

823-3541

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

Roll Call:

Present: John Stack, Michael Clinesmith, Bob Forbes, Sam Tester, Bill Gray

Absent: None

Clinesmith mentioned *(amend) Clinesmith* he had talked with the attorney who said the previous motion on the June 21, 2016 minutes was not the way motions about minutes should be made, but *(amend) Clinesmith* he put what *(amend) Clinesmith* he thought the board wanted in the minutes about the deal. There was discussion about the deal and how it was in the minutes. Janice Zawol stated *(amend) Zawol* she was not yet getting emails and requested to be on the City of Vassar's email list.

Motion by Stack, seconded by Tester to approve the June 21, 2016 special meeting minutes as corrected.

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

Stack asked about minutes showing where *(amend) the minutes* they came from, such as notes, video camera, tape recorder. Clinesmith stated *(amend) Clinesmith* he was not aware of hearing anything about that; *(amend) Clinesmith* he has heard that they would have to be kept until the minutes are approved. Forbes asked about the tree cutting, and Kendall Woodruff stated *(amend) Woodruff* he believed *(amend) Kerkau's Tree Service* they were close, past Brown. Tom Borcharding stated *(amend) Kerkau's Tree Service* they were past the potato farm.

There was discussion about Stack's comment about "Agravailli" and how to correct *(amend) the comment* it. Ben Partridge questioned the taking of minutes. Clinesmith explained how *(amend) Clinesmith* he takes the minutes.

Motion by Tester, seconded by Forbes to approve the July 12, 2016 regular meeting minutes as corrected.

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

Reports:

Treasurer's Report by John Stack:

There was discussion about needing to modify some of the checks with Barb Walker's check needing to be corrected and Robert Forbes wanting to get paid for the ambulance base meeting, Heidi Sowa wanting *(amend) Sowa's* her partial payment after withholding, and additional taxes.

Forbes stated *(amend) Forbes* he put the ambulance minutes in the clerk's box on July 27 and the clerk could not find *(amend) the minutes*-it. Forbes He asked why the clerk couldn't contact ambulance like *(amend) Clinesmith* he contacted the library. Clinesmith asked how *(amend) Forbes* he could remember the date *(amend) Forbes* he put the ambulance minutes in his box but skipped of the last two meetings and didn't approve the minutes. *(amend) Forbes* He didn't know if things got turned in and disappeared like *(amend) things* they did in the past.

Rachel Hunt requested to get paid for training. After some discussion, Clinesmith asked *(amend) Hunt* her to fill out a time sheet since one was not turned in.

Clinesmith made a motion to approved the payables.
Motion withdrawn.

There was discussion about calculating the payable figure number. Clinesmith went to the clerk's office to get Sowa's time sheet.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to approve the August 2016 payables with the extra checks for a total of \$27,082.71.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

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

Zoning Administrator Report by Curtis Pennell is filed with the clerk.

No Assessor's Report received.

No Fire Run Report received.

Library Report by Tom Borcharding

Borcharding mentioned adult coloring every Tuesday, the summer reading program starting August 13, a movie shown August 23 called "Paper Tigers". The Friends of the Library is looking for volunteers and meets the fourth Tuesday of the month. *(amend) Borcharding* He discussed the "Little House on the Prairie" homestead presentation on August 16 and mentioned that August 31 is grandparent's night.

Clerk Report by Michael Clinesmith and filed with the clerk.

Guest:

Mark Coleman:

Mark Coleman stated *(amend) Coleman* he and *Coleman's* his wife felt intimidated by a candidate running for office who came to *(amend) Coleman's* his door and asked for *(amend) Coleman's* his vote and asked if *(amend) Coleman* he could put a sign in *(amend) Coleman* his yard; *(amend) Coleman* he didn't like feeling pressured. On election day, *(amend) Coleman* he didn't trust the mail system, and the candidate's family was in front of the door *(amend) at the Township Hall* and opened the door *(amend) at the Township Hall* for *(amend) (Coleman)* him. The candidate showed up at *(amend) Coleman's* his door *(amend) at home* and wanted to know where *(amend) Coleman* his ballot was *(amend) Coleman* He said *the ballots* it was taken care of. *(amend) Coleman* He wanted *Coleman's* his comments in the minutes.

Tom Borcharding wanted to bring up another example of intimidating voters. *(amend) Borcharding* He passed around pictures to the Board of one of *(amend) Borcharding's* his signs displayed with a painted red circle with a line through it. Orville said *(amend) Orville* he was cleaning out *(amend) Orville's* his ditch, and came across the sign and considered it a piece of trash, so *(amend) Orville* he recycled it. *(amend) The sign* it was on *(amend) Orville's* his property and someone trespassed in *(amend) Orville's* his yard and picked *(amend) the sign* it up. Don Clinesmith said *(amend) Don Clinesmith* he did *picked up the sign* it. Don Clinesmith stated there were hard feeling between Tom and Orville and not long ago Orville tried to get Tom removed as an election inspector. *(amend) Don Clinesmith* He is sorry this has happened to the Township. Orville said *(amend) this* it started with voter intimidation months ago. Tom said *(amend) Borcharding* he already wrote a letter of apology.

Communications:

Visitor Wi-Fi:

Nancy Zuzula stated the Wi-Fi was now available around the hall. Fred stated the idea was to make *(amend) Wi-Fi* it available to the public and described *(amend) the Wi-Fi* it. *The Wi-Fi* it reaches almost to the park.

New Business:

Bullard Sanford Memorial Library Agreement:

A copy of the Agreement was in the meeting packet along with a letter from the attorney explaining the terms of the representatives. Forbes said *(amend) Forbes* he asked to see the agreement; *(amend) Forbes* he wanted to know why there were two representatives.

Thumb Office Supplies (Secretary ordering):

Motion by Forbes to allow the secretary to order supplies from Thumb Office Supply. Motion did not receive support.

Forbes stated that things needed to be set up with Thumb Office Supplies so the secretary could order supplies. Stack said things were already set up, *(amend) Thumb Office Supply*-it would just need to be contacted. Forbes read the list of duties for the secretary in the packet.

