

823-3541

Supervisor Forbes called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
The pledge was led by Supervisor Forbes.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

Minutes:

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to approve the August 1, 2016 special meeting minutes as written.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Forbes requested a FOIA of the Township Meeting video.

Stack asked the Township residents for forgiveness for the previous meeting.

Ben Partridge requested the Township meeting video.

There was a lot of discussion about the August 9, 2016 Township meeting minutes, and how to correct them.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to postpone approval of the August 9, 2016 meeting minutes until an attorney is present at (*amend*) a ~~that~~ special meeting.

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Ron Mouer told the Board he has experience with governmental boards, and cautioned the Board to be careful with the decisions it makes, and also stated he was there because he appreciated the park.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report by John Stack:

Treasurer's Report presented and filed with the clerk.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to accept the Treasurer's report as read and approve the September 2016 payables in the amount of \$23,575.70.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee's Report read by Bill Gray is filed with the Clerk.

Zoning Administrator Report read by Curtis Pennell is filed with the Clerk.

Assessor's Report by Debby Valentine read by Bob Forbes is filed with the Clerk.

Fire Run Report read by Michael Clinesmith is filed with the Clerk.

Library Report by Onna Clinesmith:

There is an auction November 5. For seniors, September 15 is a movie, September 22 invites the new restaurant owners, September 29 invites Dorothy Blackwell, the Vassar School Superintendent. October 6 is a trip to the Historic Ice Museum, and December 9 is a trip to Turkeyville.

Correspondence:

Jessica Fall:

Jessica Fall sent a letter to the Township stating that she believed her property has substantially declined in value due to the park and requested the Township purchase the property for \$45,000, or have an 8' solid fence constructed along her property. Russ Fall stated his view that the park is an asset to the property, not devaluing, and the Township could review the purchase of the property at a fair price. Ben Partridge suggested putting "No Trespassing" signs by the property border. Don Clinesmith said the property needs to be surveyed before putting up a fence.

Christian Dunham:

Forbes read the letter by Christian Dunham, the Bullard Sanford Memorial Library Director regarding working on better communication through the library's web site and Facebook page.

New Business:

Thumb Office Supplies (Secretary Ordering):

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester that the secretaries be allowed to order supplies (*amend*) ~~from~~ Thumb Office Supplies.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED

Tuscola County Hazard Analysis & Mitigation Plan:

The Township received a copy of the plan from the county asking for approval of the Resolution approving the plan. There were some comments about having time to review the plan.

RESOLUTION 24-2016: For the adoption of the Tuscola County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Whereas Vassar Township, Michigan is vulnerable to a wide range of natural, technological and human-related hazards, and has experienced repetitive disasters that have caused loss of life, damaged commercial, residential and public properties, displaced citizens and businesses, closed streets and presented general health and safety concerns; and

Whereas Tuscola County has prepared a *Tuscola County Hazard Mitigation Plan* that provides an understanding of those threats, identifies the hazards affecting the area, discusses the county's vulnerability to the identified hazards, and outlines the community's options and strategies to reduce overall damage and impact from natural and technological hazards; and

Whereas the *Tuscola County Hazard Mitigation Plan* represents the interests and needs of Vassar Township;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

The Tuscola County Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of Vassar Township.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Bob Forbes and supported by Board Member Bill Gray.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted

“Aye” (3): **Gray, Tester, Forbes**

“Nay” (2): **Clinesmith, Stack**

The Clerk declared the resolution adopted.

Planning Commission Appointment:

Motion by Stack to approve the application for Bob Reil for Planning Commission.
Motion did not receive a second.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes to accept the resignation of Russell Kime from the Planning Commission with reluctance due to his working schedule.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Janice Zawol suggested sending Kime a letter thanking him for his service.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Gray to appoint Dan Zuzula to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy until October 2017.
Vote 3-2, MOTION CARRIED.

There was concern about 3 people on both the Board of Review and Planning Commission, and not having the applications in front of the Board members.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:

Michael Clinesmith discussed the Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, many politicians were there, Jim McLoskey representing Senator Green, Representative Canfield, County Commissioner Bierlein, County Sheriff Teschendorf, County Sheriff Candidate Skrent, and Vassar City Mayor Bacon. There was food, a balloon launch, and people walked the trails. Fred Welsh and Jim McLoskey spoke at the ceremony. Clinesmith appreciated the opportunity to cut the ribbon for the ceremony.

There were some pictures of the event passed out to the Board.

Fred Welsh mentioned Cheryl Deike as being the Vassar City Chamber of Commerce representative. Welsh has a video of the ceremony.

John Stack mentioned the Township has a new Facebook page, Vassar Twp Community.

There was a question about surveying the park, and some concerns about it.

Public Comment:

Fred Welsh mentioned that Onna found some information on the park, on where the park came from. In 1983, it was purchased under Albert Kerns for \$20,000, which is worth about \$50,000 today. He also wants to get the Planning Commission meeting minutes on the internet.

Grace Proffer asked if anyone had heard back anything on the balloons. The balloons had information to contact the Township Hall.

Michael Clinesmith mentioned he hadn't heard anything.

Ben Partridge mentioned the August 9 meeting minutes. With *(amend) Michael's two-day* the rule that minutes are approved at the next meeting, would the minutes get "shoved down the Township's throat?" He mentioned section 12.01 in the Township Zoning Ordinances, that when any property is developed for any purpose besides agricultural or residential, a green belt shall be planted or maintained. He suggested planting a tree in any opening. He also requested the minutes book. He said he has requested it for three or four months and could not find it.

Onna Clinesmith pointed to the book on the shelf, "It's right there." She mentioned it had yellow on the top where she asked Nancy, the secretary to change the label because it couldn't be read, and there was a yellow on the bottom where she said no, it's the deputy clerk's job.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to adjourn.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.
Meeting Adjourned at 9:05pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor