

TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP
3546 S. Straits Hwy., Indian River, MI 49749
April 26, 2023 @ 12:00 PM
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ridley at 12:00 pm.

ITEM 2: ROLL CALL

Present – Supervisor Ridley, Clerk Reidsma, Trustee Vance, Treasurer Balazovic

Absent – Trustee Kramer

Quorum present

ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by Vance, seconded by Ridley.

Voice Vote

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous consent.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The floor was open for public comment at 12:02 pm.

No public comments on the agenda were made.

Public comment was closed at 12:02 pm

ITEM 5: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSTING

Motion to post an opening for administrative assistant.

Moved by Vance, seconded by Reidsma.

Voice vote.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous consent.

Motion to have the Hiring Committee & Decision makers be Vance & Reidsma, and Reidsma would bring final recommendation of compensation to the Board for approval.

Moved by Ridley, seconded by Vance.

Voice vote.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous consent.

Discussion:

Supervisor Ridley stated that no board approval would be needed when discussion & questions arose about posting for Supervisor and Treasurer positions.

ITEM 6: ASSESSOR ASSISTANT POSTING

Motion to post an opening for an Assessor Assistant.

Moved by Reidsma, seconded by Vance.

Voice vote.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous consent.

Motion to have the Hiring Committee & Decision makers be Assessor Keipert & Reidsma, and Keipert would bring final recommendation on compensation to the Board for approval.

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Moved by Reidsma, seconded by Vance.
Voice vote.
MOTION CARRIED by unanimous consent.

Discussion:
A need to request auditor to determine if an issue may exist with an Employee / Department head contracting for service of an assistant vs an employee.

ITEM 7: APPOINT FIREWORKS COORDINATOR

Motion to appoint Janet Vance as Fireworks Coordinator for July, 2023.
Moved by Vance, seconded by Reidsma.
Voice vote.
MOTION CARRIED by unanimous consent.

Discussion:
2022 fireworks had problems using barges on the water.
Barges drifted, fireworks stopped and restarted due to safety concerns, and river ended up being blocked.
Discussed the need to have Fireworks on land and negate the use of the Barges.
Police Chief and Fire Chief have been advised and support efforts to return to land.

ITEM 8: WAIVER OF NO WAKE FOR BOAT RACES

Motion to have “No wake ordinance” on river waived for the August 2023 Boat Races for specific times and dates.
Moved by Balazovic, seconded by Ridley.
Voice vote.
MOTION CARRIED by unanimous consent.

ITEM 9: DDA RESIGNATION & NEED TO POST FOR DDA OPENING

Motion to accept Dave Driskill’s resignation from the DDA.
Moved by Vance, seconded by Reidsma.
Voice vote.
MOTION CARRIED by unanimous consent.

Motion to post for the DDA’s open position.
Moved by Vance, seconded by Ridley.
Voice vote.
MOTION CARRIED by unanimous consent.

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ITEM 10: PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment began at 12:17:00 pm.

P. McGinnis – Reiterated his requirements for proper use of his Township images.

R. Odenwald – Kiwanis food drive taking place this weekend.

J Milner – ~~public's comments must be noted in minutes, budget issues, and concerns about lawyer's presence at meetings.~~ Name mis-spelled on 4-4-23 minutes, public's comments must be noted in the minutes, budget issues, and concerns about lawyer's presence at meetings.

C. Brown – requested written resignations from Supervisor and Treasurer, and criticism of their tenure.

Public comment ended at 12:22 pm.

ITEM 11: BOARD COMMENT

Two Board members commented

ITEM 12: MOTION TO ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jay Reidsma - Clerk