

TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP
3546 S. Straits Hwy, Indian River, MI 49749
January 14, 2025 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING
Approved Meeting Minutes

Call to order: Supervisor Maves called the meeting to order at 7 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Maves, Decker, Smith, Fisher and Hutchison were in attendance. There was a quorum.

Board member conflict of interest statement: None.

Public comment *on agenda items* (3 minutes per individual): There were no public comments.

Approval of meeting agenda

Approved with amendments, added Item F: request for board to complete attorney contract bid.

Motion: Fisher

Support: Smith

Approved: All in favor.

Approval of previous minutes: Approved Dec 10th minutes with amendments to strike Item # 6: public comments, correct Item F: to add 4 month pause on Rehab Applications, Item I: spelling correction and Item J: contract for Mead and Hunt "Pending legal review".

Motion: Smith

Support: Hutchison

Approved: All in favor.

Request from Maves to move report from Performance Engineers - Steven Corporon ahead because he traveled to attend the meeting. He gave a brief update on the sewers.

Bills: Approved bills with addition with Fire Department payment.

Motion: Fisher

Support: Smith

Approved: All in favor.

Reports: Reports from DDA - Dan Nivelt, Library - Kelsey Rutkowski, Parks - Beth Henderson, Police - Chief Temple.

Old business:

Approved a refund to Tokio Marine HCC for Surety Bond Claim for \$10,310.61. It was discovered that the claim was made for the Workman's Comp Noncompliance Charge that had been refunded upon completion of the 2022 Audit. The township will refund the full amount, and Tokio Marine will consider the claim null and void.

Motion: Smith

Support: Decker

Roll call: Fisher – yes, Maves – Yes, Hutchison – Yes, Smith – Yes, Decker – Yes.

Approved: All in favor

New business:

Sewer construction bills – Phase I, Phase II, and WWTP. Approved payment for construction bills with 105, 859.45 will come out of the EGLE grant.

Motion: Smith

Support: Hutchison

Approved: All in favor

Mead & Hunt potential screen purchase & installation for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Tabled, waiting for installation bids.

Motion: Fisher

Support: Hutchison

Approved: All in favor

Approved USIC an update to mapping services contract for inclusion of Phase I & II residential sewer lines and the existing well water line for WWTP. We are doing this to protect the Township from any possible damage to our lines done by residents and/or their contractors.

Motion: Maves

Support: Hutchison

Approved: All in favor.

Fire Department contract expired 12/31/2024.

Motion was made to accept the contract. Chief Carpenter gave a report of 2024 responses that the department made, including assisting medical runs, gas leaks, kitchen fires auto accidents among others. There is approximately a 9% increase from approximately 284,000.00 to 309,000.00.

Motion: Decker

Support: Smith

Approved: All in favor

Approval of Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses.

The Indian River Women's Club has asked us to pass a resolution which is provided by the State of Michigan Lottery Department Gaming Division to recognize the Indian River Women's Club as a non-profit organization so that they can obtain a gaming license. The IRWC does a lot for this community, including spending most of their money on improving our township parks, planting flowers on Main Street and most recently helping with funding for the landscaping around the Sturgeon.

Motion: Smith

Support: Fisher

Approved: All in favor.

Agenda add: The board discussed at the December meeting that bids would go out after January 1st to hire a permanent Township Attorney. Mr. Huth agreed to act as interim attorney until we can hire a permanent attorney. Approved for Hutchison to create a criteria sheet. Proposals will be received by March 4th. For review at the March 11th meeting.

Motion: Hutchison

Support: Smith

Approved: All in favor.

Public comments (3 minutes per individual)

There were two public comments.

Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Decker, Clerk
Trudy Maves, Supervisor