

Vassar Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting – January 13, 2015
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4505 W Saginaw Rd.
Vassar, MI 48768

Supervisor Forbes called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
The pledge was led by Supervisor Forbes.

Roll Call:

Present: John Stack, Michael Clinesmith, Bob Forbes, Bill Gray
Excused Absence: Sam Tester

Minutes:

Motion by Stack, seconded by Gray, to approve the December 9, 2014 minutes as written.
Vote 4-0 with one absent, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report by John Stack:

Treasurer's Report presented and filed with the clerk.

Motion by Stack, supported by Forbes add Sage check 17414 for \$949.00 to the payables and to approve the January 2015 payables in the amount of \$33,033.92.

Vote 4-0, with one absent, MOTION CARRIED.

Guest:

MI Office Solutions Proposal:

Cliff Leibold gave some details about his company and his proposal to help Vassar Township manage its printing costs. There were some board questions about the proposal. The proposal covers everything but paper; there was some interest in color by the Board. The board was interested in having one black and one color multifunction device, and would like to see an updated proposal.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Stack to approve a demo by MI Office Solutions.

Vote 4-0, with one absent, MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Clinesmith signed the demo agreement and gave it to Cliff Leibold.

Trustee Report read by Bill Gray and filed with the clerk.

Zoning Administrator's Report presented by Curtis Pennell and filed with the clerk.

Assessor's Report by Debby Valentine was read by Bob Forbes and filed with the clerk.

No Library Board Report

Fire Run Report read by Nancy Zuzula and filed with the clerk.

Communications:

Department of Treasury: Online Registration , Withholding Tax Services:

The State of Michigan sent the Township a letter advertising new online services, and requiring taxes to be paid online.

Michigan Township Insights – Legislative Updates:

MTA has sent the Township updates about numerous laws passed in the lame duck session in the Michigan Legislature. There was some discussion about the laws and updates.

Unfinished Business:

Photos for web site:

The board decided to wait to take pictures until all members were present.

Fire Contract:

The Township just received the new language for the contract and members did not have time to review it.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Clinesmith, to postpone approval of the Fire Contract until February. Vote 4-0 with one absent, MOTION CARRIED.

Date to Review Policy Manual:

Consensus was to wait until February to discuss setting the date.

New Business:

Annual Agenda:

Clinesmith asked for board members to submit possible goals to the Township for discussion at the February meeting.

Road Work – Road Commission Letters:

The Township received several letters from the Tuscola County Road Commission Letters concerning road work, painting the roads, and load limits for bridges.

Public Comment:

Michael Clinesmith mentioned that the Township received a letter from a resident from the County about clearing out a drain, and he was going to send it to the attorney for further information. He also mentioned that Janice received a form from Sprint to be filled out if there is interest in a tower and that he felt he should go to the Board for approval for that.

Janice Zawol described some of the information about the process of getting internet tower. She suggested placing the tower by the parking lot. The Township would be compensated for the Tower.

Kendall Woodruff mentioned he had a tower placed on his property up north and that he did get paid for it.

Russ Fall mentioned that he opposed having the tower placed where Janice suggested but would suggest that having it placed on the northeast corner of the property with an access drive would be ideal. Washburn Road would be another possible location.

There were more comments about an internet tower from multiple people.

Fall stated that from Ben he found out that internet towers have a radius of about five miles. The Park property would serve more Township residents than the Washburn Road property.

Janice Zawol stated that she found out the information and gave the form which just needs to be filled out. She suggested to fill out the paper, send it in and see what happens.

Bob Forbes suggested filling out the form; there was no objection.

Donald Clinesmith suggested in paving the roads, to go back to the policy to paving the oldest roads first.

Forbes stated that could be done; he turned in a letter about the oldest roads and never heard back.

Donald Clinesmith stated that the Township has done so well on roads in the Township, but there were still 4.5 miles of roads in the Township, that priority should be given to those roads to “share the wealth.”

Forbes stated that some of the residents don’t want their roads paved, but he will look at it.

John Stack mentioned that if we spend money now, we wouldn’t have money for future roads, so we have to be careful how we spend the money.

Fall stated that last fall there was discussion about Caine Road being reasphalted, and it was postponed. He talked with the engineer, and stated that they planned on only closing the bridge for work for three weeks; there is time to work on that road. He also talked about the patch on Hess and Swaffer road, the cover for the drain is higher for the road itself, so water cannot get to the drain so it keeps breaking up.

Orville Hartung asked about the policy for lines on the roads.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Forbes to adjourn.

Vote 4-0 with one absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor