a SAD petition process and back lot owners. There is currently a petition being circulated for the Chippewa Beach/Prospect Street Sad.

Marina Park and DDA

The DDA would like to add, to the DDA boundaries, the Marina Park property. This could be added as part of the amend and extend process the DDA is currently going through. This would allow the DDA to contribute to the cost of any project that might be considered for that property. The cost to the Township would be \$2500 to Miller Canfield and \$700 for a new legal description.

No motion of support was offered.

Sewer Update

The Board reviewed Phase Two cost summaries submitted by Performance Engineering. They presented several funding scenarios for review. One option would be to break it into two sub-phases to maximize the amount of grant. Another option would be to wait for the pooling of the federal monies in August of 2020 to possibly increase our grants from \$3M to the maximum of 45% which could potentially increase the grant to almost \$5.5 M. After reviewing, the board all stated that they would not even consider taking the grinder pumps out of the project and leaving it to the individual property owner to cover. Craig stated that he is not in favor of breaking it up into more than one project and he would like to see numbers to incorporate the cost of installing the grinder pumps in the road right-of-way.

Application must be made by February 2020, to be considered for grant in 2020.

Decision postponed until the December meeting.

Township Hall RFP Lighting

Fisher proposed an RFP for new lighting at the Township hall. This is to include new exit signs. Through Michigan Saves there is an opportunity to have new LED lighting purchased and installed with 0% financing for up to 36 months plus rebates.

Waldron moved and Balazovic supported publishing the RFP as presented with the removal of the storage room lights. Motion carried.

Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance #15

Ordinance No. 36 presented repeals Ordinance #15 entitled "Tuscarora Township Pension Plan Ordinance that the board voted on in September.

Waldon moved and Vance supported to adopt Ordinance #36 repealing Ordinance #15. A roll call vote was taken: Vance, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes. Motion carried.

Fireworks 2020

Fisher moved and Balazovic supported to set July 4th for the display and July 5th for the rain date. Motion carried.

Set August and November Meeting Dates

Waldron moved and Fisher supported to move the August and November regular meeting dates to the second Tuesday of the month. Motion carried.

MERS Defined Contribution Resolution

Supervisor Ridley read the Resolution Adopting the MERS Defined Contribution Plan for John Gehres, Assessor.

Fisher moved and Vance supported adopting the Defined Contribution Plan and a roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Vance, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes, Ridley, yes.

Public comment began at 8:15 p.m. Comments were heard from nine citizens. Public comment ended at 8:32 p.m.

Board member comment: Four comments were received.

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

Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael E. Ridley, Supervisor