

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
Excused Absence: Bill Gray

The Supervisor mentioned that if the meeting went past 9:30pm he would call a special meeting.
He also requested people to raise their hand before they speak.

Minutes:

Motion by Borcharding, seconded by Foether to approve the June 13, 2017 regular meeting minutes with all the corrections.

Vote 4-0 with Gray absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Stack, seconded by Borcharding to approve the June 24, 2017 special meeting minutes with correction of attachment for finalized budget for 2017-2018 as of June 24, 2017.

Vote 4-0 with Gray absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report by John Stack:

Treasurer's report was presented and filed with the Clerk.

Janice Zawol was missing \$10 from her check, she was okay with this being paid next month.
Forbes mentioned the ambulance rep did not have a check written. Welsh stated he had not turned in the minutes yet.

Motion by Borcharding seconded by Clinesmith to approve the July 2017 payables in the amount of \$23,990.99 with the one change of voiding the one check and rewriting it.

Vote 4-0 with Gray absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

The Trustee and Zoning Administrator reports were in the meeting packet.

There was discussion about the park rules needing to be written as an ordinance. There was mention of "No Glass Bottles" needing to be added as an additional rule and adding breaking rules can be punished by up to \$100 fine.

Kendall Woodruff mentioned he got some clarification from the attorney regarding enforcement.

Ben Partridge discussed the ordinance approval process and needing to have an ordinance to enforce penalties. There was much discussion about this.

No Correspondence:

New Business:

Facebook Policy:

There was discussion about the policy and concerns the Clerk had with how comments from the public would be handled.

Motion by Foether, seconded by Borcharding to approve the Vassar Township Facebook Policy as written.

Clinesmith requested a roll call.

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

Vote 4-0 with Gray absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Foether, seconded by Borcharding to change the name of the Township Facebook Page from Vassar Twp Community to Vassar Twp Hall.

Vote 4-0 with Gray absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion Foether, seconded by Borcharding to change “review” in the Vassar Township Facebook Policy to “reviewed” and date the policy as 7-11-2017.

Vote 4-0 with Gray absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Cory for the Sheriff:

Cory Jacobs was not present as he was ill, but he wanted to give information on why the Sheriff millage was requested.

The Supervisor read the Sheriff’s report.

New Digital Sign:

There was discussion about the sign’s features. Onna Cinesmith mentioned there being a safety concern with accidents occurring at the intersection. Don Clinesmith mentioned the Township ordinance requiring no flashing lights.

Motion by Foether, seconded by Borcharding to accept option B for the digital sign and with all the other expenses that go with it.

Foether requested a roll call.

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

Vote 3-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Tuscola County Road Commission:

Foether stated that Michelle Zawerucha does not work with the public. He stated that Clark will have to pay the Township, then the Township will pay the Road Commission.

Bob Reil asked if the Township would check in the gravel piles on its property and paying for transporting it.

There was mention of the road agreements received from the county.

RESOLUTION 21-2017: Roadwork on Washburn Road, .5 mile N of Saginaw to Waltan

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees approves and signs the Township agreement with the Tuscola County Road Commission for roadwork on Washburn Road from .5 mile north of Saginaw Road to Waltan Road in the amount of \$44,125.35 using the language provided.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that a check be authorized to the Tuscola County Road Commission for \$22,062.67, one-half the estimated cost and put on the August payables.

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

Upon roll call vote, the following voted **“Aye” (4): Borcharding, Clinesmith, Stack, Foether**

“Nay” (0): None

Absent (1): Gray

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Motion by Borcharding, seconded by Clinesmith to brine all the dirt roads.
Vote 4-0 with Gray absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Blight Ordinance:

There was discussion of properties having 3 foot tall grass.

Motion by Foether, seconded by Borcharding to have R&R Excavation and Trucking mow the properties of 234 Proctor St. and 5646 S. Vassar Rd. and give the bill to the Township and send a certified letter to the owners on the tax bills.

Vote 4-0 with Gray absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting Resolution:

There was a resolution for the Planning Commission meeting schedule in the meeting packet.

