

Vassar Township Board of Trustees
Special Meeting/Budget Hearing – June 28, 2014
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Supervisor Forbes called the meeting to order at 12:30pm.
The pledge was led by Supervisor Forbes.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

Bob Forbes read through the Budget line items.

The Public Hearing for the 2014-2015 Budget was opened at 12:48pm.

John Engels asked for explanations on revenue sharing, total aggregate and recreation.

Michael Clinesmith explained the recreation changes in the budget.

Ben Partridge asked about the Township Board seminars and workshops, and increase in election wages.

John Stack discussed training workshops.

Ben Partridge asked about the election notices and elections repair and maintenance and if enough money was budgeted.

Michael Clinesmith discussed changes to the Election Notices and Elections Repair & Maintenance line items.

Ben Partridge asked about budgeting for stamps, the attorney, the clerk and treasurer phone, Board of Review Salary, Township Renovation, