

Supervisor Foether called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
The pledge was led by Supervisor Foether.

Roll Call:

Present: Tom Borcharding, Michael Clinesmith, Bruce Foether, Bill Gray, John Stack (arrived 6:02pm)

Absent: None

New Business:

Michigan Marijuana Law:

Thomas R. Reif from the Michigan Marijuana Law Experts, LLC (MMLE) spoke about options regarding the Medical Marijuana Laws. He stated the organization plays three roles, that of informing municipalities, assisting municipalities with ordinances and connecting clients with municipalities, charging those clients for assistance. There are three laws the State Legislature has passed to regulate Marijuana. Available sources of revenue for municipalities would be permit fees for each facility of up to \$5,000 a year, a 3% excise tax for provisioning centers and increases to the tax base due to facilities now being used. If opting in, there would need to be a creation of a special use permit and two types of ordinances: a general police power ordinance and a zoning ordinance.

There were pages discussing the marijuana laws by the State of Michigan, and other information related to the issue in the meeting packet.

Time was given to the Board of Trustees and public to ask questions regarding the Michigan Marijuana Laws and the process of opting in or out of allowing facilities.

Meeting recessed at 8:20pm.

Meeting called to order at 8:30pm.

Motion by Borcharding, seconded by Gray to recommend that the Vassar Township Board allows facilities under the Michigan Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act and direct the Planning Commission to begin work on the ordinance.

Roll Call requested by Foether.

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

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Bob Reil was asked if he was concerned about the ordinance from the attorney or if he wanted help. He expressed December 15th deadline concerns.

Motion by Foether, seconded by Borcharding to have Michigan Marijuana Law Experts help the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees to write the law enforcement ordinance and zoning ordinance for the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Erica Aymer asked about the time frame.

Bruce Foether stated less than 8 weeks.

Thomas Reif mentioned it was driven by how quickly it was wanted done. There are things that can be done to speed up the process.

Paula Cavanaugh asked about a series of special meetings.

Reif said it depended on the number of changes.

Cavanaugh asked about how long to get a zoning ordinance in place.

Reif stated "A little longer." The police protection ordinance would decide that.

Orville Hartung asked if MMLE would receive pay at the completion of the project.

John Stack mentioned the costs of Planning Commission meetings.

There was more discussion about the steps involved.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Clinesmith to adjourn.

The Supervisor declared the meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor