

TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP HALL
3546 S. Straits Hwy., Indian River, MI 49749
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – July 20, 2023 @ 1:00 PM

1. **Call to Order** - Supervisor Kramer at 1:00 PM

2. **Roll Call**

Members Present – Supervisor Kramer, Clerk Reidsma, Trustee Vance, Trustee Pearson

Members Absent – Treasurer Dillaha Quorum Present

Staff Present – Deputy Supervisor Odenwald, Administrative Asst. Chris Green, Office Asst. Karen Decker

3. **Public Comment of Agenda Items** – began at 1:01 pm – ended at 1:01 pm

No public comments

4. **Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Vance moved to approve the minutes as written.

Pearson seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

5. **Bills / Budget Adjustments**

MOTION: Reidsma moved to pay the bills.

Vance seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

Discussion:

-- Clerk explained that June Credit Card billing was paid (\$2683.78) without board approval to avoid late fees and a poor credit rating affecting our ability to increase credit limits per existing “Expenditure Approval & Post Audit” policy. Factors causing this problem will be addressed with a Credit Card Payment Procedure to outline who, what, when.

-- USIC bills are being questioned regarding Sewer related costs vs. other costs for underground utilities flagging being investigated for Township responsibility vs that of others.

-- Insurance costs explained for Workmans Comp, Liability going up in cost, and Aviation.

-- Cemetery costs explained to improve grounds with tree trimming and removal.

-- Trace Analytical Laboratories expense for PFAS testing at Sewer plant (negative results)

6. Police Vehicle

MOTION: Kramer moved to approve CIP spending for new Tahoe to replace a vehicle with high mileage (194,00 miles)

Reidsma seconded.

Motion passed with Roll Call vote 4-0 yes votes.

Discussion:

Police fund has sufficient money set aside to purchase the new police vehicle and required the priority and approval to spend, be moved from 2025 to 2023 given mileage of current vehicle and current equipment needs.

7. Appointments

MOTION: Vance moved to appoint Patti Murdock to the Planning Commission.

Reidsma seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

Discussion:

Replaces Mike Cherveny, who resigned, and brings a significant education background and business experience to the Commission. Only one application submitted.

MOTION: Vance moved to appoint Patricia Tomczak to the Planning Commission.

Pearson seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

Discussion:

Replaces Kelly Ashford, who resigned, and was supported by Kramer & Reidsma. Patricia brings a community voice to the Commission. Only one application submitted.

MOTION: Vance moved to appoint Tyler Goral to the DDA.

Pearson seconded.

Motion passed 4-0.

Discussion:

Tyler replacing Dan Yaczik, who resigned, lives within the DDA district, and offers a youthful voice on DDA initiatives. Only one application submitted.

8. Public Comments - Opened at 1:15 PM

-- P. McGinnis: Need for police vehicle, comments on rules & airport forestry, boat launch fees.

-- B. Henderson: reason for meeting & meeting minutes approval questioned.

- C. Pollard: support for Police department and the need for replacement vehicle
- P. Tomczak: introduced herself, and appreciates the direction that the Township is heading.

Public Comment closed at 1:22 PM.

9. Board Comments

- 4 Board members commented

14. Adjournment

- Trustee Vance motioned for adjournment, seconded by Kramer at 1:35 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jay Reidsma, Township Clerk