The question was asked why the Board was approving the Planning Commission meeting schedule. Fred Welsh said the Planning Commission had already approved its meeting schedule. No action was taken.

Township Business Application:

An application for business owners to fill out was provided in the meeting packet. There was questions asked about the Township having an ordinance to enforce it and discussion about why it was needed for businesses to file with the Township.

Secretary:

Motion by Foether, seconded by Borcharding to keep the Township secretaries from July 1, 2017 until further notice.

Clinesmith requested a roll call.

Roll Call: Borcharding – Yes, Clinesmith – No, Gray – Absent, Stack – Yes, Foether – Yes
Vote 3-1 with Gray absent, MOTION CARRIED.

Vassar Township Board Resolution:

See Resolution attached to end of minutes.

Budget for the Deputy Clerk:

RESOLUTION 22-2017: Amendment of 2017-2018 Budget

WHEREAS, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, Act 2 of 1968 prescribes that the state treasurer prescribe minimum auditing procedures and standards,

And **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Treasury Uniform Budget Manual of 2001 in sections 17 and 18 requires amending the budget when a deviation such as expenditures exceeding the budget occurs,

And **WHEREAS**, The township has noticed such a deviation in its budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees adjust its budget in the following way with the option to look at it in 6 months:

Subtract \$ 1,012.28 from DEPUTY CLERK, bringing it to \$ 2,200.00
Add \$ 1,012.28 to CONTINGENCY, bringing it to \$ 137,874.68

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Bruce Foether.

Resolution failed for lack of a second.

Public Comment:

Erica Aymer said Vulcan Strong has an information meeting Thursday on the school bond which includes a social hour. People can ask questions at the Vassar Golf and Country Club.

Don Clinesmith stated on Saginaw Road, somebody has 4-wheelers going on private property that belongs to Grede. It is a polluted property and people shouldn't be going on there.

Onna Clinesmith asked what the criteria for using the bulletin board.

Erica Aymer said Erica placed [the notice] there. She said she would personally remove it Thursday.

Onna Clinesmith said she will be placing Western Thumb TEA Party notices.

Supervisor Foether halted discussion between Onna Clinesmith and Erica Aymer.

Ben Partridge said he hoped the Board will postpone public comment to address agenda items.

Onna Clinesmith said she was asking the Board what is the criteria for posting on the board. She wants to comply to post meetings.

Bruce Foether said "I'll discuss it."

Bob Forbes asked Mike why he voted "no" on the secretary.

Michael Clinesmith stated he had addressed that numerous times already. Michael said he had public comment on something else.

Russ Fall stated he wanted to do repairs and wanted permission to shut the slide down.

John Stack asked about the barbeque pit.

There was discussion about the park.

Michael Clinesmith talked about transparency in how the Township operates.

Bruce Foether went to the STA office and brought out a copy of the Tuscola County Advertiser article about the Township's budget hearing and annual meeting.

Bruce Foether asked Facebook Committee members about setting a date for the next meeting and set it for July 17.

There was discussion about setting a time to review policy and procedures, and it was suggested to set a time after the election.

Rhonda Schultz asked about trespassing allegations; she said not to talk about transparency. Bob Forbes stated "Transparency Guy" isn't answering questions.

Ben Partridge stated regarding comments on Facebook, that he has seen comments on Facebook and when he came back later, the comments were gone.

Dan Zuzula stated he was a coach for kids 9 and under and they took the championship.

There was clapping.

Bruce Foether asked Russ Fall if he wanted to talk about the water trails.

Russ Fall talked about the Cass River Water Trail update. The Township is located at point 2 on the water trail map. There was discussion about the trail map.

Michael Clinesmith read a section from a "wise man" from John 3:19-21 about shining light on darkness. He said the trespassing allegations went nowhere. He is not ashamed of Jesus and said there is a God that knows people's hearts.

Fred Welsh asked the Clerk why he didn't think of someone else to take pictures of the sign.

Motion by Borcharding, seconded by Clinesmith to adjourn.
Vote 4-0 with Gray absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:58pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor