

Vassar Township Election Commission  
April 7, 2017

4505 W Saginaw Rd.  
Vassar, MI 48768  
Phone (989) 823-3541

Clerk Clinesmith called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.  
A prayer was led by Clerk Clinesmith.  
The pledge was led by Clerk Clinesmith.

Roll Call:  
Present: Michael Clinesmith, Bruce Foether  
Absent: John Stack

Approval of October 14, 2016 Election Commission Minutes:

There was discussion about the minutes regarding the accuracy and about voting on them when not being at the previous meeting. People in the audience made comments on their view of the minutes.

Motion by Clinesmith to approve the October 14, 2016 Election Commission minutes with corrections.  
Motion did not receive a second.

Discussion of November 8, 2016 Election and Proposal of Plan to Keep Hall Professional and Secure:

Clinesmith expressed concerns about actions by people before the November 8, 2016 election. There were copies of the Clerk's and Secretary's books and pictures from the hall included in the meeting packet along with a proposal to keep the hall secure. There was discussion about the proposal, with people in the audience made comments on their view on election.

Erica Aymer requested her comments be in the minutes that the Clerk shouldn't have been on the computer [Electronic Poll Book] during the election since his name was on the ballot.

Motion by Foether, seconded by Clinesmith to take the proposal to protect voters' rights to vote for the May 2, 2017 Election to the whole Vassar Township Board.  
Vote 2-0 with Stack absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Appointment of Election Inspectors for the General Election, May 2, 2017:

There were questions about the election inspector list.

Clerk Clinesmith warned Erica Aymer to stop interrupting the meeting or she would have to leave.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Foether to approve the election inspector list removing Rhonda Schultz as alternate and give the Clerk the authority to make changes as needed.  
Vote 2-0 with Stack absent. MOTION CARRIED.

The approved list:

Precinct 1:  
Vassar Ambulance Service  
5450 W. Saginaw Rd.  
Vassar, MI 48768

Precinct 2:  
Vassar Township Hall  
4505 W. Saginaw Rd.  
Vassar, MI 48768

Precinct 1:

Party	Name	
R	Onna Clinesmith	Chair
D	Ellen Brookins	Co-Chair
R	Rachel Hunt	
D	Cheryl Kuzma	
R	Paula Cavanaugh	
D	Karen Godmer	

Precinct 2:

Party	Name	
D	Erica Aymer	Chair
R	Grace Proffer	Co-Chair
D	Wendy Morley	
R	Barb Walker	
D	Fred Welsh	
R	Jerry Dutcher	

Alternates:

R Renee Aymer

Receiving Board A:

D	Erica Aymer
R	Grace Proffer

Receiving Board A:

R	Onna Clinesmith
D	Ellen Brookins

Public Test:

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Foether to approve the public test date for the May 2, 2017 Election for April 24, 2017 at 4:30pm at the Vassar Township Hall. Vote 2-0 with Stack absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Precinct Consolidation:

There was some discussion about consolidation because it was mentioned before and the Township has between 2850 and 2900 voters, which is under 3,000 voters. There were comments about the size of the polling place and the cost to notify voters about a change in precinct. No action was taken by the Election Commission.

Public Comment:

Erica Aymer asked if the Clerk had spoken with Ellen and Grace. Erica needs to know. She stated that Ellen should be called and Grace did not want to be co-chair before.

Michael Clinesmith stated that he would check with them and call Erica within a week.

Tom Borcharding asked why can't the canister be moved to the door so people can put ballots in the box so there is no worry about people touching ballots?

Motion by Foether, seconded by Clinesmith to adjourn.

Vote 2-0 with Stack absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

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Vassar Township Clerk

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Vassar Township Supervisor

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Vassar Township Treasurer