

TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP
3546 S. Straits Hwy, Indian River, MI 49749
March 11, 2025 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

Call to order: Supervisor Maves called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Fisher, Maves, Smith, Hutchison, and Decker. There was a quorum.

Board member conflict of interest statement (if applicable) Hutchison on old business - chief of police contract.

Public comment *on agenda items* (3 minutes per individual) None

Approval of meeting agenda with changes move 11. c. to 11. d. and 11. c. is discussion with attorney regarding lawsuit. And move 8. to 8. b. and make 8. a. sewer update with Steve from Performance Engineers.

Motion: Fisher Support: Hutchison Approved: All in favor

Approval of minutes for Regular Meeting February 11, 2025. No changes

Motion: Smith Support: Fisher Approved: All in favor

Approval of minutes for Special Meeting February 18, 2025. No changes

Motion: Decker Support: Smith Approved: All in favor

Sewer update on Phase I, WWTP, Phase II and information about forms for hookup. The forms for hookup should go up on the township's website next week.

6/30/2024 Annual Audit Presentation - Mr. Joe Verlin from Gabridge & Company. The most useful pages in the 100-page audit are pages 1, 6, 9, 11, 20, 24, 41, 56, 61, 63, and 83. He spoke about how they confirmed and verified numbers, and he gave the township a clean opinion including several items we can watch or improve.

Bills – Regular nine bills for a total of \$3,677.57 and sewer bills for a total of \$483,339.10 to Grand Traverse Construction. Funding from USDA and EGLE for Phase I and USDA & EPA for Phase II. Change order 3 included in packet.

Motion: Fisher Support: Hutchison Approved: All in favor

Treasurer report - Smith reported on the upcoming settlement with the county for taxes and starting work on the personal property taxes.

Reports:

Airport – update on insurance claim for broken pipes. DDA – working on feasibility study to add additional boardwalk. FOIA – 2 requests. Library – upcoming events. Parks – DNR grant update and update on Veteran’s Pier bricks. Police – 2025 training update and building grant update.

Old business:

RFP for legal services presented. Motion to add Section Criteria #6 disclaimer information to be provided. Under #5 add delivered no later than April 1st to supervisor@tuscaroratwp.com.

Motion: Fisher Support: Smith Approved: All in favor

Motion to have Decker and Hutchison from the board to negotiate with Tuscarora Township Police Department and Steve Warren from FOP for the Tuscarora Township Police Department contract (7/1/2025-6/30/2028).

Motion: Maves Support: Hutchison Approved: All in favor

Motion the two board members of Fisher and Maves to negotiate the contract for the Chief of Tuscarora Township Police. The three-year contract for Chief Gordon Temple will be for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

Motion: Maves Support: Smith Approved: All in favor with
Hutchison abstaining.

New business:

Motion to approve Top O’Michigan Outboard Racing Club a waiver for the “no wake” ordinance for August 9 – August 10, 2025 between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Motion: Fisher Support: Smith Approved: All in favor

To contract with Cheboygan County Humane Society for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to provide animal control after hours services, provide kennels, food & supplies for housing animals after hours until they can be retrieved by Cheboygan County Humane Society in the amount of \$1,500.

Motion: Maves Support: Decker Approved: All in favor

Motion to go into closed session to discuss Kramer vs. Tuscarora Township 259103 at 8:17 pm

Motion: Fisher Support: Maves
Roll call: Hutchison, Smith, Maves, Fisher, and Decker. All Approved

Back in session at 8:40.

Motion to authorize attorney to enter into settlement discussion with Robert Kramer.

Motion: Maves Support: Smith
Roll call: Fisher, Maves, Hutchison, Smith, and Decker. Unanimous – motion passes.
Discussion: Insurance will cover the settlement, and the township needs to move forward.

Re-Enact 11/15/2024 Township meeting - No action due to proposed settlement on lawsuit.

Public comments (3 minutes per individual) None.

Board Comments – One.

Motion to adjourn at 8:46 by Fisher.

Recording Secretary: Chris Green

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Decker, Clerk
Trudy Maves, Supervisor