

Supervisor Forbes called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
The pledge was led by Supervisor Forbes.

Roll Call:

Present: Michael Clinesmith, Bob Forbes, Sam Tester
Excused Absence: John Stack, Bill Gray

Motion by Forbes, supported by Clinesmith, to approve the April 9, 2013 minutes with corrections to "MOTION" spellings.
Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester, to approve the April 15, 2013 special meeting minutes without any changes.
Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester, to approve the May 9, 2013 special meeting minutes as written.
Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report:

The township has received funds from revenue sharing, taxes, administrative fees and fire runs.

Clinesmith indicated at the MTA conference in Lansing that the legislature is looking at increasing taxes to fund roads which could affect township revenue sharing.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester to pay \$149.99 for the computer monitor.
Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester to send Clinesmith to training in Frankenmuth.
Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Forbes approve payables in the amount of \$27,199.57 with check 16707 for \$200 for cemetery flags and to hold check 16705 until the township gets answers for the mileage.
Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

No Trustee's Report

Zoning Administrator's Report presented by Curtis Pennell.

Assessor's Report from Debby Valentine read by Forbes.

Fire Run Report by Michael Clinesmith

Sheets were passed out indicating how the fire runs were being tracked, \$5,500 was collected in fire runs in May, and a complaint was read from a person billed for a fire run.

Recreation Committee Report by Russ Fall and Michael Clinesmith

There was discussion about a Boat Launch on Caine Road. There will be a Cass River Greenway meeting on June 12, a swim and canoe down the river on June 15, and volunteers are needed for cleanup on the river on July 20. In April the committee met and received some of the

relevant documents on recreation, and met with the City Parks and Recreation Board. A letter was sent to the township from the city; the cost for a (amend) ~~join~~ *joint* recreation plan is estimated at \$8,000 to \$10,000. Forbes read a letter from the DEQ about e coli levels.

Motion by Clinesmith supported by Forbes, to create a recreation committee to work on a recreation plan for the township and have it report to the township board and planning commission and have the township pay for publication in the paper as necessary
Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Clinesmith supported by Forbes, to amend the previous motion to just have the recreation committee report to the planning commission.
Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Communications:

IRS:

The IRS has rescinded its \$950 penalty against the township for failing to file the 2009 tax forms on time.

MI Department of Treasury:

The Department of Treasury has sent a letter to the township indicating that unclaimed moneys are to be turned in to the state by June 1, 2013 for property abandoned as of March 31, 2013.

Tuscola County Planning Commission:

The County Planning Commission sent a letter to the township acknowledging receipt of the Township Master Plan, adding that as it is dated 2003 it should be updated. A newsletter was also sent indicating information about reviews of master plans, a May 24th meeting scheduled at Almer Township Hall about the reluctance of Detroit Edison to pay for downed-wire fire run bills, and Lonnie Kester is the representative for Vassar Township on the County Planning Commission. Commission Chair lone Vyse stopped by the township and dropped off a copy of the Tuscola County General Development Plan.

County Treasurer, Foreclosed Properties:

The County Treasurer sent a letter to the township with a list of five properties that were foreclosed on under PA 123, giving the township board the option to purchase any or all of the properties by paying the minimum bid as long as they properties are used for a public purpose.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Clinesmith to sign the waiver of first right of refusal.
Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business:

Computer Backup:

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester that the township orders a prepaid credit card for the purpose of paying for computer backup for the exact amount of the bill plus any necessary fees.
Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester to write a check to pay for the computer backup.
Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Blight Ordinance:

Resolution 09-2013 offered by Clinesmith, supported by Forbes to adopt the Township of Vassar Blight Ordinance Amendment 2013-1 and rescind outdated prior ordinances.

Roll Call: Forbes – Yes, Clinesmith – Yes, Tester – Yes, Absent: Stack, Gray
Vote 3-0 with 2 absent, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Private Road and Driveway Easement Ordinance:

Clinesmith had concerns about no issuance of permits on any noncompliant roads and drives, the number of roads, drives and driveways required to upgrade and cost involved. There was some discussion on these issues.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester to send the Private Road and Drive Ordinance back to the Planning Commission for clarification.

Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Township Cleanup:

The township is having its cleanup day on May 16th.

New Business:

General Ordinance Contact Info Packet:

The township's current ordinances and contact information of township contacts was provided to the board.

Resolution 10-2013 offered by Forbes, supported by Tester to not charge residents for copies of the General Ordinances and Zoning Ordinances.

Roll Call: Tester – Yes, Clinesmith – Yes, Forbes – Yes, Absent: Stack, Gray

Vote 3-0, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Roadside Cutting Bid Requests:

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester to honor Mickey Maier's Contract of Roadside Maintenance for two single cuts for a total of \$5,670.00.

Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Budget Workshops:

Motion by Forbes, supported by Clinesmith to set the Vassar Township Board budget workshops for May 23, 2013 at 7:00pm and May 31, 2013 at noon.

Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Vassar Parks and Rec Appointment:

Beth Ann Fall sent a letter to the township indicating her accomplishments and continued interest in serving as the representative. There were some questions about the role of the appointment and relationship between the Township and the City's Park and Rec Board.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester to reappoint Beth Ann Fall to the Vassar Parks and Rec Board.

Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Thank all Volunteers:

Supervisor Forbes thanked Russ Fall, Sam Tester, Bob Reil, John Stack and Gordon Markhart for assisting on Tire Pickup Day, and Rhonda Schultz, Jim Schultz, Dave Phillips, and Jerry Dutcher for helping to set up the new chairs.

Other Business, chairs and equipment:

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Forbes to allow Cyberlink to dispose of HP CNB JB18204 printer and another printer.

Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

There has been a request for the old chairs by Debby Valentine. Russ Fall said he would work on the chairs to repair them if possible for township use.

Public Comment:

Don Clinesmith thanked the township for lowering the township fees, and wondered if the new deputy had been introduced yet.

Tim Popham introduced himself to the township, and told of his background relating to the township and county.

Onna Clinesmith asked if the Greenway events could be put on the township Marquee, and asked when the term ends for Beth Ann Fall.

Beth Ann Fall stated she was appointed in perpetuity around December 1992.

Tom Borcharding wanted to thank people for supporting the book sale at the library.

Grace Proffer asked when the spraying for mosquitos would start.

Fred Welsh introduced himself as being on the Planning Commission, and discussed some of the ramifications of dealing with a special land use permit similar to Eggers.

Don Clinesmith stated that there were no dry run operations anymore.

Onna Clinesmith reasked about what the term was for Fall, if it was for 3 years.

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Tester that the term of Beth Ann Fall goes to June 30, 2016. Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Bob Reil hoped that the township would continue with the tire drive, and was disappointed that the younger people of the township didn't help with it.

Motion by Tester, supported by Forbes to adjourn. Vote 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor