

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER
16, 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 August minutes and this motion was seconded by Hicks.
Carried.

David Erbisch expressed concern over the potential problem and safety of the fire ring placed on the township grounds. After some discussion, the township board felt it was premature to decide if this would be a problem and will address this issue if it becomes necessary. Fackler, Blasius, Erbisch and Nelson will meet to discuss various items regarding the cemetery grounds.

Dr. Edward Canfield was present to introduce himself and give a brief resume. He is a candidate for state representative.

Hicks reported that the Planning Commission will begin the process of updating the Land Use Plan. Fackler will contact Rob Eggers at Spicer for the assistance the Planning Commission will need.

Fackler reported that the Public Hearing held on September 3, 2014, concerning the rezoning of the property located on Ormes Rd., known as the Dykehouse Pickle Co., from agriculture to industrial was held. Copies of the minutes and a recommendation from the regular meeting of the Planning Commission were forwarded. Fackler will compile this information and deliver the packet to the Tuscola County Planning Commission for that board's recommendation.

Verbeek reported that the next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held October 16, 2014.

The VAAS will meet on September 18, 2014.

The Zoning Administrator, Tom Asperger, stated that 3 permits were issued for August/September. He recommended that properties at 8921 VanCleve Rd. and 4878

Cottrell Rd. be referred to the township attorney. Fackler made a motion to forward these blighted properties to the attorney and this motion was seconded by Olson. Carried.

Fackler reported that the Vassar Fire Agreement has not been received from the Vassar Township Attorney. He stated that the township had received a certified letter from the City of Vassar that stated the fire service protection agreement dated July 1, 2000, will expire on November 30, 2014.

A new blight letter for property located at 7146 Sohn Rd. has been re-sent.

The grant notice for the Cass River Pathway Development should be received by November, 2014.

After some discussion, the township board decided to postpone the replacing of the sidewalk and address this project in the spring.

Mike Damm was present to state that between 4 and 5 acres with house and garage on riverfront property will become available in the near future. There would be a possibility that this could qualify for a land acquisition grant.

Fackler reported that the additional information the state requested to correct the deficiencies noted in the 2013 AMAR review has been accepted as submitted.

Fackler will contact Gary Hicks from Republic to request additional blue garbage bins be stored at the old township hall to give to residents as needed.

Packets with sample weed control ordinances were distributed and will be reviewed and discussed at the October meeting.

The annual meeting of the Township Board and the Citizens Council will be on Monday, October 20, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall.

Fackler recommended appointing Thelma Bushong to replace Earl Begg on the Planning Commission. Blasius made a motion to appoint Thelma Bushong to serve on the Planning Commission and this motion was seconded by Verbeek. Carried. Fackler recommended appointing Patricia Kirkpatrick to replace Charlotte Peterson on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Blasius made a motion to appoint Patricia Kirkpatrick to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals and this motion was seconded by Olson. Carried.

Fackler stated that Gary Asperger will resign as Tuscola Township Liquor Inspector effective December 31, 2014. Blasius will contact the State Liquor Commission for the criteria needed to replace Asperger.

Fackler reported that the Richville Fire Board met on September 15, 2014. A millage request for .625 will be on the Denmark ballot in November.

A meeting of the Election Commission to appoint election inspectors will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, at 12:30 prior to the regular meeting.

Bills were presented in the amount of \$16,197.25. Olson made a motion to accept these bills for payment and this motion was seconded by Blasius. Roll call: Yes-Olson, Fackler, Verbeek, Blasius and Hicks.

This meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Blasius, Clerk

Tod Fackler, Supervisor