

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD
ON TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011, AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

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

Olson made a motion to approve the agenda and this motion was seconded by Blasius. Carried.

Fackler stated that the attached map for the minutes of April 19th for property 0400 and 0600 of Section 12 is commercial and not residential as printed. Bushong made a motion to approve the April 19th minutes with the correction as noted and this motion was seconded by Olson. Carried.

Jenny H. Kim, attorney for ITC, was present to request an approval to remove 43.77 acres from PA 116 for property owned by Larry and Karen Bauer, located in Section 7. This will be used for the purpose of an electrical substation. Bushong made a motion to approve the removal of this land from PA 116 and this motion was seconded by Blasius. Carried.

Ryan Londrigan, project manager for AKTPeerless, was present to submit a proposal to provide environmental consulting concerning E. coli assessment of the Cass River. This company proposes to conduct three sampling events for E.coli bacteria at select locations within the Cass River. The sampling events will be conducted during the summer recreational season, specifically within June, July, and August. The total cost for this base line project will be \$6,890. Bushong made a motion to accept this proposal and this motion was seconded by Bishop. Carried.

Bushong reported that the Board of Appeals had met and no one attended. The Board worked on the By-laws and will meet again in the fall. The officers remained the same.

Bushong also reported that the survey for the Parks & Recreation was completed and a notice will be inserted with the summer taxes that direct residents to the web site to complete the survey on line or the hall to obtain a hard copy survey.

Fackler reported that Kim Bishop will be present at the June 21st meeting to discuss the Ambulance Annual Report. If the board has any specific questions, they are asked to contact Kim so she will be able to address any concerns during the meeting.

Schmandt distributed his blight list for May. He stated that currently the township is in good condition.

Facker reported that the Cass River Greenway Water Trail Development is progressing but that the township needed to remit \$500 and not \$100 to the state. Spicer submitted the additional \$400 and will include it in the next bill to the township.

Fackler reported that a complaint had been received concerning the curve on Church St. and 4th St. Cars are having difficulty negotiating this curve during the winter months. The Tuscola County Road Commission will view this and determine if anything can be done to correct this situation.

Beard Tool & Manufacturing has requested that Cottrell Rd. from their business to M-15 become a Class A road. This street is scheduled to be resurfaced in the next few months and if they are willing to absorb the \$500 boring charge and pay the additional material cost this can be done at this time. This would permit semis access to the business.

Fackler reported that the Tuscola County Road Commission is offering a one-time cost share for brush control. The T.C.R.C. will split the brush spraying 50/50 with the township for the following roads: Simpson Rd. from Lorenzo Rd. to Atkins Rd., Truax Rd. from Hart Rd. to Richville Rd., Loren Rd. from Buell Rd. west to the first curve, Swaffer Rd. from Barkley to Slafter Rd., and Lewis Rd., from Swaffer Rd. to Ormes Rd. The contractor bid is \$255.50 per mile. Bushong made a motion to approve these roads for the 50/50 brush spraying and this motion was seconded by Bishop. Carried.

The Citizen's Council proposed that the township purchase mulch for the flower beds and the Citizen's Council would be willing to apply the mulch. A motion was made by Blasius to purchase mulch, not to exceed \$500, and this motion was seconded by Fackler. Carried. Erbisch will purchase the mulch and truck it to the township hall.

Gary Hicks, from the Citizen's Council, was present and stated that the council is hiring Trugreen Company to spray the fence area, bleacher area, etc. for weeds. This will be administered in a safe manner and not during times that persons are using the property.

He also reported that 370 children are registered for the ball season.

Fackler stated that he will be attending a meeting of the Tuscola County Office of Emergency Management which is being held on June 7, 2011, at 12: 30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro, Mi.

Gary Hicks was present to submit the results of the cart survey. From the survey, the residents were favorable in the use of the carts. Also submitted was a proposal for the next

five year period with the availability of two options. Option #1: Each household will be provided with a 95 gallon curb cart and weekly bin recycling for \$11.11 per mo. and Option#2: Each household will be provided with a 95 gallon curb cart and a 95 gallon curb cart for the containment of expanded recycling. Recycling with this option would be serviced every other week for \$11.01 per mo. This will be addressed at a future meeting.

Bills were presented in the amount of \$103,693.24. Olson made a motion to accept these bills for payment and this motion was seconded by Blasius. Roll call: Yes-Olson, Blasius, Fackler, Bushong and Bishop.

After some discussion concerning the problem of tires collecting in various ditches in the township, Fackler will contact T.C.R.C. or Michael Hoagland with regards to this problem and if a solution can be determined.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Blasius, Clerk

Tod Fackler, Supervisor