

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

The Supervisor thanked David Phillips and Bob Reil for help with Township cleanup day. The Clerk mentioned that Fred Welsh, Donald Clinesmith and Michael Clinesmith helped with Park cleanup.

Minutes:

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to approve the May 10, 2016 regular meeting minutes as written.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Tester, seconded by Stack to approve the May 25, 2016 budget workshop minutes as corrected.

Vote 4-0, with Gray abstaining. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to approve the June 3, 2016 budget workshop minutes as written.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report by John Stack:

Treasurer's Report presented and filed with the clerk.

Stack mentioned that a property was being charged for garbage even though there was no dwelling on the property. When the property owner requested a garbage can, he was denied.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Stack to reimburse Jeffery and Shannon Jones \$452.98 on parcel 020-024-000-0100-02 for garbage assessment for tax years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2015 since there is no livable dwelling on the property.

Motion and second were withdrawn so that more investigation could be done with the property. There were also questions about how many years back to reimburse.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to hold the \$40 from the library board checks for the 2014 meeting for more investigation; void checks 18037 and 18038 and reissue with pay for \$80 minus taxes.

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes to approve the June 2016 payables, adding a check for \$2500 for Colosky and Sons to be paid upon completion of work, and reissuing checks 18037 and 18038 in the amount of approximately \$34,000.00.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee's Report given by Bill Gray and filed with the Clerk.

There was mention of the delay in getting the router for public internet access. Fred offered to investigate and work with John Stack on getting the information.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Forbes that Fred Welsh be authorized to purchase a router for the internet for use for the public and that he be reimbursed for his costs at the next budget meeting on June 21.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

The Zoning Administrator's Report was by Curtis Pennell and was filed with the Clerk.

The Assessor's Report was by Debby Valentine, read by Forbes and was filed with the Clerk.

The Fire Run Report was by Nancy Zuzula and filed with the Clerk.

Communications:

Tuscola County Road Commission:

RESOLUTION 17-2015: Roadwork on James Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees approves and signs the Township agreement with the Tuscola County Road Commission for roadwork on James Street in the amount of \$13,140.00 using the language provided.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that a check be authorized to the Tuscola County Road Commission for \$6,570.00, one-half the estimated cost.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Michael Clinesmith and supported by Board Member Bob Forbes.

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

“Nay” (0): None

The Clerk declared the resolution adopted.

This resolution will make payables about \$40,500.

Forbes read the letter from the Road Commission regarding its fixed object removal grant request, that the Road Commission wants to include a notice in the Township's tax bills. This would only affect people on Ormes Road in the Township, and it was noted that the County already prepares the summer tax bills.

Old Business:

Smart Meter Resolution:

The Supervisor requested a copy of the Smart Meter Resolution. The Clerk made a copy and gave it to him.

New Business to come properly to the body:

Beth Ann Fall:

Beth Ann Fall requested to be the representative for Vassar Township on the Vassar City Parks and Recreation Commission. Fall requested to speak at the meeting. She said that she represented Vassar Township residents for 24 years. She stated there has been unethical dealings in Vassar Township, that Michael Clinesmith and Russ Fall were usurping proper protocol with lies and fabricated information. Her term expires in June 2016. Michael Clinesmith

took it upon himself to inform the Recreation Committee of that fact in March 2016. They took it upon themselves at the meeting through a motion made by his mother and seconded by his father to appoint Janice Zawol. It was prefabricated because Clinesmith is good at narrating his minutes and there were no discussions about it in the minutes, just the motion. A letter was then signed by Russ Fall and given to the Board on April 12. It was apparently questioned if she was still interested and both Michael Clinesmith and Russ Fall told the Board she was not. The motion by Bob Forbes to appoint Janice Zawol in no way followed correct procedure because she was not contacted that her term was about to expire and this was done four months prior. She was never contacted by Michael even though he informed everyone else and led other people to believe she had resigned her position. She wasn't informed in March or April or May and wasn't asked if she wanted to be reappointed to the position which is the clerk's protocol. That is the clerk's job and responsibility. Michael Clinesmith purposely failed to do his job by not contacting her. This is dirty politics. When Michael Clinesmith was asked why I wasn't contacted he said, "Well, I haven't seen you around in a while." We are in the age of communication, he has my address and cell phone number my email address, in the past he has had no problem contacting me. Michael has been present at several Vassar City Parks and Recreation Commission meetings and has asked questions or offered information regarding the Township. Apparently he doesn't understand what he needs to do is contact me as the liaison and ask me the questions to take to the city, but instead he chooses to appear which makes the Township look unprofessional and disorganized. I'm sure he includes that on his list of duties he does during the month. Later I get asked why Michael chooses to come and doesn't filter information through me. It is embarrassing to the Township that we don't follow our own set protocols. He's not doing his job as both clerk and secretary of the Township Parks and Recreation committee by providing me the information to take to the city. But he is always commenting how busy he is and how he needs a deputy clerk to help him all the time. Anyone is welcome to come to the Vassar City Parks and Recreation Committee meetings and we welcome it, but don't come to the meeting then cry you don't get your work done. Michael has communication problems. The City of Vassar regularly faxes or emails the monthly minutes directly to the Township each month. Michael does not communicate when it happens or doesn't happen. We have to hand-deliver him the minutes when I do find out. Never once did he communicate with me that the minutes were missing. There were a lot of comments from the public and Board regarding this issue. He usurps his rights and goes right to the City Hall. When Michael attends the meetings which he does on many occasions and gets the paperwork for the meeting, he doesn't pay off of them. He puts them in a file and expects me to furnish him another copy to get paid. This has happened numerous times. March 23 he had Janice recommended at the Parks and Recreation committee meeting. April 12 he got a motion by the Board to recommend Janice to the City of Vassar. May 4 he sent the letter to the City of Vassar Manager informing him of the Township of Vassar's recommendation and on May 17 he showed up at the Vassar City Parks and Rec meeting informing the committee of Janice Zawol's appointment. This is when I found out my term was about to expire, not knowing all this had happened over the last three months. On June 8, the date of the last City Parks and Recreation meeting, Michael actually called the City Manager Brian Chapman to see if the City had approved because the protocol is the Township makes the Recommendation and the City approves the candidate, which the City has not done because they are waiting to see all this get resolved, because they have been unhappy about the representation, confusion. And apparently even though Michael called the City Manager on the date of our meeting June 8, and Janice was not yet approved, he told Janice and she showed up and said that she was the new member, and it is extremely unprofessional and embarrassing to the Township. Michael has been paid more money than any other clerk in Vassar Township history, but he spends his time and energy doing unethical back door politics instead of doing the clerk's job. He's spent a large amount of time on this one issue, making phone calls and typing up letters. I've submitted my formal letter to Bob Forbes as I usually do in June requesting to be the Parks and Recreation representative. I'm requesting that supervisor Bob Forbes rescind his motion he made at the April 12 meeting appointing Janice Zawol on the Parks and Recreation Commission due to the fact that proper procedure was not followed as well as gross misrepresentation and facts that were presented to the Board. Janice serves us diligently on the Planning Commission as well as on the Vassar Township Parks and Recreation Committee as

well as Cass River Greenway and she has her hands full with all of that. My sole focus is only on representing Vassar Township on the Vassar City Parks and Recreation. I am also requesting another motion to reappoint me to Vassar City Parks and Recreation. Keep in mind the position is not filled until the Vassar City Council meeting which takes place on June 20.

There was discussion by the Board

Meeting recessed at 8:57pm.
Meeting called to order at 9:01pm.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to rescind the motion made at this Board in April on the appointment of Janice Zawol and to discuss at the July meeting.
Vote 4-1. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Donald Clinesmith stated he was disappointed with the Board, the appointment came through the Boards. These people were slapped. You're going to ask our opinion and he was not going to recommend that person that was holding the job for all those years. She could still belong to that board. Nobody is going to win on this.

Michael Clinesmith said there were things for new business. He recommended approval of the contract with Avast Image Maker for maintaining the web site for the next year.

Fred Welsh said the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation minutes are not on the web site. He would like to get that set up.

John Stack asked which person should be contacting the web designer, Clinesmith or Welsh. The procedure was that things were brought to Clinesmith which are then brought to Drew (of Avant).

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Stack to approve the contract with Avant Image Makers LLC for \$250 and to authorize a check to be included with payables for web site maintenance and operation from June 17, 2016 to June 16, 2017.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Michael Clinesmith said there are some things recreation related in the meeting packet. There were some items that should be looked over for the next month's agenda. The Planning Commission recommended a draft of the policy manual. They made a recommendation to the Board that the Board follow Act 156 of 1917. The Attorney wrote up a resolution establishing a Township Recreation Board to give more formality to the Board the Township has now. The Board should look at it and possibly approve it at the next meeting. There was a bid from R & R Excavating. There was an email from Glen Skrent regarding a speed trailer. The Township was contacted by Steve Erickson; a business has moved into the Township and would like the Township to establish a Township Rehabilitation District. There was no place on the agenda for a clerk report, but it is important to remember that an election is coming up on August 2. We sent out requests to different school districts regarding election inspectors and published a notice in the paper. We haven't gotten any response from that. The Deputy Clerk has contacted some people so we are working on setting up an Election Commission meeting now. An election inspector training is going to be held at the hall on July 20. The Recreation Committee has been doing a lot of positive things for the Township; there were a lot of things said today. The Recreation Committee has done a lot of positive things including the development of a park and a park plan. A lot of things have changed over the years. A lot of people have given freely of their time for the development of that. There is a sign that was designed by Randy Buchinger that is out in the doorway. We should appreciate the work the Recreation Committee has done.

Ben Partridge asked about asking a resident to order a router, and how the Board does it for other supplies, as an example, ordering paper clips.

Nancy Zuzula mentioned an account on Staples is used to order supplies.

Ben Partridge and John Stack made a number of comments [check video]

Onna Clinesmith stated the City of Vassar Parks and Recreation Commission do not pay their members and would hope the Board representatives would come to the Vassar Township Parks and Recreation meetings and go to the City ones and hopes it is not about the money. She hopes that the representative would attend the City and Township meetings and know what the plan is for the Township Park and that is why we recommended Janice because she knows our plan. She hopes the Board would consider that too. Ask them if they know what is going on in Vassar Township.

Janice Zawol asked when the Supervisor wanted the letter in.

Bob Forbes stated next Tuesday.

Grace Proffer mentioned since we have a park, could we have a copy of information to tell people about the park on election day?

John Stack stated there was a screen in the hall which could display a slide show about the park.

Loretta Fall mentioned that there is going to be a sign at the corner and at the entrance to the park.

Don Clinesmith asked anyone who wanted to see the sign that he would show it to people after the meeting.

There was discussion about turning in letters for the appointment to the Supervisor. The Supervisor said to turn another letter in.

Motion by Tester, 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