

Vassar Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting - November 9, 2011
4505 W Saginaw Road
Vassar, MI 48768

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Forbes at 7:07pm.

The pledge was led by Supervisor Forbes.

Roll Call:

Interim Clerk Walleman, Treasurer Stack, Supervisor Forbes, Trustee Stadler,
Trustee Gray present
None absent

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Trustee Gray, supported by Trustee Stadler to approve the October minutes with correction.

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report:

Revenue sharing received of \$50,982.

Motion by Supervisor Forbes, supported by Trustee Stadler to accept financial report by Treasurer Stack.

MOTION CARRIED

Trustee's Report:

October 13, 2011 Planning Commission: Ordinances were discussed and published September 24, 2011 and took effect October 1, 2011.

Discussed Resolution of three person panel to inspect trailers

Supervisor Forbes to check on maps

Interim Clerk Walleman to check with attorney on new forms

Copies on new ordinance to be given out next planning commission meeting

Discussion of frequency of planning commission meetings

Zoning Administrator's Report by Curtis Pennell

1. Call on fence dispute. Now need zoning permit and survey of property
2. Distribute to select property owners new blight ordinance
3. Can a house be rebuilt in C-1 if it burns to the ground or not salvageable? Yes, and the letter was sent out to mortgage co. and underwriters for a refi.
4. Call on mobile home replace with someone who has been looking in our township all summer. Notified him Vassar Township no longer allows single wide replace.
5. Check out replaced trailer on Maple, not yet ready
6. Complaints on Pebble Creek, Hess Rd. and Caine Rd.
7. Special use app. Received from Albrecht Auction M-15

Supervisor Forbes adds there were no land divisions.

Communications:

Jon Koets provided information and discussed the township's insurance policy
Gary Howell provided a Zoning Map
FEMA sent a letter indicating they were going to send maps about the flood plain.
Department of Treasury - \$5191.96 fine for not providing forms in 2008. Interim Clerk Walleman was having difficulty using Peachtree to print up the W-2 forms.
Tuscola County sent copies of its proposed ORV ordinance

Old Business:

Document Disclosure: Interim Clerk Walleman created a document checked over by attorney to be used with unsigned minutes
Fire Department: Fire Run Partridge's RV Ben Partridge to be billed for first fire run due to unattended fire, second fire run bill cancelled for a total of \$500.

Supervisor Forbes thanked Interim Clerk Walleman for the work she did over the last few months.

New Business:

Raising Garbage Assessment by 10%
Resolution 03-2011 by Supervisor Forbes, supported by Trustee Gray to raise the Garbage Assessment by 10%
Roll Call: Aye (5) Treasurer Stack, Trustee Stadler, Interim Clerk Walleman, Trustee Gray, Supervisor Forbes Nay (0) RESOLUTION CARRIED

Public Comment:

Rhonda Schultz asked about the amount of the fine from the US Dept. of Treasury \$5191.96

Tom Huyghe believed it was reasonable to raise the price of the garbage pickup, but that assessment should not be taken off of vacant houses.

Ben Partridge stated that assessment removal process has been around long before the Webbs, that what has changed is that in the past it may have remained until caught; the Webbs changed that with no or uninhabitable structure the assessment may be removed, but with a vacant house it cannot be removed, you need to get a refund if you can verify it has been vacant for six months or more, with the board verifying it.

Michael Clinesmith raises the legal question as to when a person elected to fill the remainder of a term initially vacated by a recall and then filled by an interim becomes active.

Interim Clerk Walleman stated she told Margie that she would step down after the meeting and she means it, and according to the law as she reads it the term expires on the 20th.

Trustee Gray said his first meeting was in December, not November.

Jim Roskamp asked about the garbage contract and thought it's price went down.

Don Clinesmith thanked Interim Clerk for cleaning up the mess, and complained that his recycling was not being picked up.

Interim Clerk Walleman said she has been working on cleaning up all the mess but it is not completed yet. A lot of time and hours went into it.

Onna Clinesmith thanked Interim Clerk Walleman and asked when the appropriate time was to bring up corrections to the minutes.

Supervisor Forbes and Interim Clerk Walleman and said it could be brought up before the meeting to make it easier for them to be changed.

Onna Clinesmith said the about the minutes the meeting started at 7:30, not 7. She disagreed with the clerk's opinion about video before the meeting. She stated the minutes said some residents supported Ben Partridge and asked the supervisor to reconsider his decision, but failed to mention that some residents supported the supervisor and thanked him for making that decision. She also mentioned Reil's name was misspelled and Don Clinesmith also spoke at the last meeting. Onna asked Supervisor Forbes and Interim Clerk Walleman to not sign the minutes until they are looked over by the new clerk.

Interim Clerk Walleman said that if a video was used to write the minutes it would need to be included in the township records.

Ben Partridge stated that the only way to correct the minutes now is to fix it for next month's meeting, and that the public previously was allowed to raise their hands and given permission to speak.

Michael Clinesmith said that the board could make a motion to correct the minutes after they have been approved.

The undersheriff from the sheriff's office asked about any movement on the Sheriff's contract.

Rhonda Schultz asked if the board was going to do anything about taking the garbage assessment off of vacant houses.

Motion by Forbes supported by Gray to adjourn.
MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm

Minutes Prepared by Clerk Clinesmith

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor