

Vassar Township Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting – May 9, 2017

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

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

Supervisor Foether mentioned that if the meeting went past 9:30pm, he would go to public comment at that point and call a special meeting.

Minutes:

Motion by Foether, seconded by Borcharding to approve the April 11, 2017 regular meeting minutes with changes.

Vote 4-0 with Gray abstaining, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Stack, seconded by Gray to approve the April 29, 2017 special meeting minutes as written.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Foether mentioned the ZBA meeting would include training and that anybody was free to attend, also the Planning Board was meeting Thursday. The MI Rec Grant grant proposal has moved on to the next stage. Clinesmith was asked to explain the Tuscola Stars award that Russ Fall was nominated for. People applauded for Russ Fall.

Treasurer's Report:

There was discussion about the payables. Clinesmith mentioned that payment for Paula Cavanaugh and Suzanne Hall's election work needed to be added. Erica Aymer repeatedly questioned the election inspector's pay. Clinesmith read the hours and duties of election inspector Onna Clinesmith from the time sheet. Stack read the hours of the other election inspectors.

Motion by Clinesmith to approve the April 2017 payables with the additions in the amount of \$30,804.95.

Motion died for lack of support.

Motion by Foether, seconded by Borcharding to approve the payables removing check 18571, 18572, 18574, 18575, 18576, 18577, 18578, 18579, 18580, removing the add-ons for Cavanaugh's and Hall's wages but paying Hall's mileage for a total of \$28,394.79.

Roll Call requested by Foether.

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

Vote 3-2, MOTION CARRIED.

Stack mentioned he was no longer to have people around him while he was signing the checks effective today and when the new room was built, he was going to use it to sign the checks.

Trustee's, Zoning Administrator, Clerks, and Other Reports:

Were not discussed.

**Correspondence:**

Vassar Fire Department:

The Vassar Fire Department is considering the purchase of a pumper truck.

Charter Communications:

Charter sent the Township a letter mentioning it was changing some of its channels.

Tuscola County Road Commission:

The Road Commission was scheduling meetings to meeting with the Township Supervisors. The meeting for Supervisors from Districts 3, 4, and 5 was scheduled for May 18, 2017 at 10am. Bob Forbes will go in Supervisor Foether's place.

Sheriff Tuscola County:

The Tuscola County Sheriff's Department sent its annual report to the Township.

**New Business:**

Roadside Cutting:

The Township has received two bids for roadside mowing: Roadside Maintenance and R&R Excavating.

Motion by Foether, seconded by Borcharding to accept the bid from R&R Excavating & Trucking Inc. for \$6,000 for cutting both sides of the road and to revisit at another time if needed.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Tuscola County Road Commission:

Roads that were suggested to be most in need of repair were sections of Hess, Washburn, Waltan and Irish Roads. It was suggested to postpone work on these roads until further investigation.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Foether to request estimates from the Road Commission for work on Hess Road from Hanes to Brown and Washburn Road from the gravel pit north of Krystal Lake Campground to Waltan.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Roadside Tree Cutting:

Was not discussed

Amber Hughey Resign from the Planning Board:

Motion by Foether, seconded by Stack to accept the resignation of Amber Hughey from the Planning Commission and Facebook Committee.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

People for Planning Board and ZBA:

Grace Proffer and Bob Forbes are current alternates to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Cheryl Kuzma has an application on file for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion by Foether, seconded by Borcharding to appoint Bob Forbes for the Zoning Board of Appeals with term ending October 2018 and Cheryl Kuzma for Zoning Board of Appeals alternate with term ending October 2019.

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Don Clinesmith, Janice Zawol and Paula Cavanaugh have applications on file for the Planning Commission.

Motion by Foether, seconded by Clinesmith to appoint Paula Cavanaugh for the vacant position on the Planning Commission for term ending October 2018.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Attorney Call Paperwork:

Foether included a copy of a form to contact the Township's attorney. He mentioned that a reason needed to be included to contact the attorney.

**Old Business:**

Review Committee and Board Wages:

**RESOLUTION #10-2017 TO ESTABLISH SUPERVISOR SALARY**

WHEREAS, MCL 41.95 authorizes the township board of Vassar Township to determine the salaries for the office of supervisor for fiscal year 2017-2018 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors, and

WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of supervisor is warranted in consideration of adjustments in the cost of living and responsibilities of the Supervisor  
\_\_\_\_\_ since township board members' salaries were last adjusted, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of July 1, 2017, the salary of the office of supervisor shall be as follows:

**Supervisor:** \$12,000 salary

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on June 24, 2017, at which time the electors may modify these amounts. Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7), such modification(s) that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during an official's term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution, adopted on May 9, 2017, is properly adopted by the Vassar Township Board at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting, as required by law.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Bruce Foether and supported by Board Member Bill Gray.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted                                    **“Aye” ( 5 ):      Gray, Borcharding, Clinesmith,  
Stack, Foether**

**“Nay” ( 0 ):      None**

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #11-2017 TO ESTABLISH TREASURER SALARY**

WHEREAS, MCL 41.95 authorizes the township board of Vassar Township to determine the salaries for the office of Treasurer for fiscal year 2017-2018 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors, and

WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Treasurer is warranted in consideration of adjustments in the cost of living and responsibilities of the Treasurer  
\_\_\_\_\_ since township board members’ salaries were last adjusted, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of July 1, 2017, the salary of the office of Treasurer shall be as follows:

**Treasurer:** \$12, 000 salary

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on June 24, 2017, at which time the electors may modify these amounts. Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7), such modification(s) that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during an official’s term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

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The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Bill Gray and supported by Board Member Tom Borcharding.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted                                    **“Aye” ( 5 ):      Foether, Stack, Clinesmith,  
Borcharding, Gray**

**“Nay” ( 0 ):      None**

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #12-2017 TO ESTABLISH CLERK SALARY**

WHEREAS, MCL 41.95 authorizes the township board of Vassar Township to determine the salaries for the office of Clerk for fiscal year 2017-2018 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors, and

WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Clerk is warranted in consideration of adjustments in the cost of living and responsibilities of the Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_ since township board members’ salaries were last adjusted, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of July 1, 2017, the salary of the office of Clerk shall be as follows:

**Clerk:** \$12,000 salary

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on June 24, 2017, at which time the electors may modify these amounts. Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7), such modification(s) that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during an official’s term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

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The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member John Stack and supported by Board Member Bruce Foether.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted	“Aye” ( 4 ):	<b>Stack, Borcharding, Gray Foether</b>
	“Nay” ( 0 ):	<i>None</i>
	Abstain ( 1 ):	<b>Clinesmith</b>

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #13-2017 TO ESTABLISH TRUSTEE SALARY**

WHEREAS, MCL 41.95 authorizes the township board of Vassar Township to determine the salaries for the office of Trustee for fiscal year 2017-2018 by adopting a resolution at least 30 days prior to the township annual meeting of the electors, and

WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Trustee is warranted in consideration of adjustments in the cost of living and responsibilities of the Trustee

\_\_\_\_\_ since township board members’ salaries were last adjusted, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of July 1, 2017, the salary of the office of Trustee shall be as follows:

**Trustee:** \$2,145 salary

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be submitted to the electors at the annual meeting to be held on June 24, 2017, at which time the electors may modify these amounts. Pursuant to MCL 41.95(7), such modification(s) that may be made by the electors cannot result in a reduction of salary during an official's term of office unless the responsibilities and requirements of that office are diminished, and the official agrees in writing to that reduction. In the event that the electors fail to act on this resolution, the officer shall be entitled to the salary as established in this resolution, in accordance with state law.

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The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Bruce Foether and supported by Board Member Tom Borcharding.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted	<b>“Aye” ( 5 ):</b>	<b>Clinesmith, Foether, Gray Borcharding, Stack</b>
	<b>“Nay” ( 0 ):</b>	<i>None</i>

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Clinesmith mentioned that the Board member wages have to be set by 30 days before the annual meeting; other positions can have the wages set at other times.

Facebook:

The last Facebook Committee meeting had low attendance; the next committee meeting was scheduled to be Thursday May 11, 2017 at 5:00pm.

**Public Comment:**

Bruce Foether mentioned the trash pickup on Friday and Saturday and the Township was looking for volunteers. Tire pickup will be the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. The demolishing at the hall will start on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The hall will be closed from May 12 to May 19. There was some discussion about this.

Rhonda Schultz asked how much the renovation cost.

Janice Zawol mentioned at the Parks and Recreation meeting they came up with a permit for using the Park.

There was some discussion about the permit.

Bob Forbes requested a copy of the letter from the Road Commission.

Kendall Woodruff talked to the attorney about blight, asking for options. The attorneys said the Township could pay a company to clean up the blight and the pass the cost on to the resident.

There was discussion about blight, the Township's ordinance, having a company come in and ways to have the people pay.

Rhonda Schultz asked, "So you're going to put it on the taxes?"

Kendall Woodruff said it was legal for the Township to hire a collection agency.

A resident mentioned he lost his home on Ormes Road due to fire and he wanted to discuss new property.

Ben Partridge asked about the days for the trash and tire pickup and about a dump that could be driven to.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Gray to adjourn.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

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Vassar Township Clerk

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Vassar Township Supervisor