Clinesmith mentioned there was nothing in the duties about working with the Clerk. The Board appointed the secretary to work through the November election, but nothing the secretary did was any help for the clerk during the election, rather with no assigned duties, *(amend) The secretary* she was doing what the Supervisor wanted like the agenda and coffee, but there was a bill for \$40 from the State of Michigan which *(amend) Clinesmith* he gave to the Treasurer who gave *(amend) the bill* it back to *(amend) Clinesmith* him. Stack said *(amend) the statement* it was false. *(amend) Stack* He called and was three hours on the phone and told *(amend) The State of Michigan* them to contact the Treasurer and Clerk and asked if *(amend) The State of Michigan* they called back. Clinesmith said *(amend) Clinesmith* he didn't think so. Stack said then *(amend) Stack* he took care of *(amend) the bill*-it over that.

Clinesmith said "It came back to his office, I gave it to the Supervisor saying we just hired a new secretary. A couple days later the Supervisor put a letter in my box saying it is your job and no one else can do it because it is related to payables. So I had my new deputy call who got another number so another day I called and was able to find out that the State did not receive the coupon so it made up some numbers. So I was told to fill out a form and send a copy of the check stub. Then the Treasurer filled out the form. Now the Township owes nothing. But someone should be able to follow up on issues like these without putting it all on the Clerk."

Forbes said "I'm going to explain the issue to you. I have no way of getting into your office to see if the bill was paid or not and how could I file a rebuttal."

Clinesmith said, "Someone just needed to call to find out what it was about."

Dan Zuzula said "If the Deputy Clerk did not do the fire run report and didn't follow up on the bill, what are you doing?"

There was crosstalk between the Zuzula family and the Clerk about doing the job.

Autumn Masker asked "Is it public comment because the Clerk was being disrespected as he was asked what his duties were and was not being allowed to talk. The Clerk has duties and the secretary has duties and he is trying to get the Board to understand that. Don't pass your duties off on other people. He understands that and the secretary needs to understand that and the Supervisor needs to understand that."

Forbes said "It wasn't somebody else's job, he is the one who writes the checks."

Masker said "He writes checks but he was doing the election."

Clinesmith said "If they want to talk about duties, I was here four hours today and six hours yesterday, while the Supervisor talked with Jerry Dutcher for an hour, he talked with Orville Hartung, so I told him he shouldn't be campaigning here, he was upset."

Bill Gray asked if (*amend*) Forbes he went outside, the Clerk said yes.

Orville Hartung said "I was having a personal conversation, the election was over. I asked to speak to the Supervisor outside."

Bill Gray asked "What was wrong with that; anyone can ask to speak in private. What was the probable cause was for you to go outside to ask?"

Forbes said "I told him it was a private conversation and told him to go back inside and he said don't be talking politics out here."

Coleman said "He was talking politics in his yard until he was about to call the cops."

Gray asked again "What made you go and ask what they were talking about?"

Clinesmith asked if (*amend*) Clinesmith he was going to be given time to respond. He said "I am a little concerned with how things are going in the Township. I showed up at the hall about 12:15 and saw Nancy Zuzula, Bob Forbes and Orville Hartung passing out Nancy Zuzula signs. They were doing that outside the hall not expecting me to show up at that time. That was before the election. I have heard from people that there was a lot of gabbing going on, trying to get people out of office. I am concerned with how the secretary position was done, with her listening to what the Supervisor was saying. And now I see signs being passed out at a time when Bob says he is going to be working. And when I come in working, I see Bob talking to his friends. But with this meeting with a secretary, the agenda was not ready until today; we didn't have information in the meeting packets."

Stack asked "How could you say that when you I had to wait until 4 o'clock until I got the payables so I could do my report?"

Clinesmith said "Yes so I spent 12 hours working on the payables. You're right it was late, there were a lot of details, there were election workers, there were new hirings."

Stack said "I'm not questioning that, your question was when the agenda was put in."

Clinesmith said "If you have someone spending time doing work, and there is someone not working and passing work over to the secretary, the few things he does..."

Stack said "You can't say secretary, you say Deputy Supervisor; you disagreed with paying Deputy Supervisor wages in the payables."

Clinesmith said "She is Deputy Supervisor and secretary, so how do you know which one to take it out of?"

Stack said "with my understanding this was only supposed to be from 9 to 12. But now looking at the motion, I see nothing in there about time."

Gray asked again "When he came in and asked to speak in private, what told you to go outside?"

Clinesmith said "They did not tell me they were going out to speak in private. I was in my office working."

Gray said, "If I came in and request to talk to John am I supposed come into your office and tell you I am going outside to speak to John in private? I am respectfully was asking again what told you to go outside when he asked to speak to the Supervisor in private? Anybody can come in

and ask to speak to the Supervisor, Clerk, Curtis, Debby Valentine. They can ask to talk in private without giving an explanation, in my opinion.”

Forbes said “if I have people coming in talking to me, whether they are friends or residents, my Clerk says I can’t talk to them.”

Gray said “If I heard you right, that you can’t talk politics, how did you know what they were talking about? Under our government, aren’t you innocent until proven guilty? So if they are talking politics, let’s see the documentation. Were they talking politics or not? I’m asking you Mike, respectfully.”

Clinesmith said, “I think you’re asking me a question I can’t answer.”

Gray said, “Then why did you make the remark?”

Clinesmith said, “If I look and see there are all these signs plastered all over...”

Gray stated, “What does that have to do with anything?”

Clinesmith said, “If this is what you are doing on the Township time and not working and calling people asking where you can put signs...”

Gray asked, “Do you know how many signs I’ve picked up; I pick up signs from Saginaw County even. I guess I don’t understand and am back to my original question, what compelled you to go outside?”

Clinesmith said “It doesn’t matter the question, you’re asking the question...”

A person in the audience stated that “Your Trustee asked you the question, that’s the Trustee.”

Clinesmith stated “I already answered the question, if you don’t like the answer, so be it.”

Forbes asked “What was the answer, I didn’t hear it.”

Clinesmith said “Because you don’t want to hear it. We know how the politics is going, who is supporting who. But if we want to do what is right for the Township, who is spending time for the Township. I spent 12 hours or so. That is time it takes for me, I’m not sitting down just talking around. People know that, I was doing payables. When I got on the Board, I had to do three years of tax returns. There was a redistricting. I have to do employee records. Nancy Zuzula knows some of this stuff because she was in the office. She is staying quiet now because she ran for office. But people know the things I’ve been doing at the Township.”

Forbes stated “Answer the man’s question then then let’s move on. You going to answer it?”

Clinesmith stated, “I already answered it. Apparently there has been some campaigning going on and you’re going to deny it, so...”

Hartung stated “This conversation was going on Thursday, the election was on Tuesday, so I don’t see where politics would even think about entering into it.”

Forbes stated “It was Friday we talked.”

Gray said, “All I can say is that you have to have probable cause...”

Jerry Dutcher said, “You brought me up in this conversation and I’ve never visited with Bob that if he didn’t have business, I was all done with this conversation. And when someone comes in to

get information, he directed them to where they should have been. He was here when someone had a question about voting and he got it. He got on the phone and talked to people about the cutting.”

Gray stated, “And also I can tell you since I got on the Board after the meeting, out in the parking lot we’ve gone out and talked, and I’ve had two people out there ask me they would like to speak in private, so I excused myself.”

Forbes said, “That is a gentleman thing to do. I don’t understand why you went out in the first place. You had no reason to believe, in my opinion.”

Russ Fall stated, “He thought the audience, the public, the people on the Board serves deserve a spirit of cooperation between all five Board members. I’m not trying to belittle anyone. I think the public would like to see personal differences, politics all that set aside, and this is a meeting that is being conducted, we are not in public comment, I think end the conversation and we would like to see a spirit of cooperation with all the Board members.”

Forbes said “Thank you.”

Planning Commission Appointment:

Kime has missed many meetings and was sent a letter about being in violation of the bylaws. (*amend*) Kime He was requested to send in a letter of resignation.

Forbes stated, “When put on the minutes, Mike says you can’t do that. You have to have a letter of resignation. We tried to get one.”

Clinesmith said “That isn’t all that I said.”

Forbes stated, “It we can’t get a letter of resignation, we just have to move on. We have a seven man board with only six people functioning on it. We have to do something here. And when you made all these statements and dropped all this on my desk, here’s the policy on this, it seems we have a dual standard on the policy. You have yours and the Board has another. And that is why I asked the Board to look at the month of July when you took Beth Ann Fall out of office in March, her term didn’t expire until January, until July and she never had a letter that she wanted to resign, she didn’t even know what she’s done. The next thing she finds out is that you were taking her out and put somebody else on. And you could have gotten us into a lawsuit.”

Clinesmith said, “Okay, now you’re just not doing Township Business, You’re not caring about the Township Bob, you’re just saying that because you have some agenda.”

Forbes said, “When you threw that book down in there in front of me and told me about the Township policy, I started reading the Township policy and I have a problem with a lot of things here. Putting false remarks on Facebook, like Bob Reil came in here and gave me a \$5,000 bid to cut the grass and I upped it to 550, that’s not true.”

Stack asked, “Our Township Facebook?”

Forbes said “Yes.”

Stack asked again, “Our Township Facebook?”

Forbes said, “Yeah, Vassar Township, I don’t know, but anyway it just makes things look bad. And then after doing that, going to the City of Vassar and trying to reverse the Board decision to have Beth Ann Fall be the Park, have Beth Ann Fall out of the Parks and Rec and have Janice Zawol be put in, after I had set down with the two of them and worked out the problems that was created by you guys, where those guys could work together. When you went to that meeting you

belittled Beth, defamed her character, and made the Township look bad and put the Township in jeopardy of a lawsuit.”

Clinesmith asked, “You mean, I put in the minutes what she had said?”

Forbes stated, “Okay, and another thing here, your mom going over the head of the Board of Review, talking to the assessor and saying for her to rescind the application of Vietnam veteran (*Amend*) *Marjorie Margerie* Harper and make her pay back all the taxes she was reduced.”

Stack said “Mike did that?”

Clinesmith asked, “Is that the person who didn’t sign the form but you signed it? They didn’t even sign the form saying they were doing it?”

Forbes asked, “Pardon me? What was that?”

Clinesmith said, “She didn’t even sign the form; you signed the form. You said it’s a hardship case. She didn’t sign the form. You signed the form. And now you’re doing a hardship...she hasn’t even said she lives there.

Forbes said, “That was the Board of Review; yes she lived there when she did this.”

Clinesmith said, “It said on the page in 2015 that she was not living in the house, she is temporarily not living there because of the condition of the house.”

Forbes said, “She moved in with John, John had an apartment at that time; she stayed there off and on, going back and forth, she stays there one day...”

Onna Clinesmith asked, “What does this have to do with Russ Kime? Please, Russ Kime?”

Forbes said, “That’s because of a dual standard, he said I cannot take him off if he doesn’t have a letter to resign. But Beth Ann Fall had a letter to resign.”

Onna Clinesmith said, “Do what you’re going to do Bob, just do what you’re going to do. You’re great, just do it.”

Forbes said, “I read through the book, and what I’m going to say right now, I want you and Mike off the Recreation Board, and off the uh, um.”

Stack said “We don’t have a board, they are volunteers.”

Forbes said, “Well whatever it is, you have a conflict of interest, you have three people of the same family on the board, you got control of the votes, so I want two of you off, and off of the Library Board because of this. Now, I will give you the same respect that Bill did for Russ who said we’re not going to make you come off, we’re going to give you safe haven to resign. I’m going to give you until next month to give me a letter of resignation...”

Don Clinesmith said, “Who is ‘we’ Bob? I didn’t see the Board vote on anything. We’re gonna, we’re gonna, we’re gonna. Take a vote.”

Forbes said, “Okay, I’ll make a motion that the.”

Don Clinesmith said, “The what? You were talking about one thing, now you’re talking about something else.”

Forbes said, “You wanted me to make a motion to see what the Board thinks.”

Michael Clinesmith said, "I think we need to see that this is what this guy does when he doesn't get his way."

Bill Gray said, "Hold up, before we get to carried away, Russ back there was right. Let's get..."

Russ Fall said, "We've further escalated, that's what I was trying to get away from. This is not a spirit of cooperation."

Forbes said, "No, this is ... cooperation. There's things that..."

Russ Fall stated, "But Bob, you're wrong and what you on planning commission appointment, on bringing up what you just did. That is dead wrong."

