

Supervisor Forbes called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
A prayer was led by John Stack.
The pledge was led by Supervisor Forbes.

Roll Call:

Present: John Stack, Michael Clinesmith, Bob Forbes, Sam Tester, Bill Gray
Absent: None

There was a moment of silence for Harold Deo who passed away.

Minutes:

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to approve the December 8, 2015 regular meeting minutes as written.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to approve the December 18, 2015 special meeting minutes as written.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

It was mentioned for Clinesmith to send to the Road Commission the board meeting minutes regarding the yield sign.

Guests:

Auditors:

Jamie Peasley was present from Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, P.C. to present the Township's audit report, and answered questions. Copies of the report were passed out to the board.

Forbes thanked John Stack, Michael Clinesmith, Bill Gray and Nancy Zuzula for their effort in the Township's perfect audits.

Reports:

Training Report:

Fred Welsh described some details of the training session at the Frankenmuth Lodge. A former policeman explained the importance of relationships with the court system. A law firm also went over a lot of details. Welsh encouraged people to get training. There were a lot of people at the training session. Kendall Woodruff remarked that he would have liked to get a book. Clinesmith asked for people to let him know if they are interested in the various books provided by the MTA.

Treasurer's Report by John Stack:

Treasurer's Report presented and filed with the clerk.

Fred Welsh mentioned he tried out the eCivis software.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Gray to approve the January 2016 payables, in the amount of \$51,221.40.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Report by Bill Gray filed with the clerk.

Fire Run Report by Michael Clinesmith and filed with the clerk.

WHEREAS, PA 390 of 1994 requires that the poverty exemption guidelines established by a governing body is required to include an asset test,

WHEREAS, an asset test means the amount of cash, fixed assets or other property that could be used, or converted to cash for use in the payment of property taxes and should calculate a maximum amount permitted and all other assets above that amount should be considered as available,

WHEREAS, the township wants to set that amount at such a level to not hinder residents in the search of employment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees approve the Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees set the asset test to be at 40% over the Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2016.

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

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

“Nay” (0): *None*

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 01-2016: To set the dates and times of the 2016 Board of Review Meetings.

WHEREAS, MCL 211.29 requires the supervisor to submit to the Board of Review at the office of the supervisor the assessment roll for the current year on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in March, which is March 8, 2016,

And **WHEREAS**, Public Acts 1 and 2 of 2015 set the day of the Presidential Primary to the second Tuesday in March, which is also March 8, 2016,

And **WHEREAS**, the Vassar Township Hall will be used to run the election on March 8, 2016 restricting access to the hall for running a meeting,

And **WHEREAS**, MCL 211.30 pertains to the stipulations regarding the Board of Review as relating to the dates and times of meetings and allows the township to authorize by ordinance or resolution alternative starting dates when the board of review shall meet schedule its public hearings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees temporarily move the supervisor’s office for the date of March 8, 2016 to the Bullard Sanford Memorial Library, 520 W Huron Ave, Vassar, MI 48768, and set the following date and time for the Vassar Township Board of Review to meet at the Library:

March 8, 2016 at 7pm: Organizational Meeting

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees sets the following dates and times for the Vassar Township Board of Review to meet at the Vassar Township Hall, 4505 W Saginaw Rd, Vassar, MI in 2016:

March 16, 2016 at 2pm to 5pm and 6pm to 9pm: Public Hearing
March 17, 2016 at 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm: Public Hearing
July 19, 2016 at 7pm: July Board of Review Meeting
December 12, 2016 at 7pm: December Board of Review Meeting

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Michael Clinesmith and supported by Board Member Bill Gray.

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

“Nay” (0): *None*

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Mileage Requests:

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to approve the mileage request for the MTA conference in Detroit.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Mention was made of Board of Review training classes coming up.

Bill Gray requested a permanent variance for a Birch St. salvage yard to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Ben Partridge mentioned that the property was already zoned industrial.

Regarding the WiFi, John Stack mentioned the need to get a commercial WiFi router for the disclaimer.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Gray to purchase a router for the internet WiFi and have it installed.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Onna Clinesmith asked about the Poverty Guideline Asset Test-if a similar test could be used for fire run dismissal requests.

Bob Forbes said that could be looked at.

Ben Partridge stated a resident told him the flag outside the hall was not lit again. He also asked about the resolution numbers and why they were out of order.

Michael Clinesmith stated the resolutions were saved in the computer under certain numbers. Sometimes the order of resolutions changes during the meetings.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor