

**PROPOSED AUGUST 2021 MEETING MINUTES**  
OF THE TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
3546 S. Straits Highway, Indian River, MI

**Meeting called to order** at 7:01 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance by Supervisor Ridley.

Roll call by Clerk Dawn Webb. Board members present were Mike Ridley Supervisor; Dawn Webb, Clerk; Bobbi Balazovic, Treasurer; Trustees, Janet Vance and Robert Kramer. A quorum of the board was present.

**Minutes of the July (June 29<sup>th</sup>) 2021 Meetings** Regular meeting minutes were approved as amended - moved by Balazovic and supported by Vance- Motion carried

**Adopt Agenda:** Balazovic moved and Vance supported adopting the agenda with the addition of Road Signs and Library Report.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items** Five comments on Hiawatha abandonment and one on conflict of interest.

**Correspondence** – Mike Ridley reported letters from Emmet County for their recreation plan, Straitsland Resorter/Swansons objecting to FOIA process/Emails objecting to Slocum Rd abandonment (removed from agenda prior to meeting) and an Email supporting Hiawatha abandonment.

**Treasure's Report and Bills**

- General acct \$2,642,161.14
- Tax accounts \$625,020.52
- Both with interest, not balanced
- Motion to pay the bills made by Vance, support by Kramer -motion carried.

**Reports:**

- Police – Chief Temple reported concern about speed issues on Straits Hwy through town. Ridley made a motion to request a speed study, Balazovic supported-motion carried. Requested authorization to spend over \$3500 for replacement laptops/vehicle stands for vehicles. Vance motion to approve expenditure and Kramer support-motion carried.
- DDA – Dan Nivelt reported Streetscape moving along – waiting for Consumers to approve hanging lights on poles and ongoing discussion for finishing sidewalks. DDA recommended Sue Fisher as Treasurer of the DDA. Motion by Balazovic to approve Sue Fisher and Vance support-motion carried.
- Parks Commission – Doug reported Summerfest went great.
- Planning Commission – Dawn Webb no changes
- Sewer – Bob Kramer reported no change to what's loaded online.
- Library – Helen reported summer reading program is coming to an end. Adding two new e-services. Kelsey starts as new Director 9/1.

### Security Analysis Report

- Trustee Kramer and Clerk Webb held a Teams meeting with IT Right to review failures the report generated. Gave IT Right permission to make adjustments to the service to clean up some general failures associated with things like password changes.

### Judge Arron Gauthier

- Annual report on operations (zoom and U tube) and drug program.

### Blight Ordinance

- Re-adopt and publish the Blight Ordinance – original adoption was June 1, and deadline to publish was missed. Motion by Kramer to adopt, support by Vance -motion carried.

### Hiawatha Road End Abandonment

- Ken Neuman presented required petition/adjoining property owner's letters of agreement requesting abandonment with a request for resolution to support. Motion for resolution made by Webb with no other Board member support.

### Hiring Policy

- Tabled with suggestion for Webb, Balazovic and Vance to review and make appropriate adjustments.

### Biosolid Hauling Contract

- No change in cost with the exception of an increase in testing fee. Motion by Balazovic to accept contract with support from Vance-motion carried..

### MDOT Resolution

- Performance requirements for municipalities. Names of municipal positions who can file for permits to work within the right of ways for state highways. Motion for resolution made by Balazovic support by Kramer-motion carried.
- Roll call – all in favor

### Road Signs

- Citizen request for Township put road signs up (ie slow down, children at play, caution etc). CCRC requests that Township pays for them. No support for Township to get involved in road sign decisions.

### Citizen Comments

- Six citizens made comments

### Board Comments

- Six comments were made by four board members

**Motion to Adjourn** --Motion by Vance supported by Ridley - adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Dawn Webb, Clerk  
Mike Ridley, Supervisor