

**MINUTES OF THE REMOTE AUDIO/VIDEO MEETING
OF THE TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
January 5, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Supervisor Ridley with the Pledge of Allegiance

Audio/Video Remote Virtual

Roll call by Clerk Dolly Rodriguez. Board members present were Mike Ridley Supervisor; Dolly Rodriguez, Clerk; Bobbi Balazovic, Treasurer; Robert Kramer, Trustee; Janet Vance, Trustee. A quorum of the board was present.

Minutes of the December, 2020 meeting were approved. Will dispense as written.

Ridley scratched South Avenue abandonment until next month. Need more info. Tabled to next month. Scratch #12 - move to Parks Commission Report. Balazovic made motion to accept agenda and Rodriguez supported. All in favor.

Public comment began on Agenda items at 7:04 pm. Comment made regarding Wahbee Ave/Hiawatha/Frontenac. Comments closed at 7:08 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Checking account has \$1,117,886.21 and the \$2,782,402.84 in the general account. Vance made motion to pay bills and Balazovic supported. All in favor.

Police Report

Chief thanked Mark Melvin and the 2 other families for purchasing the new snowmobile for the Police Department. Chief also thanked the Indian River Woman's Club for the purchase of the new body cams for his department. He also thanked the community for its continued support.

DDA Report

We did get our signs and poles in. They are in the storage barn. Still working on the budget. BLPA is trying to raise \$20K to purchase the sculpture. Motion to support the sturgeon sculpture to be placed at M-68 and S Straits Hwy made by Vance and supported by Balazovic. All in favor.

Library Report

Helen Miller, the library Director. The library is now open.

Wahbee Avenue/Hiawatha Road End/Frontenac Rd Discussions

The Tuscarora Township police will continue to check the areas on a routine basis and deal with issues as they come in. Dave Carpenter doesn't recall ever having issues being blocked by vehicles. Road Commission will have the State Police conduct a study.

Fire Contract

Chief Dave Carpenter gave an annual update to the board on the Tuscarora Township Fire Department activities and calls. Presented the board with the 2021 Fire Contract (\$180,638.00). Motion to accept the new fire contract was made by Vance and supported by Balazovic. All in favor.

Parks Report

Jennifer Andrews thanks Doug Schofield and Cody Whitman for the fantastic job they are doing. Hours have been set for the open skating and hockey at the new ice rink. The new ball field work is completed, the walking hills/trails are being groomed. Winterfest is pending on the Governor/State due to COVID restrictions. Tentative date is February 11-14.

Housekeeping – Pt 2

Bob Kramer suggested that Parks, DDA and Planning give the chair the agenda prior to the meeting so that the chair can give it to the board ahead of time.

Remote Meeting Resolution

New ruling regarding remote meetings. Motion to approve Resolution to have the electronic meetings under the OMA. Motion to support Resolution made by Kramer and supported by Rodriguez. Roll call Ridley, yes; Balazovic, yes; Kramer, yes; Vance, yes; Rodriguez, yes. This Resolution is adopted.

Citizens Comment

Comments were heard from 5 citizens.

Ridley thanked Bob Kramer for all his work in just one month of his term.

Board Comment

Comments were heard from 3 people.

Motion to Adjourn

Kramer made a motion to adjourn and Vance supports. All in favor. Motion adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolly J. Rodriguez, Clerk

Michael E. Ridley, Supervisor