

September 7th, 2021 MEETING MINUTES
OF THE TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
3546 S. Straits Highway, Indian River, MI

Meeting called to order at 7:05 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 August 3rd 2021 Meetings - Minutes were accepted as written.

Public Comments on Agenda Items - Eight citizens made comments. Public comments closed at 7:12 pm

Adopt Agenda - Balazovic moved and Vance supported adopting the agenda with the addition of Library Report, Agenda deadlines, and conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Mike Ridley reported one email from Mr. Davis advising that they do not support the closure of Slocum Rd.

Treasure's Report

General acct \$2,591,178.22

Tax accounts \$350,407.19

Motion to accept the Treasurers report made by Vance, support Ridley

Reports:

- **Police Report** – Chief Temple N/A
- **DDA Report** – Mike Ridley reported narrowing down things that have to be fixed one of them being lights. waiting on bids for lights and concrete finish work.
- **Parks Commission** – Doug reported followed by Jim Burkes comments on parks budget that they would look at potential revenue streams. Pat McGinnis – will be doing a Hello to the Fish picture Sunday (9/12) at noon. Anyone that wants a picture of the fish can make the request through fish@mcvideo.com
- **Planning Commission** – Mike Cherveney – will need to start work to update Master Plan in January of 2022.
- **Library Report** – Kelsey Rakowski announced Friends of the Library holding a fundraiser Tuesday 9/14 from 10am to 7 pm in the Township meeting room with local artists selling limited edition prints. Wednesday 9/22 will host Johnathon Ram from Chillermainia from 6 to 7 pm to meet the author. Registration is on the library website. Other events are on the website, Facebook and Instagram. Dave Hill added that while Kelsey is part time right now, she will complete her Masters Degree and become full time in January.
- **Sewer** – Bob Kramer – reported two items that came up in addition to what's been reported on the website. USDA had a concern about the budget calling out interest and

special assessment as separate line items. Requested that they we put them together. Also requires a conflict-of-interest policy in place with Federal Requirements.

Hiring Policy -Tabled to hold special meeting to come up with a draft document. Motion made by Kramer second by Vance. Motion carried

FOIA Appeal Straitsland Resorter Waiver of Fees – Trustee Vance made a motion to waive all fees – no support. Bob Kramer made a motion to reduce the time for redaction on KS004 by 30 minutes and the cost on KS008 by 50%. Supported by Webb, motion carried.

Blight/Request for Circuit Court Authorization Northland Sports - seeking further action authorizing Township Attorney to file Circuit Court action for removal of blight reimbursement of attorney fees. Motion by Webb to move forward support by Balazovic. Motion carried.

Conflict of Interest policy USDA requires that we have an updated conflict of interest policy. We can't proceed to Phase 2 without completed document. Motion to move forward with authorizing Legal Council to draft policy made by Vance supported by Kramer. Motion carried.

Agenda Deadlines Letter submitted by Gretchen Bearce requesting that agenda items be posted no later than the Thursday before the Board Meetings, No items to be added unless it is an emergency. Decision to table for future consideration.

Public Comments

- Four citizens made public comments

Board Comments

- Four board members made comments

Motion to Adjourn

- Made by Vance second by Ridley meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Dawn M. Webb, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor