

TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD
December 14, 2023 Time: 7:00 pm
3546 S. Straits Hwy. Indian River MI 49749
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. NLEA Introduction
4. Cheboygan County Zoning Board of Appeals - Variance Application
5. Library Support Discussion
6. Budget Adjustment & Bills
7. Public Comments (3 minutes)
8. Board Comments
9. Adjournment

MINUTES:

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

Item 2. Roll Call: Clerk Reidsma, Treasurer Dillaha, Trustee Vance, Supervisor Kramer, Trustee Pearson
Members Absent: None Quorum – Yes
Staff Present – Dep Supervisor Odenwald, Administrative Asst Chris Green

Motion: Move to have the NLEA Introduction allow audience participation. Moved by Kramer, seconded by Pearson. Motion passed 5-0 voice vote.

Item 3. NLEA Introduction

Information: Questions asked and answered by Jessica Lovay of Northern Lakes Economic Alliance (NLEA) which provides resources for communities and entrepreneurs to create and retain jobs in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, & Emmet Counties by providing access to Business Tools, Community Tools, Research and Data to support economic development and growth. Questions were focused upon Tax Abatement Incentives and the Process (establishing a Development District), and examples of Boyne City's Local Development and Financing Committee. Housing development tools were also discussed.

Item 4. Cheboygan County Zoning Board of Appeals - Variance Application

Motion: Move to have approval for a resolution to support a variance application for 6084 River Street LLC.

Moved by Pearson, seconded by Vance. Motion passed 4-0 by roll call vote. Supervisor Kramer abstaining.

Discussion: The 6084 River Street Condominium Project that provides 9 new residential condominium units near the downtown of Indian River. The requested variance is waiving the requirement of a 10-

foot-wide landscape buffer between the parking spaces and the front lot line, a variance from Ordinance Sec. 17.4.4, which is a new request. Jennifer Schaefer, attorney for the developer, was present to answer questions.

Item 5. Library Support Discussion

Motion: Move to have the Board provide the Clerk with authority to provide a “written notice” to the Library Board to terminate the Fiscal Agency Agreement, as written, to satisfy required 6-month notice. Moved by Reidsma, seconded by Kramer. Motion failed 3-2 by roll call vote.

Motion: Move to have Treasurer Dillaha work with the Library to provide modifications to the Library Fiscal Agency Agreement within 60 days.

Moved by Pearson, seconded by Vance. Motion passed 5-0 by roll call vote.

Discussion: Clerk Reidsma summarized the Payables approval process for the Township and Library prior to creating and authorizing checks for payments. Library has the right to approve their own Invoices. ~~and has chosen to do this going back to September 2023.~~ No procedure has been published or agreed upon between the Library and the Township Clerk for Library Board “Authenticated Vouchers” to assure proper checks and balances.

Item 6. Budget Adjustment & Bills

Motion: Move to approve the Township bills as, submitted, by the Invoice Register with a check run date of 12-15-23.

Moved by Vance, seconded by Pearson. Motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

Discussion: No budget adjustments were submitted

Item 7. Public Comments (opened: 9:20 am closed: 9:30 pm)

K. Rutkowski – Library legal document comments

J. McGinnis – County Planning and Zoning Commission comments

B. Henderson – Comments regarding the Clerk

D. Webb – Parks commission comments

S. Fisher – Library Board Review

Item 8. Board Comments:

Three members made comments.

Item 9. Meeting adjourned: 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Reidsma, Township Clerk