Forbes said, "The reason I've said that is because there has been a double standard."

Russ Fall said, "I'm sorry, but that should be something separate."

Forbes said, "With Russ Kime, with all respect for Bill, Bill went over there asking for a letter; he didn't do it but he said he would write one and mail it. Okay?"

Bill Gray asked, "Chairman Woodruff, could we put Russ Kime on hold for another 30 days?"

Woodruff stated, "I talked with the attorney this morning; what needs to happen; yeah we can put a hold on that as long as we want, or as long as feasible. We do need seven people to operate correctly, but if we have to wait a little bit longer, it's not going to kill us. For the good of the community, and the good of the cause, we have to do what we are willing to do."

Gray said, "Bob, I do think the Planning Commission is sorry to lose Russ Kime, and they don't want to make anybody look bad., I think we can agree on that, right?"

Forbes said "Yeah, I respect you for what you did before."

Gray said, "So, trying to get some unity back, I suggest we wait until September. You, Kendall and I will try to get down on, come down on Russ a little bit..."

Woodruff said, "We did find out from the attorney that we can accept an email resignation." Now there are planning commission members that are here, Orv, Don, Fred, Janice, you have any problem with that? " There were No's from the audience.

Gray continued, "And I want to add we didn't discuss this either, this is just from one minutes ago, okay great."

Clinesmith said, "I wanted to add something, not attacking anyone, just explaining what I had told the Supervisor that if you want to replace someone, if we have this one person not doing... we either have to get a letter of resignation, or the other part is that you have to follow what the Planning Commission Ordinance says, it has a procedure for removing someone. So that is what I had said. We either get a letter of resignation, or follow the ordinance."

Woodruff said, "We have followed the ordinance, we've given him a written warning..."

Clinesmith said, "So you have to schedule a public hearing."

Woodruff continued "A copy of bylaws, we have the documentation of the bylaws that we followed, we gave him a warning letter (inaudible), and a written letter of warning. He received his warning. The next step is..."

Clinesmith said, "Well, we have to schedule a public hearing to do it. Because we have to schedule a public hearing for them."

Woodruff said, "Right, if we don't get a resignation we have to schedule a public hearing then he can be dismissed for misfeasance. Yeah, we're following the bylaws."

Forbes said, "Thank you."

Tom Borcharding said, "Bob, Mrs. Clinesmith's term on the Library Board goes to 19, mine goes to 17. If after that time, July of 17 and July of 19 if somebody wants to take either one of our jobs, they're welcome."

Forbes said, "Okay. I'm going to move on, I've said what I wanted to say."

Stack said, "Kendall said something though, the Planning Commission doesn't have to have 7 members. There was crosstalk about the Planning Commission having 7 or 5 members."

Unfinished Business:

Secretary keys to inner office:

The Supervisor said Kendall Woodruff wanted a key. Woodruff stated that if *(amend) Woodruff he* doesn't have access to the boxes in the office *(amend) Woodruff he* could use the boxes available to the public, and if there is confidential information *(amend) the confidential information* it-will be available to the public. Clinesmith stated the key policy then needs to be changed or amended to authorize the secretary to have a key. Gray stated *(amend) Gray he* doesn't think the secretary should be in the Clerk's office unless the Clerk is here.

Secretary uses public computer:

Nancy Zuzula stated *(amend) Zuzula she* was told that *(amend) Zuzula she* was only supposed to use the public computer, not the supervisor's, assessor's, or treasurer's computer. *(amend) Zuzula She* said *Zuzula she* didn't have a problem with that.

Secretary duties:

There was a page listing secretary duties. Clinesmith stated that there needs to be cooperation between the Clerk's office and the secretary. Forbes read the list of duties listed on the page. Forbes made the motion to accept the list of duties. Stack asked Forbes if *(amend) Forbes he* understood all the duties listed on the page, and Forbes said "Yeah." Stack asked Forbes if *(amend) Forbes he* knew how to do *(amend) the duties them*, because *(amend) Forbes he* wanted to oversee *(amend) the secretaries them*. Forbes said *(amend) Forbes he* understood how to do everything on the list. Clinesmith repeated that there needs to be coordination between the Clerk's office and the secretary, that there are some things that come to the Clerk's office that the secretary should be capable of doing.

Forbes said "You have a deputy."

Clinesmith reminded the Board that *(amend) the Board it*-changed the budget for the deputy because it assumed the secretary was going to take over some of those responsibilities. One of those duties was fire runs.

Forbes said "It's on the agenda."

Clinesmith stated, "It goes along with the secretary duties. The fire runs can be a secretary duty. You told me before that it isn't her job."

Forbes said, "That is correct."

Clinesmith said, "Just like you said right now. We looked though the records, and we see that the secretary, er, former Deputy Clerk spent a lot of time doing the fire runs. Do you remember how many hours you spent doing fire runs, Nancy?"

Nancy said, "Not off the top of my head, you usually had something else for me to do."

Clinesmith said *(amend) fire runs*—it was a duty that needs time spent on *(amend) fire runs* it—
Clinesmith said, "It doesn't have to come to the Clerk's office, it is a Township responsibility."

The Supervisor tried to call the vote, but Clinesmith stated *(amend) The Board* they were still in discussion.

Clinesmith mentioned that the Deputy Clerk budget was already half used up due to the election. *(amend) Clinesmith* He repeated there needs to be coordination of the Clerk's office with the secretary, and that the fire runs responsibility could go to the secretary because of the budget of \$7,400.

John Stack asked, "So why did two clerks get recalled for not doing their job?"

Clinesmith stated, "Because it is a big job... They couldn't handle it."

Stack said, "Who did it? The clerks!"

Forbes said, "The clerks have done it for the history..."

Clinesmith said, "The clerks haven't done it."

Stack said, "They had it written up as a recall for not doing their job properly and we got \$10,000 back from the insurance company because one didn't do it properly."

Clinesmith said, "So the clerks did not do that job."

Stack said, "Because they were bonded, we were able to get that \$10,000."

There was crosstalk between the Clerk, Supervisor and Treasurer.

Clinesmith said, "Nancy knows it takes a lot of time, my mom knows it takes a lot of time. So that is a responsibility that should be given to someone that gets paid per hour, because then..."

Stack said, "Whoa, whoa, but Mike, I don't clock my hours for doing taxes all winter long, I'm here because that is my statutory duty. They don't tell me hours. They don't tell me it's \$1 an hour, or \$19 an hour, it is what I agreed to when I put my name on the ballot."

Clinesmith said, "Well that's a statutory duty, being Treasurer. So if the Township wants someone to do fire runs, then you should pay appropriately for the fire runs. Now you have not said that you are going to pay the Clerk to do fire runs. You've just said the Clerk is going to do the fire runs."

There was some crosstalk. Nancy Zuzula said, "It is in the ordinances, you have a copy there stating it."

Forbes stated, "It is in the ordinances."

There was more crosstalk. Autumn Masker asked, "Are you saying it is not listed in your duties?"

Clinesmith said, "It is not a statutory duty."

Autumn Masker repeated, "It is not a statutory duty. But how has it become your responsibility? Because this is how it's always been done, so here it is, or is it written somewhere?"

Stack said, "It is written there on the paper."

Clinesmith said, "It's written in the ordinance, but the Board has not authorized any compensation for it."

Masker asked, "Okay, so you're saying that this duty is not a statutory duty, it's taking a lot of time, and you're trying to express that it's requiring you more time to do than you have time in your office here."

Stack asked, "Can I ask you a question? Who are you and do you live in the Township?"

Nancy Zuzula said "No."

Stack said, "I don't know who you are."

There was crosstalk between Nancy Zuzula and Autumn Masker. Masker said, "This is Mike, this is my brother..."

Dan Zuzula said, "We figured that."

Masker continued, "and I live across the road. I look at this and I can't believe how you guys run these meetings. Everybody talks, you guys (inaudible) up here. What do you even get done? And I'm just trying to clarify cause he's trying to explain something to everyone, and everyone interrupts, and they don't listen. If you're trying to run the Township..."

Forbes said, "Alright, you've said your piece."

Masker continued, "Really, you're going to stop me, and you're not going to stop everybody else..."

There was crosstalk from multiple people. Forbes said, "You don't even live in the Township."

Ben Partridge said, "She still has the right to speak Bob, it's a public meeting. She has the right to speak. Doesn't matter if she lives here."

Forbes said, "She doesn't live here."

Partridge said, "She could live from Arizona. She has the right to speak."

Forbes said, "Okay."

Masker said, "That's all I wanted, I was trying to clarify what he was saying. I was trying to understand. Everyone is angry that he wants help with this, but it is taking a lot of his time, and he's actually working all the time, I see him work all the time. He's not laying around. When he works here, he is working. And he takes extra time to work. And he has a deputy, that works on it and it still is not getting done, that's what he's trying to explain. That the secretary that you guys didn't even have a list of what she was going to do when you put her in here, which is ridiculous to me, you don't want her to do any of that. I don't understand why. This is the Township, you're trying to run the Township, not trying to do your job, or your job, or your job..."

Forbes said, "Your three minutes are up."

Masker said, "Really? Okay."

Forbes said, "Ben, you're next."

Partridge said, "I don't want this to count against my three minutes under public participation, so now you've got to clarify." There were chuckles from the audience. Ben said, "Am I going to get to speak on the subject at hand, and not interfere with my three minutes under public participation?"

Forbes said, "Go ahead."

Partridge said, "Then to help clarify some things for Autumn, if she doesn't mind, I do know who she is, the Clerk fully well knew that responsibility was his when he ran for election, and part of the proof is in April or May 2011 meeting minutes in the book over there where he spoke for forty or fifty minutes, you can find it in there and tell if I'm right or wrong. Your father tried to correct me to tell me I was wrong. Your father tried to correct me and tell me I was wrong, that it was him that spoke, but the minutes clearly show that I'm right, and he's wrong, it was Mike that spoke for forty or fifty minutes, about the Clerk's duties. That was before he ran, while he was recalling the previous clerk for the same reason of fire runs. Using his own arguments, don't interrupt me, using his own arguments, he should step down, and or be recalled, because he hasn't collected fire runs, which he says, is his responsibility."

Don Clinesmith said, "No he's..."

Ben Partridge and Sally Hartung said, "Go back to the minutes."

Don Clinesmith said, "He's behind a lot of the time..."

Someone from the audience was hooting.

Zuzula's (*amend*) son-in-law ~~stepson~~ said, "When Nancy was his deputy clerk, she was doing fire runs. Now that she's doing secretary work, he's trying to pawn it off on her."

Don Clinesmith said, "They took the money out of the budget for the secretary."

Zuzula's (*amend*) son-in-law ~~stepson~~ continued, "I don't care where they got the money."

Michael Clinesmith said, "They don't care, no."

Nancy Zuzula said, "You're salary, I'm not. You can stay for all those hours."

Michael Clinesmith said, "I know, that's what you guys want to do, you want me to stay for more and more hours,"

Zuzula's daughter said, "Is that a problem?"

Clinesmith continued, "So we have one person here that just sitting talking, again, and someone here that is actually doing the work, and you are telling the Clerk that you are not going to get compensated for this duty that takes a lot of time. That's what you are saying. You don't want to compensate the Clerk for the time it takes to do the fire runs."

Forbes said "you're compensated by the <inaudible>."

Clinesmith said, "No, I'm compensated for being the Clerk, my statutory duty. So this fire run duty has a cost to it. It's a big cost, it takes a lot of time. So how is the Board going to compensate for that, because you have to compensate for that duty?"

Tester said, "You saying you have to be compensated, you got a pay raise because you were working too many hours. Your own salary. You're not on hourly payment."

Forbes said, "Dan, go ahead."

Dan Zuzula asked, "I want to know how many hours on average does the Clerk work a week. On average, how many hours are you here?"

Clinesmith said, "We've already calculated that a number of times, and it is about 16 hours a week." Audience comment, "Sixteen hours, that's not very much." Clinesmith said, "But that's not just sitting and talking either."

Forbes said, "Okay, I think that we said enough, do we have a second on this?"

Stack said, "I think it's, to understand, it doesn't matter how many hours of work or how many less hours you work, you're voted in, and we're voted in, Mike, Bob, all are voted in to do our statutory duties. And if we're doing it in 10 hours, and it normally takes people 30 hours, that's just a gift that someone has. Are you trying to say he is not performing his duties, and responsibilities as Supervisor, because that's what I'm hearing."

