

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

January 5, 2016 – Adopted February 2, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Ridley with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: McGinnis, Balazovic, Ridley, Fisher, Waldron

Members Absent: None

The December 1, 2015 regular meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Clerk Fisher moved and Treasurer Balazovic seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ridley opened the Eagles Nest Road Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to review the special assessment district and hear any objections to the district. No public comments or questions were received; five written protests were received prior to the meeting. Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn the hearing at 7:02 p.m., Trustee McGinnis seconded and the motion carried with five ayes.

Police Report: Notice has been received from the SOM that we will receive a snowmobile grant; our department has received three NarCan Kits as well as training through a grant received by Up North Prevention. The kits are used in the case of a drug overdose.

Committee Reports:

DDA: A meeting will be held with MDOT and John Breitbarth to discuss an ORV connector between Vivios and Ken's Market.

Parks Commission: A joint township board and Parks Commission meeting will be held January 14th. **Marina Park:** Winterfest will be held at Marina Park this year on the 29th and 30th of January. Sallie Snyder thanked the Womens Club for their Christmas decorations in town and at the Trailhead. **Veterans Pier Committee:** The committee met last month to discuss the balance of the Veteran Pier funds and make a request to the Tuscarora Township Board to authorize termination of the Veterans Pier Project Committee and a request that the balance of their funds be used for the following:

- \$1500 to construct the Cap-Block-Chain-Piling display that will be on loan to the Alanson Inland Waterway Museum
- \$1000 to install blank bricks around the naming plaque display, the outdoor exhibit displays and around the piling displays to assist with maintenance and material protection during maintenance
- \$12,230 for four outdoor exhibits with Project Art's & Idea's on behalf of the Marina Park/Trailhead projects
- \$560 for four extra panels for future placement of the Marina Park/Trailhead exhibits
- \$3700 funding assistance to Parks & Recreation for the acquisition and installation of a storage barn/shed at DeVoe Beach
- \$800 for four outdoor exhibit foam backed panels for framing and displaying at the Tuscarora Township hall
- Balance of any funds remaining to be transferred to the Engraved Brick Fund balance for future maintenance.

The Committee additionally recommends that the engraved brick program funds be used for long-term major maintenance repairs for the Veterans Pier, possible land acquisition to enhance the Veterans Pier facility and capital improvements to Veterans Pier. They request that routine maintenance expenses not be allowed from these funds.

Motion by Treasurer Balazovic and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to dissolve the Veterans Pier Project Committee and to approve their spending recommendations as outlined in the report. Motion carried with five ayes.

Treasurer's Report: The general accounts have \$534,822.74 and the tax accounts have \$612,928.93 without interest.

Airport Manager Report: Nothing new to report – performing regular maintenance.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and supported by Trustee Waldron to adopt Special Assessment Resolution No. 5 for Eagles Nest Road SAD in the amount of \$227,000 payable over five years with the first installment to be due on December 1, 2016. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes. Motion carried.

Chief Temple and Clerk Fisher presented their recommendations to the township board on Ordinances 1-5:

1. Ordinance 1 – contact has been made with DTE for updating this ordinance – the current ordinance expired in 1995.
2. Ordinance 2 – Chief Temple requests that a section be added that prohibits the parking of vehicles for sale on Straits Highway from M-68 to the Indian River Bridge and all township properties. Allowances will need to be made for temporary parking and for private residences adjacent to Straits Highway.
3. Ordinance 3 – Change the wording in Paragraph 1 to adopt the Uniform Traffic Code in addition to the Michigan Vehicle Code.
4. Ordinance 4:
 - Remove any reference to a decibel meter. The meter is no longer used in our Police Department

- Add in Section 3 that officers shall take a bodycam audio/video recording of the incident as it is occurring in order to regulate and prove violations are occurring
 - Add a section that allows fireworks to be shot off 2 days prior to a holiday and 2 days after a holiday until midnight
5. Ordinance 5 – Add that snow may not be plowed, shoveled, brushed or moved across any public street or trail or pathway within Tuscarora Township

Clerk Fisher will send these recommendations to the attorney for their review and recommendations.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to appoint Treasurer Balazovic and Clerk Fisher as township board representatives during the police contract negotiations. Motion carried.

Motion by Treasurer Balazovic and seconded by Clerk Fisher to approve a budget adjustment of \$10,000 from 101-000-390-00 General Fund Balance to 101-276-801-00 Cemetery Contracted Services; adding \$10,000 to revenue account 101-000-511-00 Cemetery Fees; \$2,520 from 101-000-390-00 General Fund Balance to 101-209-716-00 Assessor Hospitalization. Motion carried with five ayes.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to adopt the 2015/2016 Sewer Operations Budget and the 2015/2016 Sewer RRI Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee Balazovic to set the following meeting dates:

- June 22, 2016 Budget Workshop, 7:00 p.m.
- June 29, 2016 Annual Meeting with the July Regular meeting immediately following, 7:00 p.m.
- August 9, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Public comments: Public comment began at 7:42 p.m. Comments received from one person. Public comments ended at 7:44 p.m.

Board member comments: Trustee McGinnis provided an update on Enbridge's Line 5.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to pay the bills. Motion carried with five ayes.

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor