

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

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 – Approved January 7, 2020

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

Roll call by Treasurer Balazovic. Board members present were Mike Ridley, Supervisor; Bobbi Balazovic, Treasurer; Trustees Craig Waldron and Janet Vance. A quorum of the board was present

Minutes of the November 5, 2019 regular meeting were approved as previously published.

Waldron moved and Balazovic supported to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Citizen Comment Agenda Items: Public comments began at 7:02 p.m. Comments were heard from one citizen. Public comments ended at 7:04 p.m.

Police Report

The Department and the Fire Department participated with Shop with a Hero. They took 15 local kids shopping at Walmart. They joined other children, police and fire departments from all over northern Michigan.

Library Report

Patti Brown welcomed Rudy Wright the new Library Director. A Census Recruiter will be at the library accepting applications for census takers. After the first of the year new activities will begin at the library.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Balazovic reported that the general accounts have \$1,411,108.83, and the tax accounts \$20,375.35 to date, with interest.

Funding Agreement CCRC

Waldron moved and Vance supported to approve the Funding Agreement with the Cheboygan County Road Commission for the DDA Pedestrian Safety Improvement. A roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; Ridley, yes; Balazovic, yes; Vance, yes. Motion carried.

Marina Park and DDA

The DDA would like the board to reconsider adding the Marina Park property into the DDA district. The DDA has offered to pay any associated costs involved. Preliminary Engineering Report.

Waldron moved and Vance supported to approve the DDAs request to add the Marina Park property into the DDA. Motion carried.

Sewer District

The board reviewed Aaron Nordman's (Performance Engineering) email and summary of the sewer project that is planned to be submitted with the Preliminary Engineering Report. The district includes

Columbus Beach south to the Sturgeon River and Sturgeon River Island as one complete project. The township will own all pumping stations and they will be installed in the right-of-way. The homeowners will be responsible to get to a service lateral in the right-of-way. The District 2 estimates with the township owning the pumps is \$9.5M. With a \$3M grant the cost would be about \$15,600 per REU (based on 420 REUs in the district).

The USDA/RD has capped first grant request at \$3,000,000. By waiting until later in the federal fiscal year to go out for a potential petition, there might be unused grant money pooled from other states that the township may qualify for additional grant assistance.

Waldron moved and Balazovic supported to establish the district as Columbus Beach south to the Sturgeon River including Sturgeon Island. Motion carried.

Waldron moved and Balazovic supported for the Township to own all pumping stations. Motion carried.

Waldron moved and Balazovic supported to proceed with the USDA loan application. Motion carried.

Township Hall RFP Lighting

This was addressed in November with a motion to remove the storage room lights. Chief Temple counted 48 lights in all the storage areas. This project will have a rebate that is only being offered one time and to him it makes more sense to update all our lighting at one time and take advantage of the rebate.

Balazovic moved and Vance supported publishing the RFP as presented including the storage lights. Motion carried.

Wahbee Road SAD Resolution #1

Supervisor Ridley certified that the petitions for the paving of Wahbee Road have been signed by the record owners of more than 51% of the total road frontage within the boundaries as described in the petition.

Resolution #1 sets Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. as the date/time for the first public hearing for Wahbee Road. The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments and objections to the proposed road improvements, the petition, and the establishment of the special assessment district. The public hearing notice must be published two times, with the first publication at least 10 days prior to the public hearing date and mailed via first class mail at least 10 days prior to the hearing to all property owners in the proposed special assessment district.

Vance moved and Balazovic supported adopting Resolution #1 for the Wahbee Road Special Assessment District. A roll call vote was taken: Vance, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Waldron, yes. Motion carried.

MERS Resolution Authorized Signatories

As part of the MERS Defined Contribution Plan they require board approval that the position of Clerk is an authorized official that can sign the MERS Adoption Agreements, Resolutions, Participation Agreements, Administrative Service Agreements, Withdrawal Agreements and any other contract

between MERS and the Employer with respect to Employer's participation in any MERS-administered product and any amendments and addendums thereto and MERS Defined Benefit service credit purchase approvals.

Waldron moved and Vance supported the Resolution Establishing Authorized Signatories for MERS Contracts and Service Credit Purchase Approvals. A roll call vote was taken: Waldron, yes; Ridley, yes; Balazovic, yes; Vance, yes. Motion carried.

Public comment began at 7:40 p.m. Comments were heard from one citizen. Public comment ended at 7:41 p.m.

Board member comment: None.

Waldron moved and Vance supported to pay the bills and approve the general ledger transactions as presented. Motion carried.

Waldron moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael E. Ridley, Supervisor