

TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP
3546 S. Straits Hwy, Indian River, MI 49749
July 8, 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: Present: Fisher, Maves, Smith, Hutchison, and Decker. There is a quorum.

Board member conflict of interest statement (if applicable) None.

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

Approval of meeting agenda. With additions of j. Plante Moran, k. USDA Waterway Grant Opportunity, and l. Crosswalk on Barbara.

Motion: Fisher Support: Decker Approved: All in favor

Approval of previous minutes.

Motion: Smith Support: Hutchison Approved: All in favor

Reports

Sewer update on WWTP, Phase I, and Phase II.

Cheboygan County Recycling-Dan O'Henley, Coordinator – there are 5 drop sites open in Cheboygan County. We are having problems with people dropping off items that are not recyclable. Would more signage help? Are the expense of cameras and the internet the answer? Please put recyclables in the bins and only drop off recyclables.

Bills – 29 invoices for a total of \$43,577.69 were presented to be paid.

Motion: Fisher Support: Hutchison Approved: All in favor

Treasurer report – summer taxes are out. An update was presented on the 17 bank reconciliation status.

Motion: Fisher Support: Decker Approved: All in favor

DDA-Sending out letter to businesses South of 68 down to Tuscarora border regarding extending the trail. New wayfinding signs are going up. The streetscape project is done.

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Parks-Stacey Pointer-Cole-Still looking for 1 full-time staff member at \$18.00 per hour and 1 seasonal person for \$16.50 per hour. Update on the Green Docks. The truck sold for a bid of \$500 and the trailer for \$600. We will not be charging rental fees to BLPA, Women's Club, IRAL, and Friends of the Inland Lake Schools. One position open on the parks commission.

Police-Chief Gordon Temple-Report on June activities in packet.

Old business

Boat launch parking lot restriping request went out for bid. Sealed bids accepted until 7/31/2025 with job awarded on August 12, 2025 at township board meeting.

Capital improvement plan clarification from attorney – tabled waiting for opinion from our attorney.

Corrective quit claim deed – Tabled – waiting for documentation from our attorney.

Bids received for truck as reported in parks report and the truck has been paid for and picked up.

Bid received for trailer as reported in parks report and the trailer has been paid for and picked up.

Culvert on Club Road. A new agreement has been received from the county. The board decided to accept the agreement as received and for the supervisor to sign the agreement.

Motion: Fisher

Support: Smith

Approved: All in favor

New business

Sewer construction bills – Phase I, Phase II, and WWTP

Elmers for \$6,650.74

Grand Traverse Construction for \$227,714.43

Matt's Underground for \$425,686.91

Performance Engineers, Inc. for \$27,001.75

Motion: Maves

Support: Decker

Approved: All in favor

Transient merchant rate – our rates are in line with other communities. We need to update our application and guidelines. Tabled to next meeting.

Parks fees for BLPA, women's club, IRAL – per parks report – fees waved.

Security cameras green dock and recycle – As discussed earlier in the meeting.

Parks resignation. To accept the resignation of Gayle Hall.

Motion: Maves

Support: Hutchison

Approved: All in favor

Budget amendment for boat launch 502-756-702.00 Salaries and Wages \$6,700 and 502-756-709.00 Employer Social Security \$512 for a total of \$7,212.

Motion: Decker

Support: Smith

Approved: All in favor

O & M rates for metered customers. To increase the rates by 10% on metered customers. New REU flat rate of \$94.23 per quarter and 10% on usage to \$.024 beginning with the June 2025 billing.

Motion: Fisher

Support: Decker

Approved: All in favor

Airport insurance renewal. To accept the renewal of general liability insurance for \$1,325 for the year with \$2,500 deductible.

Motion: Maves

Support: Fisher

Approved: All in favor

Close road IMMA bank account at CNB. The current balance in the account is \$0.

Motion: Smith

Support: Decker

Approved: All in favor

Plante Moran. Discussion of signing an engagement letter with Plante Moran for performing the bank reconciliations for the pool account and to get us ready for the audit in mid-August at the rate of \$180 per hour. Work will be done remotely. Have a special meeting to sign an updated contract.

USDA Waterway Grant Opportunity. This is for preventative maintenance to clean up 3 areas of the Sturgeon River in Indian River to help prevent future flooding. Looking for financial support from Tuscarora Township if this project qualifies for the grant. Preliminary estimate is \$4,000 - \$5,000 but it could be more or less money. Need more information. If the costs come in higher, can we disengage from this process.

Motion: Maves

Support: Hutchison

Approved: All in favor

Additional crosswalk. Send an email to the county road commission letting them know we are interested in having a crosswalk feasible study performed and the cost for a crosswalk at Ken's Village Market to the gravel parking lot.

Motion: Maves

Support: Smith

Approved: All in favor

Also see what signs we can post to make people aware of the law for people crossing.

Public comments (3 minutes per individual) 3 comments.

Look into tax bill for Mason Lodge – they are asking for property tax exemption as they are a 501c10 organization.

Need more crosswalks and reduce the speed limit to 25 in town. Question about the number of bills and budget amendment.

Board Comments – one.

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Motion: Fisher

Approved: All in favor

Recording Secretary, Chris Green

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Decker, Clerk

Trudy Maves, Supervisor