

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 20-2015: To Establish Vassar Township Planning Commission Wages

WHEREAS, the Vassar Township board of Trustees has the Authority to set salaries for the Vassar Township Planning Commission,

And **WHEREAS**, the Vassar Township board of Trustees approved an increase in the Planning Commission wages in the 2015-2016 fiscal budget,

And **WHEREAS**, the Township Board deems that adjustments in the wage of the Planning Commission members is warranted in consideration of the responsibilities undertaken by this position since the salary was last adjusted, and the general increases in the costs of living,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees adjust its pay for planning commission members in the following manner:

Planning board commission members receive a wage of \$50.00 per meeting in attendance
The Planning Commission Secretary receives an extra \$25.00 per meeting in attendance
The Vassar Township Board Representative receives an extra \$10.00 per meeting in attendance
The Planning Commission Chairman receives an extra \$10.00 per meeting in attendance

In the instance that one or more of the appointed positions in not in attendance at the meeting, the extra wage will instead go to the Planning Commission member that fulfills the responsibilities of the position at the meeting.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member John Stack and supported by Board Member Sam Tester.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted

“Aye” (5): **Tester, Gray, Clinesmith
Forbes, Stack**

“Nay” (0): *None*

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Stack to approve the July 2015 payables in the amount of \$21,531.07.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Report by Bill Gray filed with the clerk.

Zoning Administrator’s Report by Curtis Pennell filed with clerk.

Assessor’s Report, Library Board Report, Fire Run Report and Clerk Report were removed to leave more time for discussion of internet.

Guests:

Township Internet:

Joe Jacobs was present from Air Advantage to describe its internet service. He mentioned being contacted by Stack and his company being awarded \$64 million in 2010 to bring internet to the area. The company works with fiber optics. The tricky part of this service is the cost of bringing the service to the area. The cost to bore a mile is approximately \$25,000 to \$35,000. The

company worked with Sebewaing. The cost of the service is determined by the number of people interested in the area. The installation can only be done during warm months, and the process takes time. There was an emphasis on “educating the youth” so schools, libraries were the first entities focused on, but now the service is being offered to homes as well. There was some discussion about fiber optic point-to-point service for farther away locations. That would require line-of-sight. There was also some discussion about a tower on Township Property being used to achieve this. Voice services are offered for \$8/line; he wouldn’t commit to a cost on the internet service without further details on where the property was located and number of people interested. He requested getting peoples’ name, address and a way to contact them.

Meeting recessed at 8:27pm.
Meeting called to order at 8:33pm.

Steve Erickson from the Tuscola County EDC mentioned that there were initial grants to install the trunk lines for the internet, but there are no grants available that he was aware of to get the fiber optics to the house. He suggested the best approach was get the dots on the map of people who are interested and form them into groups to share the cost to install the internet.

Joe mentioned more about the grant process, that the company had to pay the cost initially, then the federal government would only reimburse after the fact if the company had followed all the procedures and regulations.

Jim McLoskey – Mike Green Update:

Jim McLoskey passed out a flier concerning an identity theft meeting at 10:30am on August 12, 2015 at the Tuscola Technology Center being cohosted by Mike Green. He also complimented Supervisor Forbes on behalf of Mike Green and Margorie Harper for his tenacity at making hundreds of calls and not taking “no” for an answer in getting assistance for Margorie. Forbes mentioned he had received the final blueprints for her new house and well.

Communications:

Tuscola County Hazard Mitigation Plan Invite Position:

Tuscola County is inviting townships to provide input to its Hazard Mitigation Plan which it is updating. To be eligible for federal disaster assistance, the Township would have to adopt the plan by resolution. There are two meetings scheduled, July 15, 2015 from 4 to 6pm, and August 12, 2015 from 4 to 6pm, both at the Tuscola County Skill Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd. Caro, MI 48723. Clinesmith offered to attend the meeting July 15, 2015.

New Business:

Tuscola County Road Commission – Oak Road Crackseal:

RESOLUTION 21-2015: Oak Road Crackseal

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees approve the road work on Oak Road from Hanes to Saginaw as in the Township Agreement.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Bob Forbes and supported by Board Member Bill Gray.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted **“Aye” (5): Stack, Tester, Clinesmith,
Gray, Forbes**

“Nay” (0): None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.
Township Agreement language is attached to the end of minutes.

Unemployment Agency Request – MI Tax Registration Forms:

Clinesmith contacted the MI Unemployment Insurance Agency about a letter the Township received on June 1, 2015 about its request for Registration Documents. The agency is requesting the Township fill out Form 518s for business taxes. Clinesmith contacted the attorney who will review the forms.

Minute Book:

Clinesmith mentioned that there was a comment about the minute book in the hall not being kept up to date. He mentioned that the minutes are online and approved signed minutes are available for viewing at the clerk's office and asked about removing the other book. There was discussion on the topic with Forbes stating he wanted to keep the minute book available and Tester stating he was putting his corrected minutes in the book.

Meeting Schedule Resolution:

RESOLUTION 18-2015: Adoption of 2015-2016 Meeting Schedule

WHEREAS, According to the Open Meeting Act, a township board must post within 10 days after the first board meeting of the township's fiscal year a public notice stating the dates, times, and places of its regular meetings,

And **WHEREAS**, Vassar Township has established the second Tuesday of the month as the regular meeting schedule for its meetings,

And **WHEREAS**, The State Legislature set the Presidential Primary for 2016 on March 8, 2016, the second Tuesday of the month of March,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees approves the following dates for its regular meetings for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Each meeting will be at 7:00 PM located at Vassar Township Hall, 4505 W. Saginaw Rd, Vassar, MI 48768. Phone: (989) 823-3541

Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

Tuesday, August 11, 2015

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Bill Gray and supported by Board Member Sam Tester.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted

**“Aye” (5): Clinesmith, Forbes, Tester
Stack, Gray**

“Nay” (0): None

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Hall Maintenance:

With the Hall landscaping, there are plants that need to be regularly watered. There was discussion on this issue.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to have the Clerk water the plants on Monday, Supervisor water on Friday and Treasurer water the plants on Wednesday.

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Harper Permt – Fee Waiver

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to waive the permit fees and demolition fees for Margorie Harper.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Nancy Zuzula asked about the demolition of the Harper house.

Don Clinesmith mentioned that the motion to have the board members water the plants, the Board also has Trustee members that should be included.

Bob Forbes mentioned that for the motion, those are the board members that are here.

Onna Clinesmith mentioned the library has a new librarian. Todd Courser will be at the library next Thursday at 6pm.

~~(Remove) Michael Clinesmith stated that the board made a motion to tell the clerk to do more work, which would distract him from his other responsibilities such as taking care of the minutes which had been complained about before. He also mentioned that the Trustees had been given a 40% raise as opposed to the 15% raise for the other board members and they should be considered for responsibilities.~~

Motion by Gray, seconded by Forbes to adjourn.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor