

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes to approve the March 2016 payables, in the amount of \$39,101.00 plus permit a check to be written for NetExpress up to \$266.48 after an explanation of the costs and a check for MTA for training classes up to \$300.00.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Report by Bill Gray filed with the clerk.

Zoning Administrator's Report by Curtis Pennell

When Pennell was asked about ticket fees for violations, he stated he thought they went to the county. The Township is not receiving money for blight violations.

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

Fire Run Report by Michael Clinesmith

Clinesmith stated that he went to Small Claims court on February 23, 2016 and received one judgment in favor of the Township; the other case needs to be renoticed.

Library Report by Onna Clinesmith

There is going to be a concert at the library Sunday, March 20, 2016. The Dykehouse loan was refinanced at a lower rate. The new librarian is techy, so the library is offering the people the opportunity to try Windows 10.

Clerk's Report by Michael Clinesmith, filed with the clerk.

Communications:

Michigan Grant Seminar:

The Township received a letter from Senator Green's office inviting the Township to a Seminar on grants offered through the State of Michigan on April 22, 2016 from 9am to 11am at Brentwood in Caro.

DTE Tree Cutting:

DTE has informed the Township that over the next year it is cutting trees away from power lines in the Township mainly down Rupprecht and Vassar Roads.

Unfinished Business:

Fall – Down Creek Drive Request:

The Township is extending the offer concerning the liened property that if the lien was paid off in the amount of \$7,000 within 45 to 60 days, the lien would be removed. There was a request to have the stipulations in writing, and Clinesmith mentioned that the agreement was listed in the March 11, 2016 minutes. There was discussion about the road, Russ Fall stated his mother did not have the money to pay the taxes and there were comments about the intent on making the road a public road. It was stated that there was money spent to bring the road up to public road grade.

MTA Training Classes:

The Supervisor suggested everyone pick out a class to order them. Clinesmith had a list of the classes.

Policy Meeting:

It was suggested to bring the policy manual to the next meeting for approval.

Annual Agenda:

A possible goal was presented to the Board. It was suggested that time was needed to review it.

New Business:

Mileage Requests:

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes to not require mileage requests to be made in advance for non-controversial requests.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Changes to Township Applications:

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Gray to adhere to the Zoning Administrator's and attorney's recommendations of changes to the Township applications as presented to the Board pending Planning Commission approval.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Parks & Recreation Equipment Approval:

The suggestion of the Board was for the Parks and Recreation committee get the costs for the equipment so they could be put in the payables for discussion and approval.

Russ Fall asked if the Township would be okay with changing to sand base. He also asked for training. Stack suggested having someone qualified review the plans.

Fee Schedule:

An old resolution was presented to the Board. It was suggested to have a prepared resolution ready for the Board to review at the next meeting.

Tire Pickup:

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes to approve the Tuscola County Tire Collection Site Agreement 2016.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting recessed at 8:43pm.

Meeting called to order at 8:45pm.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Gray to set the Tire Collection date for May 14 from 8am to 5pm or until filled and give the Supervisor the option to choose a new date if that date is not available.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

The Supervisor mentioned a message from MMR that residents in the Township as part of the MMR plan will not be charged for ambulance costs above that for the Medicare allowable rate for ambulance transport.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes to set the Township clean-up day for May 21, 2016 and get the dumpsters provided by Republic Services for that.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Orville Hartung Concern:

(Amend) Orville Hartung: For people that don't know me, I'm Orv Hartung. I'm on the Planning Board, and for the last five years I've been a election poll inspector. That requires a class every two years where they tell you everything thing you can do and what you can't do in a polling place. I've prod my kids and grandkids I want to make sure they all get out here and vote. My daughter came to this precinct. This year they got a if you didn't vote absentee if you voted on the spot they got a new small square there that you have to pick up a party or independent, very small print. At the poll, at the ambulance building we explain that to just about everybody that come in. I borrowed my glasses to several people who forgot their glasses. Again, I prod my kids and grandkids to get in and vote. My daughter showed up here. Tom Borcherding handed out the applications. I, at that time says, you know, we have a new spot here. You gotta mark this off. My daughter didn't have her glasses. So she says jokingly, she says where's my dad

when you need him, meaning, you know, if I have been here, she'd have got the glasses. Borcharding pops off, says, "Look," says, "I know who your dad wants you to vote for." Hey, that's a no-no. They tell us that repeatedly in these classes. So, while she's feeling out this marker, he says "By the way," he says, "about six or seven years ago your dad was running for an election at the union. He walked up and he handed me a "vote for me" card," you know the information pamphlet. He says, "I walked right over to the waste basket and threw it in the trash, because your old man hasn't talked to me in over four months, so I wasn't going to vote for him." By this time she got the form filled out. She handed it back to him; he says, "Hey, I knew who you were going to vote for." Now, as far as I'm concerned, if the Board's got the authority, or if it's the clerk, this man should not be allowed to be a poll inspector any more in this Township.

Bob Forbes: I agree to that. I believe a personal apology, or a written apology be made to your daughter. That was not necessary. I offered my glasses to her, but I don't know if she even heard me and when he was making those remarks, I said, I told him to hold it.

Orville Hartung: Well, anybody that knows...

Bob Forbes: And as far as I'm concerned, those kind of things, we don't need to work (unintelligible) our elections

Orville Hartung: Everybody that knows Borcharding knows that he'll shoot his mouth off. He don't care what he says and who he says it to. But this is state, federal election procedures, and they tell you very clearly that you can't do them kind of things.

Bill Gray: Just a question,

Orville Hartung: Yes, sir.

Bill Gray: You just mentioned that the guy who can't read it, he or she, can you read it to them? Or is that against...

Orville Hartung: Yes, but at that time you have to have a Republican and a Democrat.

Bill Gray: Oh, you have to have two people.

Orville Hartung: Yes, that's why the co-chairs of each of these precincts, you have a Republican and a Democrat. If a person needs a explanation of something on the ballot, they ask, you know, they say, "Hey, can you help?" Nancy and I would go over and answer their questions to try to help them out.

Bill Gray: So like, I couldn't read it to them. You would have to be an election worker.

Nancy Zuzula: No, someone in line could have read it to her.

Orville Hartung; That's not the point. He publically embarrassed my daughter in front of, in a polling place.

Bob Forbes: That wasn't the only time either, he made some remarks to Rhonda that were uncalled for, sexual. She had to tell him to quiet down.

Orville Hartung: We're trying to get the young people out here to vote. And they face something like that, that turns them off.

Michael Clinesmith: That's not good, you're right. Elections are supposed to be, you're supposed to be non-partisan. You're not supposed to be influencing people's votes. The State is very concerned about that. That it is supposed to be a place where people are allowed to vote

and you want to make them feel as comfortable as you can because there is a lot of people that are uncomfortable, and you know, and that is something that should not happen. It should not happen.

John Stack: So, did anybody hear this?

Bob Forbes: Yes, I heard it.

John Stack: Ok.

Bob Forbes: And everybody at the table heard it that was here. What's the lady that was running the computer? What's her name? Nancy?

John Stack: So, chairperson was you, why didn't you do something about it, at that moment?

Bob Forbes: You were here then Onna. Did you hear him? Taking a break?

Onna Clinesmith: I appreciate the election workers. And we have to balance Democrats and Republicans. And the training, it's stressed over and over that you keep your mouth and your opinions quiet. And you tell people, if you're election workers, you tell them that. And you get certain people, more than one person that worked that day with me, said things that were inappropriate. Now, I would prefer not to have certain people work. First we had a, one person called in, so he was not scheduled, so he did come in and replace, then we had another one that would only work half a day, so we had to get another person that would only work, finish that shift. And then we had the Board of Review, and I had two people that left early, to go to that meeting, and then came back. So, when we go the training they stress they need new workers. We do need new workers. We need people because it used to be manual, we need things that are, people that are familiar with the computer. If I had my choice, I would prefer to get someone, seniors out of high school, because they are trainable. They understand when you say, "Keep your opinions to yourself," they will do that. And there are certain people that, Republicans and Democrats that express their opinion that I was not happy with. But, they are the team that was here. And that team was approved by the Election Committee, which is Mike, and John and Bob. Those are the people that were approved that were on that list. And that's who I had work. So if we could get new people, you can be as young as I think, 16. They can't do everything because, they're not old enough to do, I can't remember what it is. But you can have younger people there. So if you know someone else, that would be fine. I don't want to say names about certain things I heard, that I tried to quiet and remind people what not to do. And I'm sorry your daughter was offended. I did hear that. I heard other things too. I tried to do the best as chair and co-chair to keep it running smooth and keep the line moving. And I appreciate you bringing that up. And I think that would be a nice discussion where another mature male could perhaps speak to, you know, Tom if that would help. And I apologize to you and your daughter also. But we do need more election workers.

Orville Hartung: I can't help that. I'm addressing this particular issue with this particular individual and I don't think he should be ever approved again as a poll worker in this Township.

Bob Forbes: I won't approve...

Sally Hartung: He knows them. He's worked before.

Onna Clinesmith: Yes, and his personality is what it is. You're right. But that's what, his name was on the list and he was called. So if we can get other people, that would be wonderful. I would highly recommend you go home and ask other people that want to work. See if you can get them here to start at, I got here at 5:45 in the morning and I think I was here 'til 10:30. So, I think, look for some people.

Orville Hartung: I worked the same amount of hours.

Onna Clinesmith: You know, too, because you worked longer and went to Caro.

Orville Hartung: The procedure is fine. I never had any problems whatsoever. We had a couple questions her and I went over and we're going to address them together. With this particular individual, to intimidate and embarrass my daughter in a polling place, is as far as I'm concerned, unforgivable. And my recommendation is that he doesn't get approved again...

Bob Forbes: You got it.

Orville Hartung: to be a poll worker here.

Bob Forbes: I suggested to Mike the next time, because we didn't have equal amounts, we didn't have an equal amount of Republicans and Democrats, that he advertise in the newspaper to get the people to come forward, and we'll talk to them and, they have to be registered voters in order to work this, do they have to be from our Township?

Nancy Zuzula: No, they don't have to be.

John Stack: We approved people that weren't from our Township.

Onna Clinesmith: They don't have to be from our Township, but they do, they can be, have to be different parties, that you speak as far, I can't remember right off hand, because at 16 you can't vote, so I would say no, they do not have to be registered voters, because if you can have a young person that cannot vote, 16, 17, that aren't registered, I would say you don't have to be registered. The importance is balancing your parties.

Bob Forbes: Ok, well, next time we'll be more prepared.

(crosstalk)

Onna Clinesmith: Yes, they get paid, so they get paid, but the same thing, they have to know the computer, that is a hardship I have because there's only, I think I had two people, and myself sometimes three people that could be on the computer, and the rest were there. If I could focus certain people that do talk too much on the computer, then they're not doing the talking, but I cannot. I have to work with what I have.

Bob Forbes: Okay, and I think, I think advertising in the newspaper would fix a lot of these things, we'll probably get a lot of people coming in that want a little part-time job and make a few extra bucks.

Onna Clinesmith: It is county-wide. Jodi said, you were there and Jodi said it's county-wide. They cannot get enough election workers for that day. They cannot. All the townships have a shortage.

John Stack: Why can't we go to government teachers, ask them for some of these students?

Michael Clinesmith: We can, we can do that.

Bob Forbes: We can do a better job than we did. Yes maam?

Sally Hartung: I just wanted to say if that was my daughter, which it was, for her to walk in here again, I would not. I'd say forget about voting. I would not walk in that door with that man again. I'm sorry.

Bob Forbes: Okay.

John Stack: I don't think just Tom, I think the Township should give an apology letter.

Bob Forbes: You can do that.

Rhonda Schultz: I don't.

Orville Hartung: Knowing Borcharding's demeanor, he'd give a damn

Sally Hartung: No, he doesn't care. Nope.

Bob Forbes: Well I'll talk to him about it, but they'll be an apology coming, either from him, or from this Board. And I won't be appointed again. He won't have my vote, and I'm the guy that has to pick him.

Orville Hartung: Okay, thank you.

~~Hartung stated he was on the Planning Commission and an election poll inspector. He mentioned his daughter went to vote at the Township Hall precinct and when she had to pick a party ballot on the voter application that election poll inspector Tom Borcharding told her he knew who her dad wanted her to vote for. Hartung stated that this man should not be an inspector anymore.~~

~~Forbes stated that Hartung should be issued an apology.~~

~~Onna Clinesmith stated that new workers were needed and young workers are trainable. Inspectors are approved by the Election Commission. She was sorry the daughter was offended.~~

~~Forbes suggested advertising for inspectors in the paper, and Stack suggested contacting government teachers.~~

Nancy Zuzula wanted to thank her election workers, and Onna Clinesmith stated she had a good team as well.

Public Comment:

Ben Partridge asked how election workers are approved, if it was per election or over a time period.

Bob Forbes stated per election.

Don Clinesmith mentioned that he came to the Hall Thursday to see the assessor at 11am, and there was a guy in the parking lot that waited from 10am. He left at 11:30am and didn't know she wasn't going to be there. Is there a way a notice would be put up?

Forbes mentioned that she had contacted him, and that he should have put a notice up.

D. Clinesmith stated she doesn't have her phone number available.

John Stack mentioned that Forbes gives her number out.

Partridge wanted to take an opportunity to revisit the fire run ordinance. The Ambulance no longer collects for runs, and neither does police protection. Maybe it is time to reconsider it or do away with it.

D. Clinesmith stated that the Board could set a date in the future to no longer collect for fire runs and that the purpose of the fire run fee was to encourage people to not cause fires.

There were a few more comments regarding the fire runs.

Rhonda Schultz stated that Tom Borcharding did not bother her, she was not part of the equation involving Hartung.

Michael Clinesmith asked about the Resolution 04-2016 which was offered at the last meeting. The Board did not show interest in reviewing it.

Onna Clinesmith stated she was glad the Board was looking at safety in the park. She wanted to know the safety of the Harper House and when it would be demolished. We have a blight ordinance concerning it.

Forbes stated when the new one is built.

O. Clinesmith asked why the Township is concerned about blight.

M. Clinesmith asked what the holdup was on the house.

Forbes stated that they couldn't get anyone to do a foundation.

Russ Fall mentioned that there was a boy living there, what are his capabilities? He's living in a condemned house.

Loretta Fall asked how somebody could live in a condemned house. How come you are worried about blight but aren't worried about someone living in a condemned house?

Linda Stahl stated that the Tuscola County Homeless Coalition has offices to take these individuals in to help with housing and find jobs.

Forbes thanked her for the information.

Stack mentioned that Fred Welsh had talked about how bad the house was for the community.

There were more comments about the Harper House.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 9:38pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor