

823-3541

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:

Orville Hartung expressed concerns about his comments in the minutes not being complete, and wanted an apology from the election worker.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to approve the March 15, 2016 regular meeting minutes as corrected.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report by John Stack:

Treasurer's Report presented and filed with the clerk.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to approve the April 2016 payables, in the amount of \$35,817.16.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

The Trustee's, Zoning Administrator's, Assessor's, Fire Run, Library and Clerk's reports were to be filed with the clerk.

Communications:

Air Advantage:

The Township received an email from Scott Zimmer, President of Air Advantage discussing recent news stories regarding the Rural Utilities Service filing a lawsuit against the business regarding its loans. He stated that Air Advantage has no intention of closing its doors or changing its operations in any way.

Parks and Recreation Recommendation:

The Township received a letter of intent from Janice Zawol stating she was applying to be the Vassar City Parks and Recreation Liaison for Vassar Township. The Township also received a letter from the Vassar Township Recreation Committee supporting Janice Zawol's application.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Clinesmith to appoint Janice Zawol to a four year term ending June 2020 to the Vassar City Parks and Recreation Commission.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Forbes mentioned that Cory Jacobs is the Township's new deputy.

Smart Meters:

Residents in the Township are getting mailed letters from DTE that they are installing smart meters in the Township. In September 2013 the Township passed a resolution in support of residents having a choice in keeping their current meters at no charge. John Stack contacted John (Amend) Hill Hall of DTE in regard to the matter.

has not called the zoning administrator back. There was a suggestion to contact other townships to see what attorneys they use. A decision will be postponed until the next meeting.

Public Comment:

Russ Fall suggested the Board entertain thoughts about wind farms, with the wind farms northeast of Caro popping up. Vassar Township may have concerns here.

Bob Forbes stated he was told to hold onto them as hard as you can, as they have paved many local roads.

Fred Welsh mentioned that the map of wind power has many of the areas involved close to the Bay.

Don Clinesmith mentioned that David Meyer and Smith-Boville got the Township involved with the Fall situation and he suggested to stay away from that. He suggested the Township not worry about wind power coming to the area, because the larger population in the Township would make it difficult for the companies to do so.

Onna Clinesmith assured the Board that they are entitled to the \$500 fire run fees as they have been mentioned in notices and listed in ordinances. The Township's fire contract is \$43,000 with the Township collecting the fees, but the Ambulance Base charges \$34,000 but it collects fees, sending bills for \$700 to \$800 dollars.

Forbes stated in the past the ambulance partially paid the cost of the ambulance runs, but now they only charge what the insurance pays, and if you have no insurance, you only have to pay what Medicare pays.

O. Clinesmith stated the three Board members from General Motors know you need to investigate and not accept hearsay. The Township has not received a direct complaint about the inspector from the one who had the issue. She suggested having the sheriff's deputy investigate the matter.

Sally Hartung asked what GM had to do with the issue.

John Stack suggested the GM reference be removed from the record.

O. Clinesmith asked if the Board has seen anything about the election worker complaint.

Orville Hartung stated that this is the second election in a row that this has happened.

D. Clinesmith mentioned that the matter needs to be handled carefully. The Township is being put at risk and it doesn't want to go down that road.

Ben Partridge asked why with most of the appointments being done in October, why was the current one for June. He mentioned that with the gravel contract, he thought the Township was going to be left with gravel at the pit.

Forbes stated the Township was left with 300 tons, but it is not enough to do the roads. It costs \$3/ton to run over the scales.

Partridge mentioned about the fire runs, that it was stated by the Board that the attorney said the fees were not legal.

Michael Clinesmith said that the attorney said to put the fee in the fee schedule, but that he was not acknowledging the magistrate's suggestion that the fees were not legal.

Fall mentioned that the gravel costs more getting it from the other pit.

Sue Esterline mentioned that the Township stated it was unlocking Wi-Fi for its residents, but it isn't ready yet.

Nancy Zuzula stated that the Township is waiting on the attorney for a disclaimer.

John Stack also mentioned the need to buy a router.

Welsh mentioned that these details should be in the minutes; that these things are out there.

Forbes asked if the router could be gotten from Radio Shack.

Stack stated a special router was needed.

Welsh mentioned the Township now has Smart 911. Given the concern for smart meters, there could be concern for Smart 911 as well.

Cory Jacobs stated he has signed up for it and it helps the Fire Department. He described some of the details regarding Smart 911.

O. Clinesmith asked if the Township was going to have the deputy investigate the election complaint. Who is going to investigate it? An election worker cannot tell someone how to vote.

O. Hartung said Bob Forbes says he shouldn't have talked like that; he is another worker.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to adjourn.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor