

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY,
MARCH 18, 2014, AT 1:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, Tod Fackler, at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call: Present-Hicks, Fackler, Verbeek, Olson and Blasius.

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

Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting and this motion was seconded by Verbeek. Carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2013, Budget Hearing and this motion was seconded by Hicks. Carried.

There were no Planning Commission or Parks and Recreation Meetings this past month. Fackler made note that the Board of Appeals will have a meeting next month.

The Zoning Administrator, Tom Asperger, distributed the Zoning Administrator's report for March. Asperger reported that the blight at 7146 Sohn Rd. is still in process. The new lien holder will not pay to have the building demolished and will not unless they rebuild. The third blight letter was mailed on February 17, 2014.

Fackler reported that he will attend the annual meeting of the Construction Code Group on March 26, 2014.

Blasius made a motion to retain the services of AKTPeerless to sample the river and tributaries this summer and to have them compile the four years studies into one final report. This motion was seconded by Verbeek.

After discussing the two bids from Hornung Construction Co, Inc. and Troy Beulla Construction, LLC, a motion was made by Verbeek and seconded by Fackler to accept the lower bid of Troy Beulla. Carried.

The Tuscola Township Cass River Pathway Development project is progressing and the grant application will be submitted by April 1, 2014. Verbeek made a motion to apply for the DNR grant application titled, "Cass River Greenway Water Trail Development" and this motion was seconded by Hicks. Roll call vote: Yes-Hicks, Fackler, Verbeek, Olson and Blasius.

Fackler reported by that between 2008 and 2012, fifteen accidents have occurred at the Bray and Ormes Roads intersection. Eleven were in daylight hours and 4 were after dark. There will be an ongoing study to see if this intersection can be made safer.

Fackler reported that there are options to extending the Consumer Energy gas lines possibly into more of the township and this will be reviewed.

The Vassar Fire Agreement has been received from the attorney and will be addressed at the April meeting.

The proposal for internet services from BS & A Software was discussed and further details will be forthcoming. This will be tabled until the April meeting.

A resolution from the City of Vassar to support the submission of a DNR trust Fund application for the Cass River Greenway Water Trail Development was discussed. There are no financial obligations involving this project and a motion was made by Olson and seconded by Verbeek to approve this resolution. Roll Call: Yes-Hicks, Fackler, Verbeek, Olson and Blasius.

Fackler stated that the T.C.R.C. will be repairing the Reese and Waterman Rd. headwall in the future.

Fackler made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 budget including the millage rates recommended at the Budget Hearing prior to this meeting. The millage for the township would remain at 1.5265, \$25.00 for ambulance, \$142.20 for garbage and .75 mill for fire protection. The depository for township funds will continue to be First Merit and Chase. This motion was seconded by Olson. Roll call: Yes-Hicks, Fackler, Verbeek, Olson and Blasius.

Fackler made a motion to approve \$3900 to be paid to Spicer for the river walk grant application and this motion was seconded by Verbeek. Carried.

Blasius made a motion to correct the budget in the following areas and this motion was seconded by Olson: Cemetery Grave Openings/Foundation-\$3870.00, Current Tax Collection-\$18,959.81, Franchise Taxes-\$1611.08, Interest Earned-\$34.08, Metro Act-\$280.00, Property Tax Adm. Fees-\$5300.60 and State Revenue Sharing-\$15,249.18. \$145.00 from Contingency to Board of Review, \$250.00 from Contingency to Computers, \$2700.00 from Contingency to Engineering, \$300.00 from Contingency to Township Board, \$1800.00 from Contingency to Township Property, \$50.00 from Contingency to Training and Education and \$500.00 from Contingency to Zoning Administrator Expense.

Bills were presented in the amount of \$21,792.40. Olson made a motion to accept these bills for payment and this motion was seconded by Blasius. Roll Call: Yes-Olson, Hicks, Verbeek, Blasius, and Fackler.

This meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Blasius, Clerk

Tod Fackler, Supervisor