

Supervisor Forbes called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
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 September 9, 2014 meeting minutes with corrections as suggested.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Tester to approve the September 16, 2014 policy minutes as written.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report by John Stack:

Stack mentioned webcasts are available from MTA for education. It was suggested that the training classes be brought to the board next month.

Treasurer's Report presented and filed with the clerk.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Gray to approve the October 2014 payables in the amount of \$21,094.92 and holding check 17287 to the attorneys for further information on questions about zoning.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Report by Bill Gray filed with the clerk.

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

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

Library Board Report by Eric Andreychuk:

Eric mentioned the library's 1.25 millage renewal for 4 years. He mentioned 85% of the library's fund comes from the local tax base, 13% county and 2% from state with some discounts from the federal government. He listed a number of events offered by the library and the Friends of the Library organization.

Fire Run Report by Onna Clinesmith and filed with clerk.

Communications:

Ag Safety and Rescue Awareness Training:

There are some training classes held Dec 1, 2 and 3 for responding, identifying and managing various types of farm related emergencies

Drain Commission:

There was an informational sheet provided to the board members on issues of drainage. There was some discussion about the drain commission's responsibility on drainage.

New Business:

EMC Insurance:

The township was sent a questionnaire about its insurance coverage which was completed by the supervisor. A claim was sent to the insurance company about damage caused to the hall for the summer power outage, and the claim was already received by the township.

Sheriff Contract – Lee Teschendorf:

Tuscola County Sheriff Lee Teschendorf was present and discussed some of the figures listed in the most recent sheriff's contract

Resolution 27-2014 offered by Forbes, seconded by Tester to approve the Sheriff's Contract for 2015

Roll Call: Gray – Yes, Stack – No, Clinesmith – Yes, Forbes – Yes, Tester – Yes
Vote 4-1, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Bank Account at Frankenmuth Credit Union:

Stack mentioned that credit unions can now be used by the township. He was looking for a place where people would be able to pay their taxes for the township.

Motion by Stack, seconded by Tester to allow Frankenmuth Credit Union to be secondary for the collection of winter 2014 tax payments and distribution of levies.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Special Meeting for Policy Manual:

Motion by Stack, seconded by Clinesmith to have a special meeting on October 31, 2014 at 10am to approve the PA 116 packet and discuss the policy manual.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Planning Commission Appointment:

Three applications were submitted to the board for consideration from Orville Hartung, Russ Fall and Russ Kime.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to appoint Orville Hartung to the Planning Commission to fill Tom Huyghe's spot, term ending October 2017.

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, supported by Stack to appoint Russell Kime to the Planning Commission, term ending October 2017.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

ZBA Appointments:

Russ Fall was not interested in a ZBA appointment. Ben Partridge offered to fill the vacant ZBA spot. There was discussion about appointing Hartung, but he was appointed to the Planning Commission which will recommend a liaison to the ZBA. Clinesmith offered to post a notice on the website to be acted on the next month to fill the vacant positions.

Set Date for PA 116 Approval:

This was already done.

Old Computer Equipment:

Motion by Forbes, supported by Tester to give old computer equipment listed to the sharehouse.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Unfinished Business:

Road Work:

The township received three letters from the Tuscola County Road Commission. There was no response to the bid requests. A letter was sent on Township Roads that the Township would like the County Road Commission to review, and a notice about a public hearing.

Undocumented Immigrants:

Forbes read a letter from the attorney stating a moratorium would likely be declared unconstitutional, the township received a letter from Sandra Poirier concerned about illegals being brought into the area. The board received some police reports from escapes and incidents related to Wolverine Human Services. There was some discussion over the issue. It was mentioned that the facility was no longer looking into bringing in foreigners.

Motion by Forbes, supported to Tester to go with the Township attorney's recommendation.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Onna Clinesmith stated that Mike has police reports of people that have escaped. In January three teenage girls were barefoot and went to Dave Jarzel's house and asked to make a call, saying they had left a party. She added that Vassar Township can through ordinances add things on to a special land use such as foster care; that the Planning Commission has the option to add restrictions to the use permits.

Jim Satchel is a trustee at Dayton Township and he was doing a comparison and contrast between different townships. He compared Vassar Township to *(Amend) Dayton Denmark* Township with hall sizes, board pay and supervisor responsibilities.

Robert Adams was a resident of Dayton Township and he stated that Vassar Township was "light years" above Dayton Township, and suggested the meetings there were like "Monday night Football". He stated Vassar Township was doing an excellent job.

Don Clinesmith reminded the board that last month our government was in negotiations with Turkey with its 2 million refugees which wanted the United States to bring in 1.2 million of them. He was sorry he hurt Forbes feelings, but felt his rights and free speech were violated by removing his comment from the minutes.

Lou Smallwood introduced himself as a candidate for the Vassar School Board, and gave some basic information about himself along with a flier to the board.

Michael Clinesmith talked about the importance of having dialog and discussion on important issues to make better decisions, as there are groups that want to stop that dialog.

Ben Partridge asked how much the letter from the attorney cost. He stated that we need to stop making new laws and new laws and new laws, and that the township already has laws regarding putting up fences.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor