

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

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

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

Roll call by Treasurer Balazovic. Board members present were Mike Ridley, Supervisor; Bobbi Balazovic, Treasurer; Trustees Craig Waldron and Janet Vance. A quorum of the board was present

Minutes of the December 3, 2020 regular meeting were approved as previously published.

Fisher moved and Waldron supported to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Citizen Comment Agenda Items: No public comments were received.

Police Report

Chief Temple reviewed the 2019 stats. They handled 2,546 complaints, 2,789 verbal warnings and wrote 287 citations. Total hours worked for the year 17,492 and miles driven on patrol 79,465.

He gave a warning to keep car doors locked and to not leave valuables in their vehicles.

Library Report

Rudy Wright, Director, reviewed the 2019 stats.

Parks, DDA Report

The ice rink work is done but there is still no ice due to the weather. Supervisor Ridley has been informed that the USDA interest rate has been reduced to 2.75% for the DDA project.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,723,416.43 and the tax accounts \$1,513,754.97 to date, with interest.

Fire Department Streetlight request

The Tuscarora Fire Department has installed a new hydrant at the former Wake Fire water park. They are requesting that the township consider having Consumers Power install a streetlight at the end of the driveway which would illuminate both the driveway and provide some lighting near the hydrant.

Fisher will check with Consumers Energy on the cost of adding

Vance moved and Fisher supported adding a streetlight at the end of the driveway. Motion carried.

After public comment from Jeff Milner Vance withdrew her motion and Fisher supported pending the Fire Department contacting the owner of the property to see if they would be able to utilize their service. Motion carried.

2020 Fire Protection Agreement

Vance moved, and Balazovic supported to approve the 2020 Fire Protection Contract in the amount of \$175,105.00. The 2020 fire millage will be based on that amount; the previous year amount was \$171,198.00. Motion carried with four ayes and one abstention.

Wahbee Road SAD Resolution #1B

Due to a failure of the notice not being published two times, Resolution #1B has been drafted to change the public hearing date from January 7, 2020 to February 4, 2020.

Resolution #1B sets Tuesday, February 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. as the date/time for the first public hearing for Wahbee Road. The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments and objections to the proposed road improvements, the petition, and the establishment of the special assessment district. The public hearing notice must be published twice, with the first publication at least 10 days prior to the public hearing date and mailed via first class mail at least 10 days prior to the hearing to all property owners in the proposed special assessment district.

Fisher moved and Balazovic supported adopting Resolution #1B for the Wahbee Road Special Assessment District. A roll call vote was taken: Fisher, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Waldron, no; Vance, no. Motion carried.

Revision to Sanitary Sewer Ordinance Draft

Tabled until February to allow the board to review it in more detail. Supervisor Ridley noted that one change needs to be the REU usage changed from 200 gallons to 300 gallons.

2018/2019 Audit

The 2018/2019 audit has been completed and submitted to the State for publication.

After review of the audit USDA has submitted a letter stating that a sewer operations and maintenance rate increase is needed.

NLEA Letter of Support

Supervisor Ridley received an email today regarding a project that is seeking a rural sight with a population of less than 15,000, within 20 miles of the Interstate Highway, with a minimum of 8-10 acres and appropriately zoned for light industrial use.

For Tuscarora Township to be considered a letter of support needs to be submitted by January 10, 2020. Waldron moved and Vance supported Supervisor Ridley submitting a Letter of Support to be considered for this project. Motion carried.

Public comment began at 7:30 p.m. Comments were heard from two citizens. Public comment ended at 7:43 p.m.

Board member comment: Comment from Craig Waldron on Wahbee Road.

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

Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael E. Ridley, Supervisor