

Vassar Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting – September 11, 2012
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Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
A moment of silence was held in remembrance the September 11, 2001 attack.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Forbes.

Roll Call:

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

Motion by Gray, supported by Clinesmith to approve the August 14, 2012 minutes as written.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Stack, supported by Forbes to approve the August 28, 2012 minutes with corrections of \$ and “outside.”
Vote ~~5-0~~, 4-0 Gray Abstained. (amend. 10-9-2012) MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer’s Report by Stack

Motion by Forbes, supported by Gray to approve the payables in the amount of \$25,570.62.
Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Zoning Administrator’s Report by Curtis Pennell, see inclusion.

Guests:

Amanda Roggenbuck discussed some aspects of the court such as the mobile and family court, her qualifications and passed out some information to the board.

Communications:

Vassar City Clerk:

Tina Bacon informed Clinesmith that Parks & Rec Board Representative Beth Ann Fall’s term is set to expire on June 30, 2013, and that it would be up to the board to appoint a representative at that time.

West Nile Virus:

Forbes presented a page with information about West Nile Virus, summarized its contents and made it available to the board and residents.

Old Businesses:

Julia Wilber 2009 Fire Run:

The board had not received any information yet from the fire chief, and the board had already agreed not to take 2008-2009 fire runs to court.

Garbage Assessment:

Clinesmith contacted the attorney, and he said that the board had the options of increasing the current fee up to 10%, or the board could hold a set of two hearings, with notices mailed to the residents before each one, then the board could increase the fee by resolution, subject to referendum, or place the increase on the ballot to be voted on.

Forbes contacted Gary Hicks who said he is willing to negotiate.

Township Facebook Page:

Clinesmith contacted the attorney, and he said that the board could have a Facebook page, and it would be up to the board to decide who could maintain it, what could be posted on it.

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Forbes to have John Stack come up with a proposal for a Facebook Page.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Garbage Bin:

The bin is often filled, a lock was bought. There was some discussion about what to do about the bin.

Setting Up New Computers:

The question was raised as when to hook up the computers, the old ones are dying. Cyberlink had offered to set up the computers at their place and bring them back.

New Business:

Approval of Selling Old Filing Cabinets:

Motion by Gray, supported by Forbes to sell the old filing cabinets at \$10/piece to whoever wants them.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Purchase Orders:

The township does not yet have purchase orders.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Clinesmith, to rescind the motion of requiring purchase orders made in August.

Vote 2-3, MOTION FAILED.

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Stack, to wait until after the October 9, 2012 meeting to require purchase orders to give time to set them up for using them.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Blight Ordinance:

The Blight Ordinance 2012-2 has differences from the one passed in 2010, such as the definition of junk motor vehicle.

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Forbes to have the planning commission look at the language of Blight Ordinance 2012-2 and discuss if there should be any changes.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Charge for Voter Lists:

Resolution 24-2012 offered by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes, of the Adoption of Vassar Township Voter List Fee of \$.005 per name rounded up.

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

Vote 5-0, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Fredrick Welsh said at the meeting on the 28th, he talked about the wiring and that after further investigation, the wiring isn't old, just one of the wires is old.

Onna Clinesmith stated that Staples Advantage can bill per month, she stated that selling the old filing cabinets was okay, and that a 3x5 index card could be put in the outside sign.

Ben Partridge asked why John voted no on the payables, and that the web site was fixed. John mentioned it was about the purchase orders.

Don Clinesmith asked about the reloaded page, if it was okay if there was no signature.

Ben Partridge said the board should check with the attorney about the signatures, and asked what to do about the file cabinets without locks.

Bob Reil said to keep Curtis and the deputy working on the M-15 blight.

Curtis Pennell wanted the filing cabinet that locks.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Gray to adjourn.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor