

Vassar Township Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting – June 11, 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: John Stack, Michael Clinesmith, Bob Forbes, Sam Tester, Bill Gray  
Absent: None

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester, to approve the May 14, 2013 minutes with corrections of spelling of "joint."  
Vote 3-0, with 2 abstentions. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Gray, to approve the May 23, 2013 budget workshop minutes with no corrections.  
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Gray, to approve the May 31, 2013 budget workshop minutes with no corrections.  
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report by John Stack:

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Stack to table approval of payables until later in the meeting.  
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee's Report:

PC Vice Chair Tom Huyghe mentioned that the Planning Commission is currently dealing with a couple of special land permits.

Zoning Administrator's Report presented by Curtis Pennell.

Supervisor Bob Forbes had a report about Partridge Propane:

Curtis gave a verbal warning several weeks before. Three phone calls were received since the previous Tuesday about property values being driven down. Curtis was asked to send a letter to Partridge Propane giving a final notice of 30 days to clean up and put up a privacy fence and come into compliance or go to court.

Assessor's Report: No report besides no land divisions for the month.

Library Board Report:

Tom Borcharding mentioned the library raffle, parks, bus trips, assessing, treating pain & dementia meeting, toy library and handicap assessable doors.

Treasurer's Conference:

John Stack learned a lot of new stuff, including encouraging jurisdictions to have a crisis report. Tom Borcharding mentioned the Red Cross shelters as something to consider.

Supervisor's Reports:

There was a meeting in Almer township that the supervisor attended that discussed issues with Detroit Edison paying fire run bills.

There was a meeting attended with the Tuscola County Road Commission that discussed culverts, vegetation killer and road repairs. A stop ahead sign was rejected, and a stop sign was

approved at another location. There were also a couple of proposals for road work on Miller and Freewald.

Fire Run Report:

There was a list of outstanding fire run bills. Four people had paid their bills over the last couple of days.

**Communications:**

Personnel Concepts – Labor Law Compliance:

The township has been frequently contacted by the company on updating compliance posters on labor laws.

**Old Business:**

MI Department of Treasury: Unclaimed Property

The township needs to check records to take care of unclaimed property (checks.)

**New Business:**

Proposal to remove trees:

Motion by Forbes, supported by Gray to use A Cut Above Tree Service to cut down trees at the township hall for \$785.00, to chip all brush, grind all stumps and completely rake and clean up.  
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Gray, supported by Clinesmith to approve the payables in the amount of \$18,535.32.  
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Budget Hearing:

Motion by Forbes, supported by Stack to have a budget workshop June 27, 2013 at 10:00am.  
Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Clinesmith that the Budget Hearing for the 2013-2014 budget be at 7:00pm with the Annual Meeting immediately following.  
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Budget Amendments:

Resolution 11-2013 offered by Clinesmith, supported by Forbes that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees adjust its budget to transfer \$1,143.42 from CONTINGENCY to the following accounts, bringing CONTINGENCY to \$76,974.58:

Add \$170.00 to TWP BOARD-NOTICES, bringing it to \$2,370.00

Add \$470.06 to ELECTIONS-REPAIR & MAINT, bringing it to \$1,070.06

Add \$85.00 to BOARD OF REVIEW-NOTICES, bringing it to \$360.00

Add \$218.36 to FIRE PROTECTION-CONTRACT, bringing it to \$40,218.36

Add \$200.00 to ZBA SALARY, bringing it to \$450.

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

Vote 5-0, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

MTA Principles of Governance:

Motion by Clinesmith to have the board sign the Principles of Governance with the corrections of changing democratic to republic and correct the spelling of Gray's name.

Motion died for lack of support.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester to have the board sign as written with the change of spelling to Gray's name.

Forbes withdrew this motion.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester to approve the Principles of Governance with the change of spelling to Gray's name.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Library Board Appointment:

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester to appoint Tom Borcharding as the Library Board Representative through June 2017.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Tom Borcharding mentioned that he did not need to be paid for this appointment.

Emergency Plan:

Michael Clinesmith mentioned that he had seen a plan from 2001 while sorting through township records, Tom Huyghe mentioned that there was a plan worked on in the past.

**Public Comment:**

Don Clinesmith stated having an emergency plan is a good idea to have, and talked about Enbridge and the gas lines through the township.

Grace Proffer asked about who had responsibility for Waterman road between Van Wagnen and Caine Road as potholes are developing.

Motion by Gray, supported by Tester to adjourn.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

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Vassar Township Clerk

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Vassar Township Supervisor