Clinesmith said, "I'm saying I'm having a lot of people giving me a hard time, when I'm the one in the office taking care of all the details. So I have people coming after me, because I'm actually there, like you mentioned about the payables, which certainly is a legitimate question, why aren't the payables done on time. Well, this payables, say 12 hours spent on it because of all the stuff that goes on there. Now the Board has not shown that it gives any consideration at all for the amount of time, or the amount of stress, or number of duties..."

Nancy Zuzula said, "If you knew it was going to take longer, why didn't you start earlier, or a few days ago."

Clinesmith said, "You mean, like during the election?"

Zuzula said, "There was no election Thursday or Friday."

Clinesmith said, "I was here earlier, see, you're saying why don't you do this, or this, as if it's my responsibility. But it's been mentioned before that. That you are not compensating for that duty, and now because of the situation here, this has been a sore spot in the Township, that there is someone here doing a lot of the duties. When I bring that up, like when I mention that I need to get paid more for the duties, a few years ago, what happened the next few meetings was there was a Supervisor's report that said the Clerk is retaliating against me. So, because I'm trying to say that these are duties that need to be done, I'm just saying that you are expecting me to do something that you're not expecting anyone else to do. No one else does the job that I do there. And you're expecting me to do a level of work that no one else is doing. Now I don't have a problem..."

Someone said in the audience, "It's called doing the job." There was crosstalk.

Clinesmith said, "If you do not believe that someone should be compensated for the job they are doing, that everyone should get paid the same..."

Jerry Dutcher said, "Michael, if you talked and done your job, there ain't nobody going to say nothing to you. Just like he can talk to somebody as long as he's doing his job, what difference does it make. Is it that you're <unintelligible> cause you talk to a lot of people, or you just don't get the job done in the amount of time."

Clinesmith said, "Well, it's just, I don't know how many people really care about how much time it takes to do that,"

Dutcher said, "Don't say things like that."

Clinesmith said, "I've gone over it a number of times in the Township, the amount of work that gets put in that office. And now, this is an opportunity, we've actually created this secretary position. Now the Board is of the opinion, that this new secretary position is not to take any of the responsibilities that you're putting on the Clerk, but whose responsibility is it to do? And I see that the secretary was doing what the Supervisor wanted, but you are saying that the Clerk cannot tell the secretary that these things need to be done. That's an issue that I guess..."

Forbes said, "There's a reason for that and I'll explain..."

Clinesmith said, "I know there's a reason for that."

Forbes said, "Go ahead."

Ben Partridge said, "Mike, you specifically said, I want you to respond to this, you specifically said about 'paying you what the job was worth' and you've asked for raises. I respectfully disagree. We are paying you exactly what you were supposed to earn, the job you accepted. Not only that, we have given you a raise. Not only that, you've asked for a raise multiple times, each time, I've personally myself asked you if you think the job was not worth it, lay it out and ask for it to be effective at the next election, so it has nothing to do with you taking the pay for a job you've asked for." Jerry Dutcher said, "That's right." Partridge said, "You said 'I will do the job for x pay'. That's an incorrect statement because you've asked for a raise multiple times, and you keep saying 'pay me what I'm worth.'" We'll leave that statement alone. Now, you say we've never paid her more. We've increased the budget for your deputy. We hired a specific person to help you, the only person, to help you for 40+ hours, one time, shortly after you became the Clerk. That was already after we had an interim clerk that redid the office to help you. And help whoever took her position, because it wasn't for you, it was before you. We've multiple times done that. You have paid more to the deputy than any previous clerk. So you've gotten lots of different compensation."

Forbes said, "I'm going to take one more person on this, and then we're going to move on."

Fred Welsh, "Just one short comment on this, I think that the fact that you're running again for the same job says..." Some audience noise. Welsh continued, "period of time that there is a certain acceptance of that. These fire runs have gone on for a long period of time. To me a secretary is not a person that does executive types of functions that deal with major policy things that are critical for the job. To make an argument that the job that you have just said takes 16 hours a week is too much, when that is the only job that you have, is not consistent with the modern world. Most of us in here were working full time jobs will be up to 50 to 60 hours a week. If you were in trouble with your job, I'd go up to 70 or 80, in the GM world, we'd go up to 80, 90. So until you're hitting at least 50 to 60 hours, don't tell these working people that that's too much work. Because everybody does it. You've got to be at least a 40. And that's a simple argument that I really wish we didn't hear after we're heard again it's 16 hours a week is normally required for it. So I think you need another argument. You also need to consider to move off of fire runs and find some secretarial type of job that could be done."

Clinesmith said, "The fire runs is a secretarial type of job. We can change our ordinance and say it is a secretary responsibility."

Forbes said, "We're not going to do that."

Clinesmith said, "I know you're not."

Stack said, "I've been in office since 2005, I've watched two clerks get recalled for not doing the fire runs."

Ben Partridge said, "You pushed for the fire runs, I mean the recall, sorry."

Clinesmith said, "I'm trying to get the work done."

Forbes said, "Let's put it to a vote., do I have a second on this?"

Stack said, "What are we seconding?"

Forbes said, "The duties of the secretary. As written."

Stack said, "Wait, wait, wait, there is something else."

Forbes said, "What?"

Stack said, "Is there anything about these agenda folders?"

Nancy Zuzula said, "They're on there."

Stack said, "Is it, okay. I can't see with these lights."

Forbes said, "So we have a motion that we accept the secretary's duties, and that is seconded by Sam Tester. You got that wrote down?"

Audience comments as the middle set of lights was turned on. Stack said, "Okay, read the motion again, I'm sorry."

Clinesmith said, "Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to approve the list of duties for the secretary."

Stack said, "And this is going to be the only thing, no more add-ons until November or what?"

Forbes said, "Right."

Clinesmith, "Well unless we make another motion, right?"

Forbes said, "No."

Clinesmith said, "We can make motions."

Forbes said, "That's not the motion. I've made the motion, Bob seconded, Sam seconded it,"

Stack said, "I'm trying to remember when we talked about this last month, when I voted against having a secretary, but that's beside the point and got in all this mess, that Michael and her were supposed to work together on the list."

