

**Tuscarora Township Board of Trustees
3546 S. Straits Hwy, Indian River, MI 49749
February 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM - Township Hall
Special Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ridley at 10:00 am.

ROLL CALL

Present - Supervisor Ridley, Clerk Reidsma, Treasurer Balazovic, Trustee Kramer, Trustee Vance.

Absent - None

A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The floor was opened to public comment at 10:02 am. No comments made. Floor closed at 10:03 am.

#1: IT SUPPORT WITH VC3

Motion: To have Board approval to price a new computer server and speak to BS&A for costs of services including "the Cloud". Trustee Kramer will work with Treasurer Balazovic and report findings to the Board.

Motion made by Trustee Kramer/ seconded by Trustee Vance

Discussion:

- The Board is currently using 20 year old technology
- Suggesting a more streamlined and direct path to the cloud
- VC3 is increasing costs by 83% over three years
- VC3 has slow customer service

Motion passed: 5-0

#2: VIDEO/AUDIO PRESENTATION SYSTEM

Motion: Supervisor to purchase Video/Audio presentation system.

Motion made by Supervisor Ridley/ seconded by Trustee Kramer.

Ridley withdrew his motion.

Motion made by Trustee Kramer/seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to authorize Supervisor Ridley to pursue community grants and other funding that would financially support this project.

Discussion:

- PIE&G has grants available for up to 10k for technological projects
- Cheboygan County Community Fund may have something available
- Ridley believes Awakon Credit Union may also contribute to such a project.
- Will consult with the local computer dealer for suggestions on equipment and costs.

Motion passed: 5-0

#3: DISCUSS/PAY PERFORMANCE ENGINEERING FOR SEWER SYSTEM DESIGN INVOICE

Motion: To pay \$132,815.50 to Performance Engineering for sewer construction costs.

Motion made by Treasurer Balazovic/seconded by Trustee Kramer.

Discussion:

- Monies will be coming out of an "Enterprise Fund" that was set up to pay sewer costs before the USDA loan/grant was made available.
- State of Michigan should have reimbursed us for \$48,000 generator. Treasurer and Clerk will check on this.
- As soon as we close on the USDA loan, the township can reimburse the Enterprise fund for whatever payments made.
- Concerns over timing and costs. Only limited funds available to the Enterprise Fund.
- USDA Loan should be closing soon after the bids.

Motion: Passed 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT - 1

P. McGinnis: Advised to check Cloud storage capabilities and costs.

BOARD COMMENT - 1

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:13 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Reidsma
Tuscarora Township Clerk

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