

823-3541

Supervisor Forbes called the meeting to order at 7:40pm.
A prayer was led by Michael Clinesmith.
The pledge was led by Supervisor Forbes.

Roll Call:

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

Minutes:

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to approve the July 14, 2015 meeting minutes, removing the paragraph with the comment by Michael Clinesmith.
Vote 3-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes to approve the August 2015 payables in the amount of \$21,956.45.
Vote 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Clinesmith stated he would check with the attorney about questions on the pay.

Consensus was to have Bill Gray sign the checks.

No Trustee Report

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

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

Library Board Report by Onna Clinesmith

There is going to be a six-week program on diabetes, meetings 10:15am-12:15pm with no charge. Another program is August 27 from 1-3pm to celebrate Grandparent's Day; it will include a fire truck and puppets.

Forbes mentioned that the Vassar Ambulance Service is celebrating 35 years and he offered some packs from the base to hold insurance info.

Fire Run Report by Nancy Zuzula filed with the clerk.

Her report covered the last two months. There was a lot of investigation to find details. Forbes mentioned a call concerning a fire run that was a medical emergency and Zuzula mentioned she had already taken care of the matter.

Clerk Report by Michael Clinesmith filed with the clerk.

Zuzula added that the minute book is up to date.

Unfinished Business:

Parks & Recreation 5-year Plan

This was already postponed until the September meeting.

Tuscola County Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Township got an email from the Tuscola County Office of Emergency Management concerning the Hazard Mitigation Plan in development. Some information and a form to be filled out were sent along with notification that if the Township does not adopt the plan by resolution, it will be removed from any future hazard mitigation project grant assistance from FEMA. Bob Forbes will attend the meeting Wednesday, but there was no interest in filling out the form.

New Business:

Roadside Ditch Petition:

Clinesmith mentioned he found some old completed roadside ditch petitions and downloaded a new one from the County Road Commission. People can pay to have a segment of ditch cleaned. Forbes mentioned that residents were not interested in paying even half the costs, but there is another petition he had that allowed people to clear their own ditches if they have insurance and place traffic markers.

There were a couple of comments from the public about the growth around the railroad tracks on Caine Road making it hard to see trains and the Caine Road ditches being bad.

Fire Run Billing:

Zuzula asked for clarification on billing and what policy was in place. Forbes suggested to check with Howell or Garner on how far to go back and also mentioned about using the bonding against the clerk for payment. There were three different comments about the legality of placing fees on the taxes that will need to be clarified.

Date for Policy Manual Discussion:

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes to set the date for a special meeting to discuss the policy manual at September 15, 2015 at noon.
Vote 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

No comments.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to adjourn.
Vote 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor