

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
October 6, 2020 – Approved with correction**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Ridley with the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Minutes of the September 1, 2020 regular meeting were approved as previously published.

Fisher moved and Balazovic supported to adopt the agenda with the removal of #19 Planning Commission Resignation. Motion carried.

Public comment began at 7:05 p.m. No public comments were received. Public comment ended at 7:06 p.m.

Police Report

We have applied for two grants under the Cares Act. One was for computer equipment and one was payroll reimbursement. We have received confirmation on the \$5610 grant for new computers. In the past the department received 50/50 grants from the Department of Justice for bullet proof vests. They will not be doing that this year and three new vests are needed.

DDA Report

Project is coming along well but we are having a conflict with the utility companies on the east side of Straits Highway.

Parks Commission Report

Supervisor Ridley introduced our new Parks Supervisor, Doug Schofield. Schofield reported that the resurfacing of the skating rink is complete, and a work bee has been scheduled for work on the new ballfield.

Planning Commission Report

A meeting has been scheduled for October 22nd to discuss food trucks.

Treasurer's Report

General accounts have \$2,248,357.07 and the tax accounts have \$227,136.21 with interest. ~~Wahbee and Chippewa Beach~~

Waldron moved and Vance supported accepting the Treasurer's Report, to pay the bills and approve the general ledger transactions. Motion carried.

Brandon Cargill, District Field Director for Senator Bergman, presented Craig Waldron and Sue Fisher with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition for their years of service to Tuscarora Township.

Municipal Ordinance Codification

Waldron moved and Balazovic supported approving the Municipal Ordinance Codification with the presented changes. Motion carried.

Archeological Review Proposal

USDA is requiring a Phase 1 archeological survey which is a shovel test for the four, unmapped areas in the proposed sewer district. The total cost would be \$2,000 and Performance will stake out the four areas. This will allow us to get the preliminary engineering report into USDA for SHIPO review. This study has been holding up the whole process.

Waldron moved and Fisher supported approving the \$2000 for a Phase 1 archeological survey and have the General Fund reimburse the Sewer Fund. Motion carried.

Mud Brothers

Mud Brothers request for use of Marina Park for their four-wheel rally. This has been approved by the Parks Commission.

Waldron moved and Vance supported approving the request for use of Marina Park. Motion carried.

Marina Park Dockage Grant Application

Bob Kramer presented his request for a dockage addition at Marina Park and requesting authorization to submit a grant to the Michigan Department of Agriculture Rural Development (MDARD) in the amount of \$57,000. The township will use donated labor and township employee labor as part of their match for the project.

Waldron moved and Fisher supported approving the submittal of a grant application to MDARD for \$57,000.00. Motion carried.

Sewer Ordinance/REUs

Tabled until November meeting.

Fisher moved and Vance supported requesting Dan Potter to attend our meeting in November. Motion carried.

First Right of Refusal - Foreclosure

Waldron moved and Balazovic supported signing the waiver of first right of refusal for the property in Tuscarora Township that was going to tax sale. Motion carried.

Wahbee Road Petition

We are in receipt of a petition from residents from Wahbee Road, Frontenac Ave, Shawnee and areas surrounding the Burt Lake public access off of Wahbee Road. The petition expresses their concerns for traffic and safety issues which they believe have become a public nuisance to be addressed.

Cheboygan County Human Society

Tabled until November.

MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Addendum

From time to time MERS requires an adoption agreement addendum for the Defined Benefit and Contribution plans. Chief Temple has reviewed and completed the new addendum.

Balazovic moved and Vance supported the Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Addendum. Motion carried.

Public comment began at 8:15 p.m. Comments were heard from 11 citizens. Public comment ended at 8:40 p.m.

Waldron moved to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael E. Ridley, Supervisor