Nancy said, "We did."

Forbes said, "The list?"

Stack said, "On the secretary list, because it is between both of them, really. So now here you got here you're supervision as Township Supervisor which is okay, it's a media, But, should they still try to work it out, like the fire runs?"

Forbes said, "Um, no."

Stack said, "Or you think this is acceptable, since you got your name there under supervision."

Forbes said, "That's right. Okay."

Clinesmith said, "So you're saying that even though the way the meeting packets were presented this time, that nothing was prepared until today, Even though we had that new position doing it, you are qualified to supervise that." Forbes said, "Okay, well, you know, uh."

Nancy Zuzula said, "That was a brutal question."

Clinesmith said, "It was."

Forbes said, "The Secretary, or the Clerks always did the agenda, and then one day you just come in and threw it in front of me and said 'you can do the agenda from now on, I'm not going to do it, it's your job.'"

Clinesmith said, "That's not true, but..."

Forbes said, "Okay, we have a motion on the floor that's been seconded, let's vote on it. All in favor?" Forbes, Tester and Gray voted "Aye." Forbes said, "Those opposed." Clinesmith and Stack voted "Nay." Forbes said, "Motion Carried."

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to approve the list of duties for the secretary position.
Vote 3-2, MOTION CARRIED.

24:02

Fire Run:

Forbes said, two clerks were recalled because of the fire runs. He said the Clerk was to send out the 30 day and 90 day letters.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester that the fire runs is the Clerk's responsibility.

There was discussion about the fire runs already being the Clerk's responsibility, but no vote was taken.

Onna Clinesmith asked to sign up for a service to get the information needed to bill the fire runs. *(amend) Onna Clinesmith* She explained some of the process and problems with billing fire runs. There was discussion over *(amend) the billing of fire runs* this. Dan Zuzula was concerned about the deputy clerk "digging up dirt" on people. Onna Clinesmith said the secretary could do *(amend) search for people's names* it, and asked why *(amend) Dan Zuzula* he would say something like that *(amend) comment* at this meeting. There was crosstalk between Dan Zuzula, Mark Coleman and Don Clinesmith about opening the door for people with canes. Ben Partridge suggested a limit on the number of names. After some discussion, Partridge also suggested to stop billing fire runs. There was discussion on *(amend) stopping billing fire runs* that as well.

Motion by Gray to let *(amend) Onna Clinesmith* her try three names.

Motion by Stack to allow the clerk to have \$100 toward the software of finding people's addresses.

It was brought up that there was a motion not voted on about the fire runs being the Clerk's responsibility. Clinesmith asked for clarification that there was going to be no compensation for the fire runs. Forbes said *(amend) no compensation* that was correct. There was crosstalk. Forbes said that there would be paid mileage for going to court, but there would be no payment for time. Stack said the deputy would get it, \$8.50/hour. After more talk, Forbes and Tester rescinded their motions. Gray rescinded his motion. There was discussion over Stack's motion. Stack rescinded his motion.

Motion by Tester, seconded by Forbes to forget *(amend) motions relating to fire runs* it until *(amend) The Board* we get more information.
Vote 3-2, MOTION CARRIED.

Partridge suggested going back and approving the July 21 and August 1 special meeting minutes that hadn't been approved yet. Onna Clinesmith told the Supervisor that the Clerk put the two special meeting minutes in the rack. *(amend) Onna Clinesmith* She said *copying the minutes* it was the secretary's and Supervisor's responsibility and said *(amend) showing the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor where the minutes are* it was frustrating because without acknowledgement *(amend) Clerk Clinesmith* he doesn't have to remind people to do *(amend) Forbes's/Zuzula's* their job. Forbes said *(amend) Forbes* he didn't receive the minutes. Clinesmith asked if *(amend) Forbes* he didn't remember being at the meetings and read from some minutes, "Pledge led by Supervisor Forbes." No action was taken.

Public Comment:

Don Clinesmith thanked people for coming. *(amend) Don Clinesmith* He mentioned Almer and Ellington Townships that were putting in windmills. There will be a Ribbon cutting ceremony on August 28 from about 1:15 to 1:30pm. *(amend) Don Clinesmith* He asked elected officials to come. *(amend) Don Clinesmith* He would like the Planning Commission chair Kendall Woodruff and Bob Forbes to be present to represent the Township. The committee is trying to get Mike Green and Ed Canfield. There will be hot dogs and popcorn. There will be prizes for the balloon that goes the farthest. *(amend) Don Clinesmith* He would like RSVPs and was going to put out fliers.

Fred Welsh mentioned that the Recreation Committee had a very good meeting and Vicky Sherry helped with planning.

Dave Phillips had some things to say about the minutes. *(amend) Phillips* He talked for three to five minutes at the Annual Meeting and *(amend) Phillip's* his comments were not in the minutes and asked the Clerk why *(amend) Phillip's* his comments.

Clinesmith said *(amend) Clinesmith* he know what to say to that, if they were in the minutes or weren't in the minutes and asked *(amend) Phillips* him if *(amend) Phillips* he looked at *the minutes* them.

Phillips said *(amend) Phillips* he knew they weren't there because *(amend) Phillips* he looked. *Phillips* He said *Phillips* he didn't want to waste *(amend) Phillips* his time, being a member from the community.

Clinesmith went over to the rack and read from the annual meeting minutes, "Dave Phillips said he's seen change. The roads are nice. Everything is more peaceful. He sees changes here not seen in Flint."

Phillips said *(amend) Phillips* he didn't see that *(amend) comment* and was sorry *(amend) Phillips* he said something.

Clinesmith handed Phillips a copy of the minutes.

Orville Hartung mentioned *(amend) Hartung* he was on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. There was a lot of talk about working together. *(amend) Hartung* He was concerned about an article about Egger's mining. *(amend) Hartung* He said *the article* it was written by the Clerk's mother, and mentioned the clerk's mother and father. *(amend) The Clerk's mother and father* They said *the Clerk's mother and father* they were concerned about the renewal of the Egger's permit by the DEQ and something being hidden from the Township. *(amend) Hartung* He said this concern was investigated. The Township has no authority regarding the DEQ's permits. There was one complaint from a resident living across the road from the gravel pit. The Planning Commission had several members, including the Clerk's father to monitor the noise complaints and there was no noise reported by people visiting the property. When Hartung visited, there was more noise generated by school buses and garbage trucks. *(amend) Hartung* He thought *the article* it was a political ploy get the candidate's name out in print before the primaries and to try to cast a shadow of a doubt on the other Board members in the primaries.

Forbes left *(amend) the Board table* to go to the bathroom and the Board waited a minute for *(amend) Forbes* him to come back.

Don Clinesmith said since *(amend) Don Clinesmith's* his name was mentioned, the article was written because Mike received a notification from the DEQ regarding the Egger's permit. *(amend) The permit* It was in process and people had twenty days to reply. *(amend) Don Clinesmith* He was concerned about something changing. *(amend) Don Clinesmith* He talked to Fred and wasn't able to get in touch with Kendall. The next letter said the permit was approved. *(amend) Don Clinesmith* He had nothing to do with getting Mike's name in the paper. *(amend) Don Clinesmith* He was concerned *(amend) Eggers* they were doing something about the permit after getting approval from the Township. Nothing about the DEQ permit was said at the meeting about approving the permit with the Township. That was *(amend) Don Clinesmith's* his concern.

Orville Hartung said, "So instead of bringing *(amend) the permit* it to the Board, you cast suspicion on the Township."

Don Clinesmith said, *(amend) Don Clinesmith* he can't call a meeting, so *(amend) Don Clinesmith* he talked to Fred and couldn't reach Kendall. Kendall explained *(amend) the permit* it at the next meeting.

Fred Welsh said what Don Clinesmith said was pretty much accurate. There are things the people in the room have to consider. *(amend) The Planning Commission* They've been following the situation. *(amend) The notification from the DEQ regarding the Egger's permit* It was put in the public and could get people riled up. There was a post about *(amend) the permit* it in Vassar Community Concerns. That's where folks from the papers have eyeballs. *(amend) Welsh* He got called while going to *(amend) Welsh's* his sister's wedding reenactment by the guy writing the article for 30 to 45 minutes. *(amend) Welsh* He told them *(amend) the permit* it was interesting but not to tell everyone to have a heart attack yet. *(amend) Township officials* We need to watch what *(amend) Township officials* we are telling other people. *(amend) The Planning Commission* We are watching the situation.

Kendall Woodruff said *(amend) Woodruff* he spoke to the directly to the DEQ and what the community says in a special land use permit does trump the DEQ's authority.

Michael Clinesmith prayed, "Dear Lord Jesus, we ask that you take away our sins. We had a meeting with much strife. You know what's in people's hearts. Lord, we ask that you hold the people accountable that need to be held accountable. We know that you are the judge; things are in your hands. Lord, I pray for this Township. I ask that you help get things straight in the Township, that people do their duties, as they should do them. That people are compensated fairly. That people that tell lies, that those come out. We know, Lord Jesus, that you died on the cross to take away our sins, and you want everyone to come to you to repent of their sins, and

turn to you for forgiveness. Lord this is in your hands, this is too much for me, but you are in control. Lord, these Board members are in your hands, this audience is in your hands. You know what's good and right Lord. Please help us to do what is good and right. Lord Jesus, you died on the cross, you rose again, you were victorious. Let that love that you have given to us, let that shine in our lives. We need your help here Lord. Amen.

John Stack prayed, "Lord I ask you to give us the wisdom of Solomon, to make a difference in what right and wrong is."

(Amend) Multiple people ~~Onna Clinesmith~~ said, "Amen."

Bob Reil asked if the Township was aware of what is going on with the Oak Road tube, that a lot of taxpayer money is going into *(amend) the Oak Road tube* it.

Bob Forbes said *(amend) The Township* we were notified *(amend) the Road Commission* they were going to do *(amend) replace the Oak Road tube* it.

Reil stated the county relies on people doing *(amend) the people's* their job properly. *(amend) Reil* He is the This tube is improperly done. *(amend) Oak Road* It is a class A road that should use box tubes. Phelps Road has a class A tube. *(amend) The Township* We get a tube that is 5 inches higher in the road. *(amend) The Oak Road tube replacement* It is a joke. *The Oak Road tube replacement* It was questioned by the people working on the job site, but *(amend) The people working on the job site* they were told "it was on the print". There should be checks and balances. *(amend) Reil* He is going to the Tuscola County Road Commission; *(amend) Reil* he is on the agenda. *(amend) Reil* He mentioned details of construction.

Forbes asked how soon is *(amend) The Road Commission* -it needed to know to get on the agenda. There are problems with plugged up tubes and ditches.

Reil said 24-hour notice is needed. The mowing should be done by the end of the weekend. *(amend) Reil* He is upset that the public thinks *(amend) Reil* he coerced the deal. *(amend) Reil* He had turned in a 14 months bid earlier. The grass is too tall, and there are low hanging trees. *(amend) Mowing the roads*-it was done 14 weeks late. *(amend) Reil* He turned in a bid to do *(amend) the mowing* it-a certain way. *(amend) Reil* He was contacted by the supervisor to do *(amend) the mowing* it a different way. *(amend) Reil* He met in the middle. *(amend) Reil* He was very upset there was a certain person in the Township that said what *(amend) Reil* he did was illegal when *(amend) the mowing* it-was voted on by the Board.

Fred Welsh commented on the tube asking if *(amend) the tube*-it was north of Hanes. *(amend) Welsh* He though what was said was true. *(amend) Welsh* He thought if *Welsh* we was travelling down the road 60 miles an hour and didn't see *(amend) the tube* it, *the tube* it-would throw the car off the road.

Ben Partridge asked for a copy of the approved annual meeting minutes. Michael Clinesmith asked if *(amend) Clinesmith* he had given *(amend) Partridge* him a copy already.

John Stack asked Mike to go to the MTA and lawyer to know what needs to be and not be in the minutes because *(amend) Stack* he felt that silly little line shouldn't even be in the minutes. *(amend) Stack* He said MTA has a magazine. *(amend) Stack* He said *taking the minutes* is it's-hard, you don't know if people want *(amend) the comment in the minutes* it-or don't want *the comment in the minutes* it.

(Amend) There were many gestures by Mr. Coleman who mentioned the candidate mentioned on page 2 was Michael Clinesmith.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 10:29pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor