

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 16,
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.

Fackler stated that item e. on the agenda would be moved to just after public comment.

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

Olson made a motion to approve the July minutes and this motion was seconded by Bishop. Carried with Bushong abstaining.

Schmandt reported that the railroad crossing on Atkins Road has become dangerous since the road has been paved. He will contact the T.C.R.C. to express concern over this condition.

Bishop reported that the Planning Commission will be addressing free-standing solar panels in the near future.

Ryan Londrigan from AKT Peerless Environmental & Energy Services was present to update the board on the second water sampling taken on July 20, 2011. The third sampling will be taken August 24, 2011.

Dan Grimshaw, Tuscola County Register of Deeds, was present and gave the board an update and information regarding foreclosures.

Schmandt distributed the Zoning Administrator's blight list for August.

Bishop attended the medical marihuana meeting in Caro.

Fackler reported that Spicer had received three bids for the Cass River Water Trail project. The low bidder was DHT excavating at the cost of \$56,005.25. Bushong made a motion to accept this bid and this motion was seconded by Bishop. Carried. This project is scheduled for completion October 31, 2011.

The Tuscola Township garbage contract was discussed. Fackler distributed the attorney's letter regarding the competitive bidding policy. Gary Hicks from Republic was present. He commented that he had requested permission to provide carts in various areas of the township and was given permission to pilot this program. He proceeded and followed through with the program. Based on the surveys taken at the end of this pilot program, the citizens were in favor of the new cart service. Based on the attorney's letter, Bishop made a motion to table the garbage contract until the

scheduled date of March, 2012, and this motion was seconded by Olson. Carried. Republic will be picking up the carts because at the present time two trucks are necessary to service the township.

Olson made a motion to approve the Harassment Policy and this motion was seconded by Blasius. Carried. (See attached policy)

Bishop made a motion to approve the Non-discrimination Policy and this motion was seconded by Bushong. Carried. (See attached policy)

The tire dumpster will be at the Tuscola Township Hall on September 10, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Any resident of Tuscola County will be allowed to deposit up to seven tires. The county will be advertising the pick-up in the Advertiser and the township will post it to the web site and put an ad in the Cass River Trader. The City of Vassar, Juniata Township and Almer Township will have dumpsters for this purpose at a future date.

Fackler stated that the consideration for a charter township will be tabled until the September meeting.

Fackler submitted a land use agreement with regards to a dry fire hydrant between Larry and Karen Bauer and Tuscola Township. Bushong made a motion to sign this land use agreement and this motion was seconded by Blasius. Carried. (See attached agreement)

Each board member received a copy of the Tuscola Township draft zoning ordinances. This book will be reviewed and any comments or questions will be addressed by the Planning Commission.

Fackler stated that the Tuscola County Road Commission has submitted options for repainting yellow and white lines on the township roads. This work has not been done since 2001. Bushong made a motion to accept Option 1 which would repaint 8.33 miles of yellow and white lines for a cost of \$5,415. This motion was seconded by Bishop. Carried.

Fackler reported that 120 acres of section 34 owned by Walz will be receiving a land application of waste water treated biosolids.

Bills were presented in the amount of \$14,336.16. Olson made a motion to accept these bills for payment and this motion was seconded by Blasius. Roll call: Yes-Olson, Bushong, Bishop, Fackler and Blasius.

This meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Blasius, Clerk

Tod Fackler, Supervisor

