

TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
August 8, 2023 Time: 7:00 pm
3546 S. Straits Hwy. Indian River, MI 49749
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA:

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items
4. Bills
5. 2024 Fireworks Dates
6. Hangar Lease
7. Sewer Issues
8. Emergency Building Repairs
9. Budget & CIP Adjustments
10. Public Comments
11. Board Comments
12. Adjournment

MINUTES:

Item 1. Call to order: Supervisor Kramer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Item 2. Roll Call: Supervisor Kramer, Clerk Reidsma, Treasurer Dillaha, and Trustee Vance present. Trustee Pearson absent. A Quorum present.

Information: Board members were asked if any conflicts of interest – none.

Item 3. Public Comment on Agenda items: (Open 7:01, Closed 7:03)
D. Webb - Hangar Lease and airport revenues comments

Item 4. Bills.

Motion: Moved to pay the bills per Invoice Register.
Moved by Reidsma, seconded by Vance. Motion passed 4-0 voice vote.
Discussion: questions asked and answered regarding different invoices.

Item 5. 2024 Fireworks Dates

Motion: Move to plan 2024 Fireworks for July 5th with rain dates either July 6th or 7th (dependent on fireworks company)
Moved by Vance, seconded by Dillaha. Motion passed 4-0 voice vote.

Item 6. Hangar Lease

Motion: Move to approve the 10 year Airport lease at \$1350 per year and an annual adjustment per CPI-U (consumer price index – urban).

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Reidsma. Motion passed 4-0 with roll call vote.

Discussion:

John Leppien addressed the Board to discuss a month to month lease.

John's past lease allowed for up to 50% increase in lease payment for lease renewal.

John provides most of the equipment to maintain the airport – truck & plow, zero turn commercial mower, commercial tractor, and fuel tanks.

Item 7. Sewer Issues

Motion: Move to add Condominium to criteria sheet for sewer rates at (1) REU.

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Vance. Motion passed 4-0 voice vote.

Discussion:

Need descriptions of terms / labels used (i.e. Condominium, Residential, etc) with objective measureable terminology for each criteria item (i.e. square feet, # of bathrooms, # bedrooms. etc.)

Item 8. Emergency Building Repair

Information:

Supervisor Kramer requested his deputy, Ron Odenwald, to share his investigative information on the discovery of urgent building repairs. Basement has water leaks through cracks in the South block wall. Further investigation shows that insufficient water management (drainage) on outside surface, is causing the wall to bow in-wards, necessitating significant expense to reinforce wall with rebar, add water proofing, and improve water management (gutters, grade, foundation drain field, sump pump, etc.).

Cost sharing between Police, Library, and Township to occur per prior agreements.

Two bids provided by Foundation System of Michigan (FSM), and Ayers. Third bid is being pursued.

Item 9. Budget and CIP Adjustment

Motion: Move to have Clerk sign AT&T Permit for a new extension (5 yrs) ending 12-31-2028.

Moved by Reidsma, seconded by Dillaha. Motion passed 4-0 voice vote.

Discussion:

Metro Act provided \$6737 in 2022, and \$7070 in 2023, and an underpayment of \$2282 due in 2024.

County has right of way responsibility for all township roads and manages all permits for cable installation / maintenance.

Payments are based upon the linear feet of cable in the Township, which is consistent across other municipalities, to calculate the reimbursements.

Request to verify budget accounts for this revenue.

Motion: Move to limit CIP spending priorities temporarily (Airport, Steps to River, & Building Repair) given the impact on available funds until cash flow of revenue (property taxes) will enable the expense from General Fund.

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Dillaha. Motion passed 4-0 voice vote

Item 10. Public Comments (opened: 7:48 closed: 7:55)

P. McGinnis – comments regarding Supervisor Kramer and R. Grandy
B. Murdock – comments regarding Airport operations & need for revenue / expense neutral spending.
D. Webb – comments on Airport operations

Item 11. Board Comments: Two Board members had comments.

Item 12. Meeting adjourned: 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Reidsma, Township Clerk