

**MINUTES OF THE TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY,
APRIL 19, 2005, AT 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, Tod Fackler, at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call: Present-Bergdolt, Fackler, Bishop, Olson and Blasius.

The following items were added to the agenda: E-Correspondence from Mr. Ferdinand Schumacher, F-Discussion of the future plans for parking lot, G-Lawn mowing of the ball park, H-Sign Ordinance.

Fackler made a motion to approve the March minutes with the correction of the date from March 23, 2005, to March 22, 2005, and this motion was seconded by Bergdolt. Carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the March minutes of the Budget Hearing with the correction of the date from March 23, 2005, to March 22, 2005, and this motion was seconded by Bishop. Carried.

Fackler read the Planning Commission minutes.

Fackler stated that the VAAS minutes are on file.

Schmandt submitted his quarterly report and the current blight list.

Fackler reported that a court date will be set concerning the Eastman property on VanCleve Road. The Hart property will be ready to close by the end of this week or the first of next week. The Tuscola County Road Commission submitted petition to abandon and discontinue the following streets: Lapeer St., East St., Turnpike to Lapeer, Turnpike to Flint and Superior St. Bishop made a motion to amend the petition to include Main St. and this motion was seconded by Bergdolt. Carried.

Waste Management will be providing a dumpster for passenger car and light truck tires. This will be provided on May 21, 2005, and Cyril Haines will be the overseer.

Yard waste pick-up will be on Thursday, May 5, 2005.

Fackler reported on the 2005 Supervisors Retreat he attended.

Jim Shoens asked if a catch basin could be put on the north side of his driveway located on Taylor Road. Fackler will check on this.

Fackler reported that the Tuscola County Road Commission will be charging \$198 per mile on both sides for spraying of brush and \$15 per tenth of a mile on one side. Schmandt will mark areas that are in need of spray during his drive-through of the township next month.

The Tuscola County Road Commission will be meeting on May 19th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss future road and bridge work for Tuscola Township. There will also be a speed limit meeting on Friday, April 29, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. at the Tuscola County Annex Building to view two locations concerning the speed limit. The Caro location is for a road that has a school and the other is Cottrell Road. Any citizens interested are urged to attend.

Fackler addressed the selling of township properties and the necessary procedures for doing so. This property includes the Comer property on Church St., property next to the Cook Dealership and a gravel pit next to Norm Bergdolt. Bishop made a motion to do whatever is necessary to sell these properties. This motion was seconded by Olson. Roll call vote – Yes-Bergdolt, Fackler, Bishop, Olson and Blasius. The following procedures will be followed: 1. Get appraisal 2. Offer to adjoining land owners 3. Remaining properties would be surveyed and then listed with realtors for the general public. Bishop made a motion to authorize Fackler to contact an appraiser. This motion was seconded by Olson. Carried.

Fackler read correspondence from Ferdinand Schumacher concerning the one hour wait for law enforcement after a security alarm was triggered. Fackler also read the response from the sheriff, Tom Kern, who explained that the county cuts have hurt the road patrol and he agreed that a one hour wait was unacceptable.

The parking lot will not be able to be improved this year as the closing has not yet occurred. However, if the lot were leveled in some areas this could possibly help the condition of the property.

The township board, at this time, does not feel they would be able to hire an additional person to mow the ball diamonds. Haines will continue to mow once a week.

Fackler will research examples stating what cannot be done concerning the sign ordinance and will forward them to the Planning Commission by June 30, 2005.

Blasius was given the authority to purchase two U.S. flags and two Michigan flags.

Blasius made a motion to amend the 2004-2005 budget in the following areas: \$300.00 from Equipment Expense to Assessor Expense, \$115.00 from Equipment Expense to Board of Review, \$45.00 from Equipment Expense to Cemetery Expense, \$240.00 from Equipment Expense to Payroll Taxes, \$660.00 from Equipment Expense to Recreation, \$110.00 from Equipment Expense to Street Lighting and \$400.00 from Equipment Expense to Zoning Board of Appeals. This motion was seconded by Olson. Carried.

Blasius will obtain Wet Floor signs for the custodian.

Bills were presented in the amount of \$17,448.63. Olson made a motion to accept these bills for payment and this motion was seconded by Bishop. Roll call-yes-Bergdolt, Fackler, Bishop, Olson and Blasius.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Blasius, Clerk

Tod Fackler, Supervisor