

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

August 12, 2014

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

Members Present: McGinnis, Balazovic Ridley, Fisher, Waldron

Minutes of the June 30, 2014, were approved as presented.

Clerk Fisher moved and Trustee Waldron seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of Committee Reports. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items: Public comments began at 7:02 p.m. Comments were received by three persons (one via letter). Public comments ended at 7:11 p.m.

Committee Reports

DDA – Pathway project is nearly done; there are still a couple of areas that need work. Grant reimbursement paperwork for the pathway is almost complete. A proposal has been sent in for the Streetscape project and we expect to hear more next week. **Library** – Cindy Poquette reported that the library has received a \$10,000 grant to go towards the library's sewer debt portion. **Beautification** – Happy to report that Hide-A-Way Park is being used by a lot of people this summer. The outdoor furniture has been received and will be installed as soon as Jim can fit it into his schedule. **Planning Commission** – No Report this month. Next meeting scheduled for August 28, 2014. **Parks Commission** – No Report this month. **Veterans Pier** – The original deadline will unfortunately not be met; we are approximately one to two weeks behind but there have been no cost over runs. The Committee is working on Pier enhancements that we will be able to add to the project. **West Side Road End** – No Report this month.

Police Report: Supervisor Ridley welcomed Chief Temple for his first monthly report. Chief Temple reported that they made it through the fireworks; however, the complaint load during the firework display was exceptionally high this year during that time frame. Next year we will look at adding more staff. There was trouble at DeVoe Beach this summer with mortars being shot off at the beach; we need to consider banning fireworks at the beach. Summerfest went great. We have received complaints that motorists are driving on the new non-motorized pathway. Chief Temple thanked Jim Purtill and the maintenance staff for how great Cooperation Park looked for the Little League playoffs.

Treasurer's report: The general accounts have \$842,172.30 with interest and the tax accounts have \$458,433.32 with interest.

Communications: Letter from Liz Gurgel

Dawn Bodnar provided background information on G.U.N., their history and their purpose. G.U.N. is a marketing campaign for Cheboygan County that can receive a match from the State's Pure Michigan program. The state will match 100% of anything raised over \$25,000; they are looking for a three year pledge from the township. Waldron would like additional time to look into this; he struggles as to whether this is a function of government or not. He would like to talk with someone at Emmet County. Bobbi is concerned about available monies for the township to contribute. Supervisor Ridley tabled to allow time to obtain more information from Emmet County.

Motion by Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee Waldron to approve the Grand Traverse Construction Change Order for \$13,280.50 for the well at the Industrial Park. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to adopt Ordinance No. 30 to regulate the use of Non-Motorized Pathways within the Township and to provide penalties for violation as presented with changes to tailor it to Tuscarora Township. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

Discussion on whether the board would like to look into ordinances to regulate activities on Veterans Pier and to regulate fireworks on township property. Clerk Fisher will look into both ordinances for the September meeting.

Public comments: Public comment began at 7:43 p.m. Comments were received from six persons. Public comments ended at 7:50 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Waldron to pay the bills was seconded by Trustee McGinnis and it carried with four ayes and one absent.

Motion by Trustee Waldron to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor