

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY,
JANUARY 20, 2015, AT 1:00 P.M.**

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

Trustees present: Hicks, Fackler, Verbeek, Olson and Blasius.

Fackler added surge protector to item C under New Business.

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

Olson made a motion to approve the December minutes as written and this motion was seconded by Fackler. Carried.

Craig Kirkpatrick, county commissioner, was present and stated that DTE is considering setting a light pole at the Ormes and Bray Road intersection in 2015. He also stated that the county will have a meeting February 26, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing responses to a safety grant which would allow the removal of dead trees along the road right of way in Tuscola County.

Hicks reported that the Planning Commission has begun the Master Plan and are determining if an internet or mail survey should be implemented. The February meeting will be held on February 10, 2015, and the following Planning Commission meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month until further notice.

Verbeek reported that the Parks and Recreation Board hired Spicer to re-submit the grant application for the river walk project. It was discussed that perhaps a smaller grant request might stand a better chance of issuance and do the project in several steps. The next meeting will be February 5, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Tonya Moore from Spicer will be present for this meeting. Verbeek distributed a new pavilion rental agreement for review. Hicks suggested that the rental times be eliminated for the 2015-16 year.

Fackler stated that the VAAS minutes for the November 20, 2014, meeting are on file for review.

The Zoning Administrator, Tom Asperger, distributed the Zoning Administrator's Report for January. No zoning permits were issued during the previous month.

Fackler reported that the hearing concerning the blight located on Sohn Rd. had been held on December 12, 2014, and both parties had come to an agreement. To date, no check has been received.

The attorney will be forwarding a document concerning the lawn care ordinance for the township board to consider in the near future. Fackler stated that he would hope to have a Public Hearing scheduled during April or May.

Kirkpatrick stated that the Cass River Greenway Water Trail Development summer clean-out will include the Cass River from Frankenmuth to Bridgeport.

Fackler distributed the revised Vassar Fire Contract for the board's review. Vassar Township will hold a special meeting on January 21, 2015, to discuss this revision and Juniata and Tuscola Township will sign and return the agreement after Vassar Township has approved the contract.

Fackler stated that the T.C.R.C. will be doing work on the list of structures for 2015. The only proposed work for Tuscola Township could be work on the Sheboygan Drain.

Discussion ensued concerning the stone vandalism at the township cemetery and the possible remedies to prevent further problems. The paperwork has been submitted to the township's insurance company. Grace Monument will be authorized to repair the broken stone.

Bill Bushaw, chairman of the county EDC, presented a slide show supporting the upcoming request for a .2 mill. This organization provides help, resources, equipment to promote new businesses in the county.

Fackler reported that Nuechterlein Electric has suggested that the use of a surge protector on the electrical box would provide protection on any equipment or

computer located in the township hall. After some discussion, it was determined that this would fall under general maintenance.

Bills were presented in the amount of \$29,739.50. Olson made a motion to accept these bills for payment and this motion was seconded by Blasius. Roll Call: Blasius, Hicks, Olson, Fackler and Verbeek.

This meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. until the budget meeting on February 9, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Blasius, Clerk

Tod Fackler, Supervisor