

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

**Minutes:**

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to approve the January 12, 2016 regular meeting minutes as written.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to approve the January 28, 2016 special meeting minutes as written.

Vote 4-0, MOTION CARRIED with Stack abstaining.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to approve the February 2, 2016 special meeting minutes as written.

Vote 4-0, MOTION CARRIED with Stack abstaining.

**Reports:**

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

Treasurer's Report presented and filed with the clerk.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Tester to approve the February 2016 payables, in the amount of \$61,604.73.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**Trustee Report** by Bill Gray filed with the clerk.

**Communications:**

**Attorney – Nonconforming Use:**

Clinesmith read a letter by the attorney concerning a property in the Township that was a recycling/scrap yard, there was some discussion on the issue. The attorney stated in the letter that if the recycling/scrap yard was out of business for more than 12 months, the owner would have to go to the ZBA and petition for a variance. The Zoning Administrator was encouraged to contact the attorney with his questions.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Training Classes:**

Forbes mentioned he had contacted MTA and was interested in setting up and testing the MTA training classes at 1:30pm on Friday

**Cabinet Work:**

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to approve the bid from Don Greer on replacing the cabinets for \$4,620.

Vote 3-2, MOTION CARRIED.

**New Business:**

Fall – Down Creek Drive Request:

Loretta Fall wrote a letter to the Township requesting the dispute with her property be resolved. There has been a lien on the property for over 20 years, and the Township had approximately \$15,000 in attorney fees. She wants to see the lien disappear. There were some comments made stating that the costs were due to the Board at the time insisting the road be a public road, and that if the Board was no longer interested in making the road public, that the charges should be dropped. Forbes stated he wanted to know what the lien was, and he will make a presentation with paperwork in the future to the Board.

Mileage Requests:

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Gray to approve the mileage requests for Forbes to go to the register of deeds, Clinesmith and the election inspectors for the election, and Stack for taxes. Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Parks Plan:

There was a Vassar Township Parks and Recreation 2016 Plan and a park site plan presented to the Board. Russ Fall spent some time discussing the plans. A request for grants would need to be in by April, and there is a one year lag time on grants.

Motion by Stack, seconded by Clinesmith to approve the site map with approval of seeking grants on the Vassar Township Park & Recreation Plan. Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

TC Solid Waste Management Plan:

The Township got a request to approve amendments to the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners' Solid Waste Management Plan. The Board wanted to take some time to look over the amendments.

**Public Comment:**

Ben Partridge stated the Board set up a meeting with the Township attorney on the agenda and deal with all the mileage stuff. He believed the Board was wasting time approving routine requests. He also stated he just got here at the beginning and wanted to know about the illegal meeting.

Bill Gray stated that the Planning Commission meeting on January 21, 2016 was illegal because it was not posted (*amend*) *properly property*.

Kendall Woodruff apologized for the lack of notice for the meeting. It was just discussion on the Master Plan. He added he went to a training class and it hadn't been paid for yet. It was embarrassing, but we all make mistakes.

John Stack commented that he didn't understand why that was brought up.

Kendall Woodruff stated he didn't recommend that training session again.

Don Clinesmith wanted to ask about the road. Down Creek Drive is a private road, would the settlement have the road be a public road?

Ben Partridge stated he was at the meetings about the drive and that the Township fought against them then and wanted the road to be a county road. Mr. Fall did not want it to be a county road.

Russ Fall stated the legal proceedings was for that to be a public/county road. The Board voted for it to never be a public road. After that action the Board should drop it and make it an unplatted subdivision.

Bob Forbes stated we don't have anything in writing that shows us that.

Lisa Stahl stated it would be easy if the Township Board drops the case if it was filed as an unplotted subdivision.

Michael Clinesmith stated that all the Board members were new and did not have the information to make a judgment on the case.

Lisa Stahl stated that attorney David Meyer had the most information on the case.

Ben Partridge mentioned that if the Board doesn't care about the case, but the previous Board wanted it to be a county road.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

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Vassar Township Clerk

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Vassar Township Supervisor