

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

Roll Call:

Present: Tom Borcharding, Michael Clinesmith, Bruce Foether, John Stack, Bill Gray

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting December 13, 2016:

Motion by Gray, seconded by Borcharding to approve the December 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes with corrections.

Stack requested a roll call vote.

There was discussion about the appointment of Recreation Committee Members.

Gray and Borcharding withdrew their motion.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Borcharding to approve the December 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes with corrections.

Roll Call: Clinesmith – Yes, Gray – Yes, Stack – No, Borcharding – Yes, Foether – Yes

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

*(Add) The Treasurer asked the Clerk about using his parents' DVD for the December minutes.*

*The Clerk answered "No."*

**Reports:**

Treasurer's Report by John Stack:

No Treasurer's Report

There was discussion about the charges on the attorney's bill, which needed further investigation.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Foether to approve the January 2017 payables with the addition of a check for Janice Zawol for \$75 minus taxes, a check for Don Clinesmith for \$60 minus taxes, a check for Sam Tester for \$50 minus taxes, a check for Bob Reil for \$50 minus taxes, a check for Tom Borcharding for \$60 minus taxes, a check for Consumers Energy for \$36.85, a check for the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department for \$7,040.46, a check for Thumb Electric for \$69.21, and adjustments to the payment to the IRS for taxes, in the total amount of \$29,006.90, plus or minus taxes.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

No Zoning Administrator's Report

Clerk's Report:

There was some discussion of items in the Clerk's report and the Clerk's concerns. Stack requested the report not be filed with the Clerk's office until further investigation.

Other Reports:

The fire run report by Michael Clinesmith, library report from Onna Clinesmith, Assessor's report by Debby Valentine and Trustee report by Bill Gray were also filed with the Clerk.







for a couple days each to be trained by Nancy Zuzula and Michael Clinesmith, notifying Amy that she starts January 17 for training with pay.

Clinesmith requested a roll call.

Roll Call: Gray – Yes, Foether – Yes, Clinesmith – No, Borcharding – Yes, Stack – No  
Vote 3-2, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Foether, seconded by Gray to appoint Bob Forbes to the ZBA alternate position for term ending October 31, 2018.

Clinesmith requested a roll call.

Roll Call: Foether – Yes, Clinesmith – No, Borcharding – No, Gray – Yes, Stack – Yes  
Vote 3-2, MOTION CARRIED.

Foether did not get a chance to meet with Robert Rackel (*amend*) yet: *for the Zoning Administrator position.*

Apps for the Attorney:

A copy of the notice for attorneys was in the meeting packet, with the deadline for applications being February 3, 2017. Approval of an attorney will be postponed until the next month.

Digital Sign:

This will be discussed at the special meeting.

Gravel for Hanes Rd, Ash Rd, and Nottingham Rd:

The Supervisor asked for a list of dirt roads in the Township that may require work. The list of dirt roads were Hanes, Ash, Nottingham, Miller, Waterman, Rupprecht and Utter.

East Line of Park Surveyed:

This will be discussed at the special meeting.

**Public Comment:**

Onna Clinesmith wanted to thank Bruce for the employment posting and thanked Erica for letting Onna post it on Erica's Facebook page. The notice was not with the want ads in the paper. Onna Clinesmith didn't post the Zoning Administrator opening on the Facebook page and wondered if she should have. She thought the posting should have been posted as a job opening, and if the notice was written differently, the Township might have received more applications.

Dan Zuzula asked if someone else was asked to post the notice.

Bruce Foether stated he asked Mike to respond (*amend*) before: *About posting the notice.*

Bob Forbes asked if the Township had canceled the contract with the attorney and if Mike had contacted the attorney after it was canceled. (*Amend*) ~~Forbes stated that if he was expected to pay the \$225 disputed charge for attorney correspondence, that he was doing Township business.~~

*The second sentence is stricken because of the unclear verbiage that was stated.*

Bruce Foether stated we have a new Board; we need to get along. Let's move forward for the best of this Township. We need to work as one.

Michael Clinesmith mentioned regarding the notice in the paper that the Supervisor is listed as responsible for the notices from the policy manual, there were things said by people that were just not true, and that he appreciated having better discussions with a new Board.

John Stack mentioned about the notice in the paper, and asked if it was placed on the web site.

Michael Clinesmith stated he typed up the notice as it was written and sent it to the web administrator.

John Stack stated since you put the notice on the web site, why did you not help prepare the notice with the required information for the good of the Township. He also asked about getting the bill for GIS.

Don Clinesmith stated he would like to thank the Board; there is still some old stuff to deal with with so much contention over the last 2 years.

Ben Partridge stated he understands about wanting to do things legally. It was brought up a couple of times about working people off the books. The Parks & Rec Rep is not getting paid, and the Deputy Clerk working off the books. What is the Board going to do?

Bob Reil asked about who is going to give the employees paperwork.

Bruce Foether stated this is the first he has heard of it.

Motion by Stack, seconded by Foether to have a check available for Russ Fall after he fills out all the available paperwork for his 2 meetings of work on the Parks & Recreation, adding it to the January payables.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Ben Partridge asked what the Board is going to do about breaking the law. The Deputy Clerk per the Clerk's report said she has not gotten paid.

There was some more comments and discussion about the deputy clerk getting paid for fire run work.

*(Amend) The Supervisor handed the clerk his FOIA request and papers and asked if he made the FOIA on Township time.*

*The Clerk answered "No."*

*This was inserted here because the Board could not remember when this occurred.*

Motion by Gray, seconded by Foether to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:29pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

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Vassar Township Clerk

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Vassar Township Supervisor