

Vassar Township Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting – April 9, 2013  
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Supervisor Forbes called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.  
The pledge was led by Supervisor Forbes.

Roll Call:  
Present: Stack, Clinesmith, Forbes, Tester, Gray  
Absent: None

Clinesmith asked to add some other communications to the agenda.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Gray, to approve the March 12, 2013 minutes with correction of “in” to “and” in the first public comment.  
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester, to approve the April 2, 2013 recreation workshop minutes with correction from DNA to DNR.  
Vote 4-0, MOTION CARRIED, with Stack abstaining.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester, to approve the April 2, 2013 special meeting minutes as written.  
Vote 4-0, MOTION CARRIED, with Stack abstaining.

Treasurer’s Report:

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester to hold the fire run check for Millington until further investigation from the fire department.  
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Forbes, to approve the payables in the amount of \$19,983.30, voiding check 16655 to Newton-Johnson and reissuing check as 16669 for \$237.00.  
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Zoning Administrator’s Report presented by Curtis Pennell.

Planning Commission Liaison Report presented by Bill Gray.

Assessor’s Report by Debby Valentine read by Forbes.

Library Board Report given by Onna Clinesmith. She discussed a few of the upcoming events and mentioned the “Friends of the Library” group as a group of people interested in the library.

Fire Run Report was given by Michael Clinesmith. Later in the agenda will be a discussion of DTE paying for fire runs, two other fire runs were paid and a check written for small claims court. Onna Clinesmith added that a Millington fire run billing was resolved, and suggested the township investigate the problem caused by rekindling fires.

**Communications:**

Travis Mills:

Travis Mills was a soldier that lost his limbs in service to his country.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester to not charge the parents of Travis Mills for any township permits needed to make their home handicap accessible for their son.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

MTA Legislative Advocacy Day:

MTA is hosting an advocacy day to give township officials the opportunity to meet with state legislators. It is a free event that requires registration, and will be held May 2, in Lansing.

Clinesmith indicated he was interested in going.

MDOT Transportation Summit:

Clinesmith read part of a letter from the Michigan Department of Transportation. A "Transportation" Summit is being held to discuss upcoming projects for the Arenac, Bay, Saginaw and Tuscola counties and township officials are invited. The summit is scheduled Friday, April 19, 2013 from 9am to noon at the Bay City TSC office.

City of Vassar Newsletter:

The City of Vassar Newsletter was sent to the township, and copies were available to those interested.

Road Commission Winter Maintenance:

The Tuscola County Road Commission has indicated to Supervisor Forbes that the contract was approved and a copy sent to the township, the township has not yet received it.

Saginaw Asphalt:

Supervisor Forbes has been in contact with Kip Cross who indicated that the township should be getting another check in one month for reclaimed material. The reclaiming process has been started, however there is still more material that could be mined if the township was interested, which would require a permit from the DEQ.

Other Communications:

The township has received a notice of hearing about some insurance companies in rehabilitation, a letter from the Tuscola County Planning Commission acknowledging receipt of Vassar Township's approved Zoning Ordinances from 2011, and two letters from the State Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs about fees and new rules.

**Old Business:**

VAAS Bylaws/Appointments:

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Tester to appoint Bob Forbes as the Vassar Township Vassar Area Ambulance Service representative until June 2016.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Clinesmith to appoint Rodney Welsh as the Vassar Township Vassar Area Ambulance Service alternate until June 2016.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Computer Backup:

There was some discussion about township backup storage, the costs, and various kinds and necessity.

Motion by Stack, supported by Clinesmith to accept Cyberlink bid for backup from Dropbox.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Vassar Township Board Recreation Plan Committee:

There was some discussion about forming a committee to gather information and develop a plan, there was more discussion about how to do this, and what people and boards should be involved.

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Forbes to ask the Planning Commission for a list of names and input for a Vassar Township Recreation Committee, including Michael Clinesmith, Onna Clinesmith, Janice Zawol, Russ Fall, and Beth Ann Fall.

Vote 5-0. MOTION CARRIED.

**New Business:**

Board of Review Appointment:

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester to appoint Kendall Woodruff to the Board of Review for 2013 and 2014.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment:

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester to appoint Jerry Dutcher to the ZBA alternate position with term ending October 2016.

Vote 5-0. MOTION CARRIED.

Blight Ordinance Amendment:

Motion by Forbes, supported by Clinesmith to go with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and have the attorney draft language to amend the Blight Ordinance.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Tire Disposal Agreement and Cleanup:

The township has received and signed a contract for setting up Tire Pickup. There has been some changes to the contract this year such as charges for oversize tires.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester to set a date for tire pickup in the second week of May. (May 5 to May 11)

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester to get a 65-yard dumpster for the third week of May. (May 12 to May 18)

Vote 5-0, ~~MOTION~~ MOTION (amend) CARRIED.

Chairs:

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester for the Board to give approval to buy seven new chairs for the boards.

Vote 4-1, ~~MOTION~~ MOTION (amend) CARRIED.

DTE Fire Run Release:

DTE sent the township a release agreement to sign regarding the township fire runs. The amount DTE will pay is the standard amount the township bills.

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Forbes to have the release of all claims for DTE fire runs for the amount of \$5000 signed and sent to DTE.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**Public Comment:**

Ben Partridge asked for clarification on the original fire run motion on withholding the check to Millington, and if Millington was going to get paid. He also stated that if the township was going to bring consistency to township term ending dates being in October that the township should reconsider its motions with terms ending in June 2016.

Onna Clinesmith stated that the Library Board term dates expire in June. She added that since there is still some available budgeted funds for renovation, that the township should consider the pine trees obstructing view of the hall and painting or replacing the wooden railing.

Motion by Gray, supported by Forbes to adjourn.  
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:53pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

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Vassar Township Clerk

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Vassar Township Supervisor