

Supervisor Forbes called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
The pledge was led by Supervisor Forbes.
Forbes asked people to remain standing and give a round of applause of thanks for the veterans that have served the country.

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 October 14, 2014 meeting minutes with corrections as corrected.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Stack, seconded by Forbes to approve the October 31, 2014 special meeting minutes as corrected.

Vote 4-0, with Gray abstaining, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report by John Stack:

Treasurer's Report presented and filed with the clerk.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Gray to approve the November 2014 payables in the amount of \$30,111.43 and including the extra \$10 for test decks.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

No Trustee Report as Planning Commission as not met since last meeting.

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

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

Library Board Report read by Onna Clinesmith

Fire Run Report by Michael Clinesmith and filed with clerk.

Supervisor's Report read by Forbes and filed with the clerk.

Communications:

MI Public Service Commission – video services:

The township received a letter from the Commission asking for municipality input on cable providers. Stack mentioned a surtax on the cable bills. He had a discussion with the cable company. Why is there a surtax if the township is not being reimbursed; the township did not approve an agreement years ago, and lasts for ten years?

DEQ – Flood Insurance Program request:

The township was informed about another request for information about the floodplain from a resident. Clinesmith questioned the program requiring people to purchase flood insurance which seems to be leading to the requests.

Guest:

Tyler Pederson – Tax bill insert:

Tyler Pederson of the Michigan Forestry Assistance Program was not present at the board meeting, but had left a flier with the board that he would like included with the Township's tax bills.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Gray to allow Tyler Pederson to include Qualified Forest Program fliers with the Township tax bills, cut to the size of the envelope.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Unfinished Business:

ZBA Appointments:

The board had received applications for appointment for the ZBA from Orville Hartung, Christine Loudon and Ben Partridge. Clinesmith mentioned he had contacted the attorney about the appointments and that the Board of Trustees is the entity that appoints the Planning Commission Representative.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Gray to appoint Christine Loudon to the ZBA for term expiring October 2017.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Stack to appoint Orville Hartung to the ZBA as the Planning Commission representative.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

~~(Amend) The Planning Commission representative Orville Hartung's ZBA term goes to the end of the his Planning Commission representative's term on the Planning Commission.~~

Frankenmuth Credit Union Resolution:

There was some changes made to the wording of the resolution 30-2014.

Resolution 30-2014 offered by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes to Authorize a Bank Account with Frankenmuth Credit Union in Vassar City.

Roll Call: Forbes – Yes, Gray – Yes, Tester – Yes, Clinesmith – Yes, Stack – Yes

Vote 5-0, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

EDC Master Plan Developments:

Motion by Tester, seconded by Forbes to accept the Tuscola County Economic Development Commission's proposal to write a master plan for the Township for \$5,500.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Fire Run Contract:

The City of Vassar sent the Township an amended Fire Run Contract. Forbes asked to postpone approval until he could meet with the supervisors of the surrounding areas.

New Business:

A copy of the old newsletter from 2013 was provided to the board as an example. The consensus was to have people submit their sections to the clerk and have it ready by November 19.

Insurance:

The Township received a proposal for insurance from Ted Hartleb Agency. Forbes asked a representative to attend the December board meeting.

Public Comment:

Russ Fall mentioned that under Recreation on the Township's income statement that the township had overpaid \$10 for the culvert and that the returned \$10 should go back into the fund.

John Stack thought the refunded \$10 went into tax overpayments/refunds.

Russ Fall asked what the "Drains at large" budget item was for.

John Stack stated it was for the maintenance of drains.

Russ Fall stated that the Tuscola County Road Commission did not do proper work on the drain. There is a water hold at the corner of Hess and Swaffer than needs to be tapered to allow water to run off.

Ben Partridge asked when the fire contract expired.

Michael Clinesmith explained that since the City of Vassar did not send the Township a notice of cancellation, the contract extends for another year.

Ben Partridge asked about the check that was held the previous month.

John Stack stated that with the check for the attorney, the attorney was contacted and the Township was going to be reimbursed for the charge.

Ben Partridge asked about the cost for the letter from the attorney the previous month.

Michael Clinesmith stated the Township did not yet receive the bill, since statements come quarterly.

Ben Partridge stated the Township is going against its policy for allowing other groups to include things with the newsletter.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor