

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

**Minutes:**

Motion by Gray, supported by Tester to approve the February 11, 2014 minutes with the correction.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Gray, supported by Tester to approve the February 21, 2014 special meeting minutes as written.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**Treasurer's Report by John Stack:**

Motion by Gray, supported by Tester to approve the payables in the amount of \$25,542.69.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee's Report by Bill Gray filed with the clerk.

Zoning Administrator's Report presented by Curtis Pennell filed with clerk.

Assessor's Report by Debby Valentine read by Forbes and filed with clerk.

Library Board Report submitted by Onna Clinesmith read by Michael Clinesmith and filed with the clerk.

Fire Run Report by Michael Clinesmith

There was one payment for a fire run, and two runs into the township since last month.

**Communications:**

**MDOT – Meeting Request:**

MDOT would like to meet with each local unit of government individually. Clinesmith contacted MDOT but was uncertain on the plans of how this would be arranged.

**Tuscola County Clerk – Election Updates:**

The County Clerk responded to an email on several events relating to the township. There will be a county wide proposal on the ballot in August about mosquito control. There are ballot questions for Vassar and Millington School Districts on the May ballot. The township will have to send out voter cards as the elections will be in Vassar City and Millington Township, not the Vassar Township hall. Extra election bags have been ordered for the township.

**8 Mile Run – Wesleyan Campgrounds:**

The Campgrounds is sponsoring a running event Saturday June 28, 2014 at 8:30am. It will be a possible annual event. The Sheriff Department has been contacted to protect the safety of the runners.

**Unfinished Business:**

Annual Agenda:

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Stack to adopt the Vassar Township Annual Agenda Goals for 2014.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Cass River Greenway Letter:

Russ Fall is going to meet with Michele Zaverucha to discuss culverts at the Cass River Bridge and township property northeast of the Saginaw Road, Caine Road intersection. The township letter was reviewed and a resolution for support for an access point at the Caine Road Bridge was presented to the board. Clinesmith read Resolution 05-2014 which resolved that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees support the development of an access location at the Cass River Bridge location and to send a letter to the Cass River Greenway Committee to encourage support in that matter.

Resolution 05-2014 offered by Clinesmith, supported by Gray; resolution of support for an Access Point at the Caine Road Bridge.

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

Vote 5-0, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Fire Protection Service Agreement:

The Fire Protection Service Agreement with the city of Vassar has been sent to the township attorney for review. There are several matters the attorney needs to further review before the township approves the agreement.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Clinesmith to postpone approval of the Fire Protection Service Contract until further advised by the attorney.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**New Business:**

Resolution of Support for Vassar City Public Canoe/Kayak Launch

The City of Vassar has sent a resolution to the township for approval. Clinesmith read Resolution 06-2014, a resolution which states that the Township of Vassar hereby supports submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application by the City of Vassar for the “Cass River Greenway Water Trail Development” by the DNR.

Resolution 06-2014 offered by Tester, supported by Forbes to support the Vassar City Public Canoe/Kayak Launch.

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

Vote 5-0, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Board of Review – Appointment and Training:

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Forbes to accept the resignation letter from Mel Jacobs.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Forbes to accept the resignation letter from Kendall Woodruff for Board of Review Alternate.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Stack to appoint Kendall Woodruff to the Board of Review to fulfill Mel Jacob’s spot.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester to bring in the alternates for the Board of Review whenever there is a Board of Review meeting and pay them for training to be paid out of the Township’s training fund.

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Clinesmith to appoint Jerry Dutcher to the Board of Review Alternate Position.  
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**Public Comment:**

Bill Gray asked about putting up a fence on the township's property with the gravel pit.

Bob Forbes is looking for bids on ditches.

Rhonda Schultz asked if someone as looking into writing grants for the ditches.

Bob Forbes stated he is trying to coordinate with the Road Commission on the matter.

Don Clinesmith thought that the County Road Commission sent out a list of roads each year for the township to upgrade. He stated that the Vassar City Fire Department averages out costs for fire runs over three years and that they charged for reburns. He asked if the township should be paying for reburns.

Rhonda Schultz asked about the status of the web page and if someone had shown interest.

Michael Clinesmith stated he was working with someone on the matter, he sent out the old bid to a person a week prior, but did not receive a proposal yet, there will likely be something ready in the next month.

Ben Partridge stated that the township had approved an agreement to have the roads salted. However the roads were covered with ice at the public hearing in February.

Forbes stated that the agreement wasn't renewed with the county, that in several attempts with the county, it showed no interest in reapproving the contract.

Ben Partridge stated that the agreement should have covered the winter.

Michael Clinesmith stated the agreement only went to the end of 2013 and when the supervisor called about the roads, the county did not send any additional help to the township as it was focused on keeping the main roads clear.

Ben Partridge asked about the hours of the township, if they were as posted, since he had someone call him about the township being open at 2 pm, and he called the township and there was no answer.

Bob Forbes stated he had the same hours as before.

Ben Partridge questioned the accuracy of the minutes. Clinesmith asked what he saw as wrong with them and several minutes were spent going through them.

Motion by Clinesmith, supported by Tester to amend the motion already approved on the minutes by including the additional corrections.  
Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

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Vassar Township Clerk

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Vassar Township Supervisor