

Supervisor Forbes called the meeting to order at 8:04 pm.
A prayer was led by Michael Clinesmith.
The pledge was led by Supervisor Forbes.

Members Present: Bob Forbes, Mike Clinesmith, John Stack, Bill Gray, Sam Tester, Brenda Putman, Fred Welsh, Dan Zuzula, Nancy Zuzula, Danette Jobson, Ben Partridge, Janice Zawol, Cathy Partridge, Sally Hartung, Orville Hartung, Onna Clinesmith, Don Clinesmith, Mark Coleman, Jerry Dutcher

State of the Township Address read by Bob Forbes and included with minutes.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Bill Gray, seconded by Fred Welsh to approve the June 28, 2014 Annual Meeting minutes as written.
MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

Salary Resolutions:

Motion by Ben Partridge, seconded by Dan Zuzula that the pay be the same as before for the Board of Trustees.

There was much discussion on the salaries.

Motion by Don Clinesmith, seconded by Onna Clinesmith to call the vote.
SECONDARY MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Ben Partridge, seconded by Dan Zuzula that the pay be the same as before for the Board of Trustees. A head count was requested after an undeterminable voice vote.
Vote 9 YEA – 10 NAY. MOTION FAILED.

Motion by Fred Welsh, seconded by Jerry Dutcher to accept the resolutions as written.

There was more discussion on the salaries.

Motion by Fred Welsh, seconded by Bill Gray to call the question. Motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion by Fred Welsh, seconded by Jerry Dutcher to accept the resolutions as written.
Head Count: 10 YEA – 9 NAY. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Don Clinesmith wanted to thank the Township for supporting the park. The Recreation Committee was allowed to come in and start the work on the park; they are doing it for nothing. This is going to be a nice project for the Township. Thank you for supporting the raise. It is a minute raise, \$6,000 for five people.

Fred Welsh mentioned that the park is in a centrally located space. There are 4,060 people in the Township. It has grown in all but three decades. Where are the young ones? The park is a space for community. Russ Fall has put hundreds of hours of labor into the park. There is a need to get more people involved.

Dan Zuzula stated the Township could have used the money on roads instead of a park. There are dangerous roads, 60% of the surveys were against having the park. The Township is wasting money. Caine and Saginaw are main roads. He doesn't understand the Township's thinking.

Fred Welsh added that another piece of the puzzle was the recreation plan. It is written to get grants.

Dan Zuzula stated that that was the third time Fred had mentioned about it being for the kids.

Some crosstalk, there was mention of Caine and Brown road intersection being the killer.

Mark Coleman asked how we could help Dan to take care of the roads in his area. If someone could take a look at that area...

Fred Welsh showed some pictures of the park on the TV screen.

John Stack mentioned that the Board agreed to work some money into the park to get a start on it so it could get grants. The Township is starting to look nice. He gave a plug for the renovation committee. Using the web could save costs for training people. He mentioned the capability of the web site. A digital sign could state when the hall is open. He currently goes to Frankenmuth for recreation with the grandkids. He could see development in the future.

Fred Welsh mentioned that if we could get people together as a group, they could find things to do.

Bob Forbes added that John didn't mention the fiber optics.

John Stack stated that Mr. Clinesmith had a connection to get fiber optics from Air Advantage with phone, internet and fax. He asked why we couldn't as a Township go for a grant to bring internet to the Township.

Sally Hartung asked if we had a problem with people not knowing about this.

Nancy Zuzula mentioned that we could get the word out more by having a quarterly newsletter.

Bob Forbes suggested contacting the reporter.

Cathy Partridge asked if the Township had a Facebook page.

Michael Clinesmith stated the Township did have one that was used to post meeting notices.

Danette Jobson stated that she has lived here for 9 years and didn't know anything about the Township until the last 6 months. She doesn't know what the Township is doing. She added that she's not having her kids walk to the park.

Donald Clinesmith liked to thank the people coming to the meeting. He stated, "The park is going to be." He stated that the gravel money was to go for two things. From the Annual Report from the auditors, it states that it is to be used for a Township Hall or a park.

Bob Forbes stated that the motion for the money was made by Dave Kennard.

Mark Coleman mentioned that as for the roads being dangerous, there was the same problem on Washburn. He stated that a solution was to have the deputy police the road.

John Stack stated that the State Police knew about it. He added with the suggestions about the newsletter and web site, whose responsibility would be to update them?

Fred Welsh suggested looking at the recreation committee.

Ben Partridge mentioned that as a quick anecdote, the hall used to be bigger because Supervisor Peslock (*amend*) *added to the office inside the building used to hold office hours, which took up building space.*

Brenda Putman mentioned she tried walking down the road; it is not safe. Most of our roads have no shoulders. The way the roads are set up, they are not conducive to walk.

Onna Clinesmith mentioned it is not safe to walk in any township. People will drive to the park. We send out two newsletters, about 1500 based on garbage pickup. It costs \$750 to mail out a newsletter. No one would support sending out a newsletter quarterly.

John Stack mentioned that there were three times a year the Township could send out a newsletter.

Bob Forbes stated that the information could also go into the newspaper for free.

John Stack mentioned about Bob meeting with the reporter.

Brenda Putman noted that someone needs to be responsible for maintaining the web site. It needs to be current and up to date.

Fred Welsh believed the best place for updates is the sign.

Brenda Putman disagreed. People are watching the traffic.

Motion by Nancy Zuzula, supported by Janice Zawol to adjourn.
MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor

State of the Township 2015

Another year has passed & the Township is still doing well, our team has done it again John & Mike put out another perfect audit this year praised by our auditors. Our Trustees Sam & Bill have made sure our monthly in house audit keeps us honest & helps us to achieve a perfect audit year after year. We have completed our budget workshop & have another balanced budget. Our Tire pickup was a great success again this year. The Dumpsters we placed in the Twp. parking lot for Twp. residents cleanup weekend in May was also a great success . The Twp. is cleaning up nicely thanks to a new blight policy put together by our Zoning Administrator & the Sheriff Deputy. I thank our planning commission, our Board of Review, the ZBA & all other team members & volunteers that make the twp. run smoothly.

The Harper House Fund is still seeking donations for a 71 year old Viet Nam era Veteran who needs a new home, currently homeless due to deplorable condition of her condemned home , no heat source, no water source, large holes in the roof ,leaking rain water into the living quarters causing black mold throughout the house. Blueprints for her new home have been received but we are still short on donations labor & materials.

Donations are now going to a non profit organization.

Calvary Chapel Fellowship

328 Prospect St.

Vassar Mi. 48768

Include in the check memo (Harper House Fund)

When I was elected into office the thing that surprised me most was that things were as bad as residents were saying. Therefore before our term has ended, we shall have to test whether a Twp. organized & governed such as ours can endure.

I am certain that after the dust of centuries has passed over our Twp. we too will be remembered not for our victories or defeats in personal battles or politics, but for our contributions to the Township & its residents .

Bob Forbes Vassar Twp Supervisor