

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

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 Foether, seconded by Stack to approve the July 11, 2017 regular meeting minutes as written.

Vote 4-0 with Gray abstaining. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report by John Stack:

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

There was a question about payment for the digital sign. The Clerk went to his office to get a copy of the bid from the previous month.

Motion by Foether, seconded by Borcharding to add a check of \$8,096.50 to Northern Sign Co. Inc. for ½ cost of the digital sign to the August payables.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Gray seconded by Borcharding to approve the August 2017 payables in the amount of \$59,409.65.

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

The Supervisor thanked Bob Reil for mowing the two properties by Vassar.

The Trustee, Zoning Administrator, Assessor and Sheriff Deputy reports were in the meeting packet.

Correspondence:

Mayville Area Master Plan:

The Village of Mayville is recognizing their need to formulate and adopt a Village Master Plan.

Tuscola County Planning Commission New Letter:

The Tuscola County Planning Commission sent out a letter regarding Medical Marijuana and the potential loss for Federal funding.

New Business:

James Strauchman – Fire Run:

James Strauchman requested dismissal of the fire run to his property. He showed pictures of the fire and his fire pit. He stated he had trouble getting approval for a fire pit from the City of Vassar.

He requested the Township get him a copy of the burn permit required.

Motion by Foether, seconded by Borcharding to excuse the fire run bill for James Strauchman, invoice 262A.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Facebook Committee:

There were 2 stages of purchases for equipment for recording board meetings. There was discussion about the equipment, the cost and security of the recordings.
Motion by Foether, seconded by Clinesmith to pay for the Stage 1 purchases of the equipment for the hall for recording meetings. Make a check for \$1444.09 to Devin Foether and put on September's payables and write the check on Wednesday.
Clinesmith requested a roll call.
Roll Call: Gray – Yes, Clinesmith – Yes, Stack – Yes, Foether – Yes, Borcharding – Yes
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Vassar Key Policy:

There were two different versions of the Vassar Key Policy in the meeting packet. There was discussion about the Clerk's access to the STA office. There was mention to keep the Facebook Policy dated 7-11-2017 until the reviewing the policy manual.
Donald Clinesmith mentioned he was interested in a key; there was discussion of Paula Cavanaugh needing one as well.

Ditch Permit:

There was much discussion about the ditch permit regarding digging out the ditch on Brown Road between Hess and M-15. There were some pages presented from Tuscola County regarding responsibilities for ditch work. There was discussion about who would pay for the cost with the Board not sounding interested in paying for the ditch work.

Motion by Borcharding to approve the Tuscola County Road Commission Contract for the engineering of the Clark ditch petition on Brown Road. Once the township receives \$3,600 for the project, Then the Township approves the contract and sends the Road commission a check for \$1,800.

Roll Call: Foether – Yes, Gray – Yes, Stack – Abstain, Borcharding – Yes, Clinesmith – Yes
Vote 4-0 with Stack abstaining, MOTION CARRIED.

Blight Ordinance:

There was mention of the Blight Ordinance allowing bills for mowing to be placed on the taxes.

Post for Openings on Vassar Township Boards for Expires October 2017:

There was mention to post on Facebook, the web page and the Cass River Trader openings for the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals and Election Inspectors.

U.S. Census 2020:

The Supervisor suggested he would fill out the form from the U.S. Census Bureau.

MTA Training:

The Supervisor mentioned the training was great and included information packets regarding funding projects and playground hazards.

Old Business:

Facebook Made Date for Meeting:

The suggestion was to wait until the equipment comes in to set a date.

Date of Policy & Procedure Workshop:

Consensus was to set the date for the Policy and Procedure for September 5, 2017 at 5pm.

There was discussion about paying people such as election inspectors outside the Township for mileage and a suggestion to pay Amy Mocny mileage.

Public Comment:

Onna Clinesmith said she would like to commend Cory Jacobs for apprehending three people removing signs. She mentioned it was the first time someone was caught in the act.

There was clapping by the audience in support.

Bruce Foether read part of the Sheriff's Deputy Report.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Borcharding to adjourn.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:42pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor