

823-3541

Supervisor Foether called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
The pledge was led by Supervisor Foether.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

New Business:

Renovation Committee:

There was discussion about remodeling the hall to increase privacy. Closing off the bathroom doesn't work because both bathrooms are needed for meetings and need to be handicap accessible. There are cabinets blocking the doorway. There were suggestions on moving the middle office over to the vent with a hallway to the Clerk's office. Stack stated he doesn't want the Clerk's mailbox in his office.

Foether set a meeting date for the Renovation Committee to be Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 6pm.

Secretaries – Facebook and Website:

Clinesmith asked for help from the secretaries for scanning minutes from various boards to post on the web site. It was asked if the web site could do flash and slideshows. Drew (*amend*) Stark Stack needs to be contacted if he would agree that Michael Clinesmith, Nancy Zuzula, Amy Mocny and Fred Welsh can send minutes to him for the web site. Clinesmith stated the web site should be for official business.

There was discussion about Facebook and what should be on it. There were copies of minutes from 2012 and 2013 that stated that the Board authorized the Clerk to claim the Vassar Township page and post meeting notices on it. Nancy Zuzula and Amy Mocny are current administrators of a new site called Vassar Twp Community. Clinesmith raised concerns about what was posted on the site and suggested contacting an attorney or MTA about it.

Motion by Foether, seconded by Borcharding to start a Facebook committee with Amy Mocny, Nancy Zuzula, Fred Welsh, Erica Aymer, Amber Hughey, Michael Clinesmith and Bruce Foether as members of the committee.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Foether asked for phone numbers so he could contact people.

Motion by Foether, seconded by Gray that the Township keep the Vassar Twp Community page until the Facebook committee figures out what to do and remove what is on the page except for the meeting notices.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Foether stated he will call people when he gets information from the attorney.

Things to Help the Clerk with the Minutes:

There was discussion about SpeakToText and Dragon.

Foether suggested there were three options. Record video and put it on Facebook live and on Youtube, record audio or use SpeakToTalk. Foether will get more information.

Overtime for Sheriff:

John is present at the hall on February 28, 2017 to collect taxes and people come and pay cash.

Motion by Stack, seconded by Borcharding that the Township pay the appropriate wage to the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department for protection on February 28, 2017 at the Township Hall from 8am to 4pm.

Roll Call requested by Foether.

Roll Call: Foether – Yes, Stack – Yes, Borcharding – Yes, Gray – Yes, Clinesmith – Yes.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Mail:

There were complaints about people opening other people's mail. Stack stated the Clerk is responsible for distributing the mail. Only during tax time does he request to pick up the mail for the tax bills. There were questions about how the mail was distributed. Clinesmith stated he distributes the mail and if there is an identifying office he places the mail in that person's box and he opens the mail generally addressed to the Township. There was a question about certified mail and it was stated that it should go to the Clerk for distribution. Stack stated he did not want the Clerk's box in the office anymore. Clinesmith mentioned the mailbox in the hall. It was suggested for people to put the mail inside the mailbox and leave a note for the Clerk.

Sheriff's Deputy:

The sheriff's deputy discussed a ticket he is to follow up on and requested mailing via restricted mail. Foether offered the deputy a \$20 bill and stated he wanted the change back. Clinesmith explained the reimbursement process.

Public Comment:

Onna Clinesmith stated she may not make the renovation meeting. She suggested looking at sound proof doors and for mail suggested cleaning off the area on top of the file cabinets and using locking boxes.

Motion by Borcharding, seconded by Gray to adjourn.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:43pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor