

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

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

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

Fackler stated that Rob Eggers from Spicer Group and Ryan Londrigan from AKTPeerless will be moved to before Board and Committee Reports on the agenda. Also, under New Business, item b. will be naming an additional depository for township funds. Verbeek made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes and this motion was seconded by Olson. Carried.

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

Lou Smallwood was present to thank for township board for support for his recent run for Vassar School Board and to apply for the position of Liquor Inspector that has become available.

Rob Eggers from Spicer Group was present to give a brief overview of the process of updating the Tuscola Township Master Plan. The current plan has not been addressed in depth for 20 years and Fackler expressed his desire for a complete comprehensive review and update. This process could take one year or more to complete. After some discussion, Fackler made a motion to contract with Spicer Group to aid the Planning Commission in this project and this motion was seconded by Blasius. Carried.

Ryan Londrigan from AKTPeerless distributed the final summary report from 2014 for the surface water sampling results for the Cass River and tributaries located throughout Tuscola Township. This project was started in 2011 and has created a comprehensive basis regarding the condition of the river water that passes through the township. This study has shown that the water leaving the township is cleaner than when it entered. It was determined that a sampling should be taken every four years to add to this existing data.

**Fackler stated that the Planning Commission minutes had been received and are on file for review.**

**Fackler also stated that the VAAS minutes of the September 18, 2014, meeting are on file for review. He also stated that Millington Township has approved a \$20 cost per household for ambulance service.**

**Tom Asperger, Zoning Administrator, distributed the November report. Four new permits were issued for October/November and he reported that there are two new abandoned homes. Fackler stated that our attorney has reported that the Sohn Road blight with regard to the burned home will be decided by a case evaluation where three attorneys agree on a decision and either party has 28 days to accept. The township board should know by the January meeting whether this decision will be accepted by both parties.**

**Fackler reported that the Tuscola Township Cass River Pathway Development project points increased to 310 for the potential grant.**

**Fackler stated that the GIS has been completed for Tuscola County.**

**Blasius made a motion to hire Wayne Nelson to replace David Erbisch as Grounds Keeper for a 1 year contract at \$1,000 per month. This motion was seconded by Hicks. Carried.**

**Blasius will contact MTA for clarification if the Liquor Inspector position needs to be posted specifically or if the board can hire any person who applies for this position.**

**Fackler will be forwarding to our attorney the lawn care ordinance and is requesting the township board to give any input by the end of the month.**

**Fackler reported that the Vassar Fire Agreement is closer to being completed. The contract will be for three years. Proceeds from the sale of any equipment will go toward new equipment. Fackler will be negotiating with the City Manager concerning the cost of fire hydrants.**

**Blasius stated that she will be resigning from her position March 31, 2015, and will be training Michelle Hicks to replace her. After some discussion, Blasius made a motion to pay Michelle, \$14.75 per hour for this training period and this motion was seconded by Olson. Carried with Hicks abstaining.**

**After some discussion concerning future road work, it was decided to include the sub-division roads in Vassar and Truax Rd., Richville Rd. to Frankenmuth Rd. to obtain bids for potential projects for 2015.**

**Fackler made a motion to add Frankenmuth Credit Union to the list of depositories for township funds and this motion was seconded by Verbeek. Carried.**

**Bills were presented in the amount of \$16,909.17. Olson made a motion to accept these bills for payment and this motion was seconded by Blasius. Roll call: Yes-Olson, Hicks, Fackler, Blasius and Verbeek.**

**Lou Smallwood distributed a brochure from the SBDC which is an organization that aids small businesses in planning, developing and marketing.**

**Blasius reported that the cemetery had been vandalized. The township's insurance company will cover the costs and the incident was reported to the county sheriff's office.**

**This meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mary Lou Blasius, Clerk**

**Tod Fackler, Supervisor**