

Supervisor Forbes called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.
A prayer was led by Michael Clinesmith.
The pledge was led by Supervisor Forbes.

Roll Call:

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

New Business:

Approval of PA 116 for Christian Dinsmoore:

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to approve the PA 116 application by Christina Dinsmoore.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

River Access Cost:

Russ Fall described a series of events in March about the cost for the river access site. There was more discussion about this by the board. The Planning Commission made a recommendation at their last meeting to support paying up to \$5,000 for the river access point. Fall had some updated figures.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Gray that the Township send a letter to the Road Commission that the Township would be willing to support the project in the amount up to \$4,210.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary:

Forbes would like to keep the hall open from 9am to 4pm, mentioning some people have complained about the hall not being open. Clinesmith mentioned a lot of duties that need to be done, many of which end up being done by the clerk. There was a lot of discussion on this topic both for and against.

Meeting Recessed at 1:40pm

Meeting called to order at 1:43pm.

Motion by Forbes to postpone discussion until the next board meeting. This motion was withdrawn.

There was discussion about the number of hours the deputy clerk had worked in the Township.

Motion by Stack to figure out the hours Nancy is owed and bring it to the next board meeting for discussion. This motion was withdrawn.

Motion by Stack, seconded by Clinesmith to pay the deputy clerk for work up to \$142 over the budget.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Ditch Cleanout Request:

There were questions about a letter received by the Township regarding a ditch cleanout permit and what action the Township needs to take on it. There was mention of it being part of a Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) appeal, but that had to deal with another matter. The letter asked for a letter from the Township Board regarding the status of Sierra Nevada Mining LLC. The Township Board took no action with an understanding that the proper Township officials could comply with the information request.

Public Comment:

Don Clinesmith asked about the ZBA appeal of a sign at Juniata and asked if it bypassed the Planning Commission (PC). It seems like it should go to the PC.

Michael Clinesmith mentioned that the Township had a similar event the last year, that a request went to the ZBA for a variance.

Russ Fall asked, "The Planning Commission doesn't do variances?"

Bob Forbes stated, "No."

Ben Partridge mentioned that with normal procedures, a request goes to Curtis. If it is denied, it then goes to the ZBA with some exceptions.

Don Clinesmith asked why questions go to the ZBA.

Onna Clinesmith asked if Sierra Nevada was in foreclosure for taxes. "When did the property go into foreclosure?" She thought that might be something the Township should be interested in.

Russ Fall stated he remembered seeing Sierra Nevada in the paper going into foreclosure in the tax list. There were three sizeable acres of property.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to adjourn.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor