

Vassar Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting – June 12, 2012
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Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Stack, Clinesmith, Forbes, Stadler, Gray
Absent: None

Motion by Forbes, supported by Stadler to approve the May 8, 2012.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report by Stack

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Forbes to approve the payables in the amount of \$34,045.61.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Zoning Administrator's Report by Curtis Pennell see attached

Trustee's Report by Gray

May 10, 2012 Planning Commission:

- A. Elections were held. Bruce Foether-Chairman, Robert Reil-Vice Chairman, Bill Gray-Secretary.
- B. Janice Zawol wrote a proposal for Manufactured Homes as instructed by the Planning Commission. Chairman Foether said to table this issue, and ask Attorney Howell if single wides can be eliminated.
- C. Beth Ann Fall was present and answered questions on Parks and Recreation. The Planning Commission recommended to the Township Board to raise Parks and Recreation from \$1000.00 to \$2000.00.
- D. Blight Ordinance: The correct ordinance was found by Onna Clinesmith. The grass and weed section is to be added as "D" to section 1 of the Blight ordinance.
- E. Land Use Application: Bob Reil pointed out there was no place for an ID number or check number. It was recommended to add the front page of the old application to the new application.
- F. The fee schedule was left to the Zoning Administrator's discretion. The Planning Commission recommends to keep fees as low as possible.

Guests:

Judy Adams:

She is running for Tuscola County Commissioner District 5, and discussed her qualifications and left a flyer. She also discussed Walleyes for wires, a job fair for veterans and an update on Travis Mills.

Communications:

Tuscola County Road Commission:

Forbes discussed his communications with the Road Commission: They will paint lines on the roads when we call. J. Tucky is to be called when we want dust control. They will spray ditches to kill brush splitting the cost with the township. Liability insurance is needed to cut trees in ditches along the roadway. There is 4.877 miles of gravel roads in the township. The bridge work on M-15 Cass River bridge is scheduled for 2013 doing one side at a time. The bridge work for the Cass River bridge on Caine Road is scheduled for 2015. The road commission has granted Air Advantage permission to run a fiber optic cable in the right of way on Caine Road to provide better phone and internet service.

Tuscola County Planning Commission:

The Tuscola County PC has sent a newsletter to the township with information about master plans, new updates to state law, and a list of representatives for the local government entities.

Fraser Trebilcock Attorney

There was a lawsuit filed against the township in the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Forbes stated the matter was settled and taken care of.

Howard & Candida Partridge

A letter was submitted to the township asking for road signs due to their vision and hearing impaired son.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Gray to contact the Road Commission to take care of signs for a vision and hearing impaired child.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business:

Permit Fees:

The Planning Commission recommended the Zoning Administrator set the township permit fees keeping them as low as possible.

New Business:

Township Lawsuits update:

The lawsuit filed by former Vassar Township Clerk Renae Schnettler against Supervisor Forbes and the Vassar Township Board has been dismissed by the Tuscola County 54th Circuit court Judge on May 21, 2012 as having no merit. Additionally, charges by the former clerk against the recall group filed with the Michigan State Police and the State Bureau of Elections have been dismissed as well.

Amendment of Budget:

Resolution 13-2012 offered by Clinesmith, supported by Forbes, to adjust the Vassar Township 2011/2012 budget by transferring 723.69 from Contingency to the following accounts, bringing Contingency to \$24,918.79:

Add \$19.20 to TWP BOARD-NOTICES, bringing it to \$1,119.20,
Add \$38.00 to ELECTIONS-REPAIR & MAINT, bringing it to \$588.00,
Add \$122.16 to CLERK-MILEAGE, bringing it to \$862.16,
Add \$5.28 to TREASURER-MILEAGE, bringing it to \$305.28,
Add \$299.30 to TWP HALL & PROP-UTILITIES, bringing it to \$4,799.30,
Add \$39.75 to TWP HALL & PROP-REPAIR & M, bringing it to \$2,039.75,
Add \$200.00 to CEMETARY, bringing it to \$400.00.

Roll Call: Gray:Yes, Stack:Yes, Stadler:Yes, Clinesmith: Yes, Forbes: Yes.

Vote 5-0, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Garbage Assessment:

There was some discussion about what to do about the shortfall of funds in the garbage assessment account.

Terms of Office for Parks & Rec and Ambulance Base:

Clerk Clinesmith mentioned that he was working on bringing order and consistency to the terms of office of the various boards, and that it would make sense to have regular terms for the boards, similar to the four years terms on the library board.

Bids for work on Township Hall:

There were some ceiling and electrical bids submitted to the township. Alpine Electric needs to be called to let them know their bid was approved before and the reason for the delay, and the township committee needs to meet to develop a standard of what is needed so comparable bids can be received. *(Add. 7-10-12) The committee members are Bob Forbes, Onna Clinesmith, Bruce Foether and Fredrick Welsh.*

Jeffery Schlicht PA 116 Farmland Preservation:

Motion by Gray, supported by Forbes to accept the Jeffery Schlicht PA 116 application for farmland preservation on parcel 020-006-000-0800-00
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Amy Gierhart is running for Circuit Court Judge, spoke about her qualifications and left a flyer with the township.

Tony Bradley is a petitioner trying to get issues placed on the ballot so people can vote on them.

Rhonda Schultz had a question about petitions being disqualified.

Bob Reil recommended using state licensed people for bids.

Onna Clinesmith listed the people on the committee and said they would appreciate help.

Chuck Stadler is running for the 10th Congressional District, spoke about his qualifications and support for a monorail system.

Grace Proffer commented that residents should pay what the township is being billed for the garbage, and asked about the deputy clerk position.

Bob Reil stated that the garbage has a good system, and that people need to pay for it.

Onna Clinesmith mentioned a number of clerks that used relatives as deputies, and that the position needs to be one that can be counted on.

Sheriff Teschendorf mentioned that Deputy Steve injured his hand, possibly breaking it.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Gray to adjourn.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:39pm.

Minutes Prepared by Clerk Clinesmith

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor