

Supervisor Forbes called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
A prayer was led by Michael Clinesmith.
The pledge was led by Supervisor Forbes.

Roll Call:

Present: John Stack, Michael Clinesmith, Bob Forbes, Sam Tester, Bill Gray
Absent: None

Minutes:

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to approve the February 10, 2015 meeting minutes as written.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to approve the March 6, 2015 special meeting minutes as written.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report by John Stack:

Treasurer's Report presented and filed with the clerk.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Gray to approve the February 2015 payables in the amount of \$24,810.21.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Report by Bill Gray filed with the clerk.

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

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

The supervisor thanked people who helped fold the filers to be sent with the assessment notices, Jerry Dutcher, Rhonda Schultz, and Dave Phillips.

No **Library Board Report**

Fire Run Report by Nancy Zuzula and filed with clerk.

Training Report by Jerry Dutcher:

Dutcher attend an MTA Board of Review training class. There were a number of assessors there and he felt it was a good class.

Guests:

Drs. Ford & Furman: Sign request

Jim Ford and Jim Furman are dentists in the preliminary stages of looking for another place to set up an office. They are looking at some places in the Township and would like to install a digital sign. Section 12.06D of the Vassar Township's ordinances states that changing message displays are not prohibited.

Communications:Auditors: New Shareholder

The Township was sent a notice that Jamie Peasley is now a shareholder with Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran, P.C.

Tuscola Township: Master Plan

Tuscola Township has announced its intention on working on its master plan and has submitted to the township a request to become a registered entity. Consensus was it would be alright for the clerk to fill out the form.

Road Commission: Ditch Clearing

Forbes went to a Tuscola County Road Commission meeting discussing grants to cut down trees. He stated the meeting and the process was a disappointment. Russ Fall mentioned that the Road Commission is cutting down more than ash trees. The question was asked if the Road Commission would again be giving grants to cut trees, which it has had in the past but not the previous year. There was also mention of getting the Township to look for bids again, and looking for grants to fund it. Fall also mentioned that he would like the township to have an ordinance defining responsibility for keeping the ditches around roadways clear.

Unfinished Business:Road Work:

Forbes stated that he had contacted the Road Commission and the Commission is going to request bids for sections of Oak and Caine Roads in April. The Road Commission will then send them to the Township for approval.

New Business:Tire Collection Agreement:

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Tester to approve the Tuscola County Tire Collection Site Agreement and schedule the day for tire collection for May 8 from 9am to 5pm or until full. Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes to set the Township cleanup days on May 16 and May 17 and contact Republic Services to get the dumpsters for the cleanup. Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

AT&T: Voice Mail

People calling the Township were not getting through if someone was on the phone. A request was made to set up voice mail, but AT&T then sent a message stating the cost for that service was \$14.95 and a \$15 setup charge. Ben Partridge suggested getting rid of call waiting. The Board would look at that and look into an answering machine with 5 boxes.

eCivis: Grant Seeking Proposal

The Township received a proposal from eCivis to use its grant-finding software. There was some discussion about the township looking for grants, the time it takes to find and write grants, who should do it and getting compensated for it, but no action was taken.

Public Comment:

Michael Clinesmith mentioned that the City of Vassar approved the Township's fire contract, and there is a PA 116 request in process, that the Township would need to meet and vote on before the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Ben Partridge asked why the Township could not act on the PA 116 request at a regularly scheduled meeting. He also asked for a copy off all the Township ordinances that were active. He asked why there was a huge range in pay on the election workers.

Nancy Zuzula mentioned that two of the election workers were part time, and there were paid \$10, \$9, or \$8.50 based on position.

Michael Clinesmith added that some people had some taxes withheld, and some didn't based on state law on election officials working.

Don Clinesmith mentioned that the township still had 4 1/2 miles of unpaved road, and wanted to know when they would get done.

Bob Forbes mentioned that there were no requests to pave unpaved roads. There was one person who asked about it and he told him to get with his neighbors and get their support.

Don Clinesmith mentioned that the Township could get the roads done. Care wear out quicker on dirt roads.

Someone asked about the road grader, that it would put him out of a job.

Don Clinesmith stated that the County road graders have to come out of their way to grade the roads now.

Bob Forbes stated the Township pays for dust control. VanWagnen Road caused a lot of controversy as some people didn't want it paved. He just left it up to the people.

Orville Hartung mentioned that some people don't want it because their assessment may go up. He mentioned he was assessed \$3,500 for just putting a driveway with a culvert in.

Jerry Dutcher stated that a paved or unpaved road makes a difference in the assessment.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor