

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

**Tuesday, September 4, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Ridley.

Members Present: Balazovic, Ridley, Waldron, Fisher

Members Absent: McGinnis

39 citizens were in attendance.

The August 14, 2012, meeting minutes were approved as previously published.

Clerk Fisher moved and Trustee Waldron seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of #14, correspondence. Motion carried.

A motion by Treasurer Balazovic to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing Tax Tribunal litigation with Attorney Robert Kerzka was seconded by Clerk Fisher and a roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes; McGinnis, absent. At 7:05 p.m. the board moved into closed session.

A motion by Trustee Waldron to return from closed session back into open session was seconded by Treasurer Balazovic and a roll call vote was taken: Fisher, yes; Ridley, yes; Waldron, yes; Balazovic, yes; McGinnis, absent. At 7:18 p.m. the board moved back into open session.

Trustee Waldron moved to reject the verbal settlement offer proposed by Attorney Larry Hanson at the council conference required by the State Tax Commission and request Mr. Kerzka to continue representing the township's interest in the tax tribunal. Treasurer Balazovic seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken: Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes; McGinnis, absent.

Police Report: School started today and the 25 mph school speed limit is once again in place. Hunter safety classes will be held the next two weeks at the township hall. The Barney property will be going for mediation at the Barney property itself and the pretrial for the Stanabeck blight is set for September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Committee reports:

**Marina Park:** No report. **DDA:** Still waiting to get on MDOT's schedule to review the pathway bid documents. **Planning Commission** met with Mary Campbell to begin the process of updating the master plan to reflect the 2010 Census data. Also discussed languages on what changes to the future land use master plan to allow for outdoor recreation facility; what areas they should be in and what kind of acreage should be required. The next meeting will be in September. **Beautification:** The Michigan Township Association mentioned Hide-A-Way Park in the September magazine.

Airport Manager's report: Nothing new to report.

Brian Boals, Gourdie Fraser, opened the bids today on the wastewater process; four of the six companies invited to bid responded. All bids are well within the proposed estimates; all bids are required to be held for six months. The final hydro-geo work needed to get the groundwater discharge permit finalized is in process. Details for the collection system are being worked out; overall strategy is in place to try to minimize the need for easement and be cost effective. Pump station analysis is being worked out for the State Park.

Mr. Weiss has offered to sell the property that the township is leasing at Green Docks for \$100.00. Clerk Fisher moved to accept the offer, Trustee Waldron seconded and it carried with four ayes, one absent.

Trustee Waldron moved to have a letter written to the CCRC recommending Kathy Bunker as a nominee for Project Manager of the Year. This award is offered by the County Road Association of Michigan. Supervisor Ridley seconded and it carried with four ayes, one absent.

Treasurer Balazovic moved to approve Supervisor Ridley's recommendation to reappoint Cindy Lou Poquette to the DDA Board. Trustee Waldron seconded and it carried with four ayes, one absent.

Supervisor Ridley read correspondence received from Sheri Lincoln requesting to be appointed to a Sewer Ordinance Committee and to be kept updated about this portion of the project.

Citizen comments: Public comments began at 7:35 p.m. Comments were received from eight persons. Comments ended at 7:54 p.m.

Trustee Waldron moved to pay the bills. Treasurer Balazovic seconded and it carried unanimously.

Trustee Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor