

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

Minutes of Election Committee Meeting October 14, 2016:

No action was taken.

Minutes for Regular Meeting October 11, 2016:

Motion by Stack, seconded by Forbes to approve the October 11, 2016 regular meeting minutes adding the 11th to the date, changing the adjournment time to 10:45pm, and attaching the letter from Onna Clinesmith to the minutes.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report by John Stack:

Treasurer's Report presented and filed with the Clerk.

Stack suggested contacting the attorney about a deduction due to incorrect information on the time frame for minute approval.

There was public discussion about the mailbox used to hold ballots.

Motion by Stack, seconded by Forbes to allow the treasurer to buy a padlock for the tin canisters and for the tins to be emptied by December 1, 2016.

Clinesmith requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Stack – Yes, Clinesmith – No, Forbes – Yes, Tester – Yes, Gray – Yes

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

There was discussion about MTA training.

Recess called at 7:55pm.

Meeting called to order at 8:00pm.

Motion by Forbes to take the mailbox back and use the tin.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Gray to approve the November payables with the addition of \$1023 for MTA and \$97.20 for Heidi Sowa.

Clinesmith requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Stack – Yes, Clinesmith – No, Forbes – Yes, Tester – Yes, Gray – Yes.

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Stack seconded by Gray to table approval of Resolution 26-2016 until December 2016.

Motion withdrawn.

Trustee Report by Bill Gray was filed with the Clerk.

Supervisor's Report by Bob Forbes:

Forbes requested his report be in the Newsletter as read and in the minutes as read.

Tonight Nov.15 I concede the election and pass the torch and responsibilities on to Bruce Foether with mixed feelings. With sorrow yet somewhat relieved. But (*amend*) *not* with remorse or hard feelings Bruce and I have buried our past disagreements. I admired Bruce's work as chairman of the Board of Review and I enjoyed working with him. I have a flavorful image of him and he even came to my home to apologize for beating me in the election. Something you don't see too often.

Bruce, I have 2 things I will say to you in parting. I would like to stay involved in our Twp. and work with you. I wish to keep the job of trustee at the Ambulance Board and maybe other assignments, such as Board of Review. When you asked me before it was too sudden for me to make a decision. Let's talk again later. I would also ask you to keep up the fight to keep the TEA Party agenda out of our Twp. Their lies, venomous remarks, feeding misinformation to our residents and putting slanderous letters on Facebook and in the newspapers, does nothing but poison the image of our Township.

People clapped to thank him for his service.

Zoning Report by Curtis Pennell was filed with the Clerk.

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

Fire Run Report by Michael Clinesmith was filed with the Clerk.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Stack that the Vassar Township Board records the Millington Fire Run as unbillable for collection purposes.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Library Report by Library Director Christian Dunham:

November 7, there is going to be a county music singer, December 6, a Children's Christmas Crafting Program, December 13, adult coloring, December 21, a Children's Christmas Program. The Friends of the Library is working on more programs, including a trip to see the comedy "Late Night Catechisms." The Teen room was completed, and there is now wireless printing.

Clerk's Report by Clinesmith was filed with the Clerk.

Newsletter:

There are items subject to change with a new board. Stack said he needed the Newsletter before Thanksgiving. The newsletter should include the recycling schedule. Dunham stated his information was about 4-5 sentences.

Consensus was to allow the Library Director to add information if there is room.

Clinesmith asked to have the information to the Clerk by November 21.

New Officials Training:

This was already approved in payables.

Correspondence:

John Stack – Collect the Mail:

Motion by Stack, seconded by Forbes to request the Clerk allow the office of the Treasurer to collect the mail for the Winter 2016 taxes.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Ditch Permit – Jack Clark:

The Township received a Ditch Petition Procedure application from Jack Clark requesting having the ditch improved on Hess Road between Brown and M-15. There were questions about the petition procedure, who was paying for it, the bid, and information getting to the Board members.

Motion by Forbes to postpone approval and have the Clerk look for bids.
Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to sign the roadside ditch petition and (*amend*) *send* sent it to the county.

Clinesmith requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Tester – Yes, Stack – No, Clinesmith – No, Forbes – Yes, Gray – Yes.

Vote 3-2, MOTION CARRIED.

Hanes Rd. – Don Roberts:

The part of Hanes Road he lives on is sand and he said that when it rains the road turns to soup. The Supervisor discussed with the Road Commission asking for a crown to be put on the road in spring and putting gravel on it.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to contact the Road Commission in the spring and have the Road Commission put out for bids for gravel for the east end of Hanes Road.

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

Board to call ZBA meeting:

There have been changes to the ZBA board and no chairman to call a meeting.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester that the ZBA organizational meeting be set up for November 28, 2016 at 7pm.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary:

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to appoint Nancy Zuzula and Kendall Woodruff as secretaries to the next budget meeting.

Motion rescinded.

Clinesmith stated his objections about the Secretary; that the secretary needs to work with the Clerk and it should be the next Board that decides the role for the secretary.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester that the Township extends the period for Nancy Zuzula and Kendall Woodruff as secretary until the end of February, Monday through Friday.

There was discussion on this issue.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to call the question on the secretary motion.

Clinesmith requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Gray – Yes, Forbes – yes, Stack – Yes, Clinesmith – No, Tester – Yes.

Vote 4-1 MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester that the Township extends the period for Nancy Zuzula and Kendall Woodruff as secretary until the end of February, Monday through Friday.

Clinesmith requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Gray – Yes, Clinesmith – No, Stack – Yes, Tester – Yes, Forbes – Yes.

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

Stack said the committee was volunteer, but there was an agreement to pay the chair and secretary.

Meeting recessed at 9:57pm to find Resolution establishing a Township Recreation Board.
Meeting called to order at 10:05pm.

Motion by Stack, seconded by Forbes to make the volunteer Park and Recreation Committee to a permanent commission with (*amend*) *compensation computation* of pay; I recommend at least 1 liaison from the Planning Commission and at least 1 liaison from the Board of Trustees.

Clinesmith requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Forbes – Yes, Clinesmith – No, Gray – Yes, Tester – Yes, Stack – Yes

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to appoint Fred Welsh, Janice Zawol, Don Clinesmith, Tom Borcharding, Russ Fall, Bob Reil, Sam Tester.

Clinesmith requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Gray – Yes, Tester – Yes, Stack – Yes, Clinesmith – No, Forbes – Yes

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Posting for New Attorney:

Several people stated that they put calls in with the attorney, and were not getting answers back from the attorney.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to post for a new attorney in the Tuscola county Advertiser and Saginaw News.

Clinesmith requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Forbes – Yes, Gray – Yes, Stack – Yes, Tester – Yes, Clinesmith – No

Bruce Foether asked about the time frame for the attorney retainer.

Digital Sign:

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Gray that John investigate a digital sign for the front and bring to the next Board meeting.

Clinesmith requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Clinesmith – No, Stack – Yes, Forbes – Yes, Tester – Yes, Gray – Yes

Bond – Hartleb Agency:

This was already done; the Township authorized payment for the bonds for Township officers and deputies.

BOR Appointment:

Forbes stated he would postpone approval of the Board of Review members until the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Parks and Rec (Resolution for Intent to get a Grant):

Clinesmith stated that he had talked with Vicky Sherry that morning and she said that the Board needs to make a motion to look for grants. A resolution would be needed later to request the grants.

RESOLUTION 27-2016: To approve the Vassar Township Parks and Recreation Commission to seek grants

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vassar Township Board authorize the Vassar Township Parks and Recreation Commission seek grants.

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

Upon roll call vote, the following voted

“Aye” (5): **Gray, Stack, Clinesmith
Forbes, Tester**

“Nay” (0): *None*

The Clerk declared the resolution adopted.

East line of park surveyed:

Forbes stated the survey was in the Township’s vault, and suggested postponing action until next month.

“No Hunting” Signs in Park:

Forbes mentioned comments about “No Hunting” signs in the park. Russ Fall said he posted on the bulletin board at the park, and five in the back corner. Forbes stated if more are needed to go and buy them.

Sign for Wi-Fi in parking lot:

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Gray to put a sign for free-Wi-Fi hotspot in the parking lot.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Bruce Foether stated he would be coming to the Hall at 4:30pm. He would like the agenda done by the Friday before the meeting, and wanted the information in his mailbox so he could hand deliver the meeting packets by Friday and Saturday. These would include the payables and reports which will not be read at the meeting. He asked for questions. He said the more prepared, the better the meetings.

Erica Aymer thanked Bob Forbes and Sam Tester and the Election Commission for their service.

Ben Partridge thanked Janice Zawol and Don Clinesmith for their service on the Planning Commission.

Bill Gray stated “Happy Thanksgiving!”

Cory Jacobs said on behalf of the Sheriff’s office he wanted to thank Bob and Sam.

Michael Clinesmith thanked the Vassar Township for all their support in the General Election and for all their prayers. It had been difficult the last six months, but the LORD Jesus has protected me from every evil attack and kept me on focus on serving them. With their support I can continue taking care of the details of the Township to protect the people’s rights and speaking up on issues to ensure things are done properly, legally and for the benefit of the entire Township.

Russ Fall thanked Mike and Onna Clinesmith for serving on the Parks & Recreation Committee.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 11:08pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor