

Vassar Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting – November 13, 2012
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Supervisor Forbes called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.
The pledge was led by Supervisor Forbes.

Roll Call:

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

Motion by Gray, supported by Stadler, to approve the October 9, 2012 minutes with one correction.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Stack, to approve the October 11, 2012 minutes.

Vote 4-0 with Gray abstaining. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Stadler, to approve the payables in the amount of \$34,209.89.

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee's Report by Bill Gray

October 11, 2012 Planning Commission

- A. New Zoning map: Items still need to be added. Chairman Foether and Supervisor Forbes will discuss items to be added.
- B. Township Farm Fencing: Letter from Attorney Howell regarding this issue was read and discussed.
- C. Items that need to be changed in the ordinances:
 - a. Fencing
 - b. Single and double wide trailers, modular housing
 - c. Planning Commission members were asked to go through ordinances to see if any other items need to be changed.
 - d. Ed Roach wants to bring in a double wide trailer that is 12 years old to replace his present single wide trailer. Ordinances states that a different trailer needs to be 10 years old or newer. Mr. Roach was advised to check with the Zoning Administrator about going to the ZBA for a variance. The Planning Commission is unanimous in trying to get him into a newer trailer.
 - e. Bruce Foether and Bob Reil from the Planning Commission will attend the Parliamentary Workshop on October 30, 2012.

November 8, 2012

Two changes to the ordinances were made. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on these changes at a later date because the Planning Commission expects more changes in the future. There was no new business.

Zoning Administrator's Report by Curtis Pennell attached.

Guests:

Ted Hartleb Agency:

Jonathan Koets represented the insurance company and provided the township with information about the new contract. Vassar Township had the opportunity to ask questions about the policy.

Resolution 27-2012 offered by Forbes, supported by Gray to Approve the Insurance Contract with Ted Hartleb Agency.

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

Vote 5-0, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Police Protection:

Sheriff Lee Teschendorf talked about the Sheriff's Contract for Police Protection and asked for a renewal.

Ben Guile and Brad Barrett represented the City of Vassar and asked the township to consider their proposal with the City of Vassar for Police Protection

Resolution 26-2012 offered by Forbes, seconded by Gray, to approve the Sheriff's Contract for 2013.

Roll Call: Stack: No, Clinesmith: No, Forbes: Yes, Stadler: Yes, Gray: Yes.

Vote 3-2, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Gary Hicks:

Left a message to the township that he will try to get to the meeting, and discuss the contract

Debby Valentine:

The township board asked the assessor some questions about her job and her vacation days. The Township is requesting monthly written reports with her activities, such as the number of land divisions and number of deeds received. There was also some discussion about adjusting the contract in the future.

Communications:

Michigan Department of the Treasury:

The department sent a letter stating that the inflation rate was 2.4% for 2012. This rate determines the increase in the value of property that can be taxed below cap. The township was also sent a letter stating that the township was approved for a refund for tax year 2011.

IRS:

The IRS sent 8 letters to the township on resolving their discrepancies for tax year 2009. It levied a fine against the township for \$950.00 for failure to file the proper tax forms in 2009.

New Business:

Dump Permits:

The Township was provided permits for a dump in Grand Blanc that will allow Vassar Township residents to dump for free with the permit, proof of residency and picture ID.

Cleaning Bids:

The Township received a bid from Pioneer Janitorial Services to clean the Township Hall on a bi-monthly basis for \$65 for each cleaning.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Stack, to do a one year contract with Pioneer Janitorial Services pending questions on if insured and bonded and will do windows when needed.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Garbage Assessment:

Resolution 29-2012 offered by Clinesmith, supported by Stadler, to raise the garbage assessment by under 10% from \$100.98 to \$111.00.

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

Vote 5-0, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Gary Hicks:

Gary Hicks arrived and discussed the changes to the Republic Services Contract

Resolution 30-2012 offered by Clinesmith, supported by Forbes to approve the Republic Services contract extension for service until December 31, 2019.

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

Vote 5-0, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Planning Commission Ordinance:

An planning commission amendment was presented to the board to reduce the number of planning commission members from seven to five.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Stadler, to approve Ordinance 2012-3, the Township of Vassar Planning Commission Ordinance Amendment

Roll Call: Gray: No, Stadler: Yes, Forbes: Yes, Clinesmith: No, Stack: No.

Vote 2-3, ORDINANCE FAILED.

Walker Contract:

Clerk Clinesmith is looking for help in organizing the office.

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Stack, to approve the contract with Barbara Walker to organize the clerk's office and township building for 90 days.

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Chuck Stadler brought up a few items for the board to continue to work on after his service was completed.

Ben Partridge asked what the \$32,000 check to Vassar Township was for and asked why his statement in the previous minutes lacked pertinent information compared to the previous public comments.

Linda Stahl asked why the board voted to not approve her road as a public road when the township previously sued over the road.

Russ Fall talked about the township hanging over the property owners about the road and about why this issue was not resolved. He had several documents that Clinesmith copied for the board to examine.

Onna Clinesmith asked about the treasurer doing summer taxes, getting training for it and discussed a newsletter for the township.

Motion by Gray, supported by Forbes to adjourn.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:08pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor