

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

**February 4, 2014**

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 3, 2013, meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Trustee Waldron moved and Trustee McGinnis seconded to adopt the agenda with the addition of Item 17 Meeting Dates and Item 18 appointment of Beautification member. Motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items: no public comments were received.

**Committee reports:**

**DDA:** Construction of Pathway Project will begin again in the spring; possible revisions to the streetscape project. **Parks**

**Commission:** Plowing snow, the ice rink is great and the sledding hill has a lot of snow. **Planning Commission:** Brief meeting in January; discussion as to when the Cheboygan County Planning Commission would like input from the local planning commission.

**Beautification:** No report. **West Side Road End:** No report. **Marina Park:** Working with the DDA on Trailhead design and once the streetscape design is finalized we can go ahead on the Trailhead. **Veterans Pier Committee:** An additional \$10,000 has been donated to the Pier. The Parks Commission appointed a Veterans Pier Construction Committee. Hoping to have the construction complete by July 4<sup>th</sup>. The committee will meet the third Thursday at 12:00, looking at replacing and restoring the old boardwalk and connecting it to the fishing pier, funds raised to date \$236,135.

**Police Report:** There have been a lot of snowmobilers in the area. The amount of snowfall this year has brought up issues with property owners and their placement of snow. There has also been an increase in domestic violence this winter due to the cold and snowy weather keeping people at home.

**Airport Report:** Trying to keep up with snow; there have been a few minor equipment repair issues due to the amount of snow.

**Treasurer's report:** The general accounts have \$1,181,954.05 with interest on the Awakon accounts only; the tax accounts have \$311,412.35 without interest.

**Correspondence:** Emmet County is updating their Master Plan, we were copied on a letter from Mr. Larry Hull sent to the USDA and we were copied on a letter from Friends for Indian River for Smart Growth to the Chamber.

**Motion by** Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to approve Supervisor Ridley's recommendation to appoint Jeff Mann to the DDA to fulfill the requirement of a resident being on a DDA board that has more than 100 residents in its district. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion by** Trustee Waldron and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve Clerk Fishers budget adjustment of \$37,000 from 207-000-390-00 Police Unallocated to 207-301-977-00 Police Equipment to cover the cost of a new vehicle. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ridley read a letter from Mike Roper, Manager CCRC, inquiring whether the township board would support an attempt for a county wide road millage in 2014 or would prefer to let the townships individually ask their residents for a township millage for roads.

**Motion by** Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to inform Mike Roper that Tuscarora Township would prefer a local road millage and if there is a county wide millage attempt that the millage would be used for local roads. Supervisor Ridley will inform Roper of that decision at their February meeting. Motion carried.

Trustee Waldron stated that there has been little change since the December meeting; still waiting for the State Park to go through their process and for them to check their budget. Contract extensions to March 1<sup>st</sup> have been signed by all the contractors to hold the prices.

Treasurer Balazovic reviewed an email received from Pat Cormican indicating a renewed interest in the parcels in the industrial park he inquired about in 2011. He included a message from the prospective purchaser requesting that we consider reopening the previous offer.

**Motion by** Trustee Waldron and seconded by Clerk Fisher to approve a letter to be sent to Cormican with similar language as was sent in 2011 stating our intent to sell for \$25,000 for Parcels 2-5 with a \$5,000 real estate commission paid to Cormican. This is contingent on the Township having the final say on the use, the investment and the job creation. The buyer would also be responsible for assuming the sewer special assessment debt. A roll call vote was taken: McGinnis, yes; Balazovic, yes; Ridley, yes; Fisher, yes; Waldron, yes.

**Motion by** Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to set the date of August 12<sup>th</sup> for the August Regular meeting and November 11<sup>th</sup> as the date for the November Regular meeting. Motion carried.

**Motion by** Trustee Waldron and seconded by Treasurer Balazovic to set Monday, June 16, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. for the Budget Workshop. Set Tuesday, June 30, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. for the Annual Meeting, hold a Regular Board meeting immediately following the annual meeting and cancel the July regular meeting. Motion carried.

**Motion by** Clerk Fisher and seconded by Trustee McGinnis to approve Jim Burke's recommendation to appoint Verne Binder to the Beautification Committee. Motion carried.

**Public comments:** Public comments began at 7:35 p.m. Comments were received from five persons. Comments ended at 7:45 p.m.

**Motion by** Trustee Waldron to pay the bills was seconded by Trustee McGinnis and it carried unanimously.

**Motion by** Trustee Waldron to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Fisher, Clerk

Michael Ridley, Supervisor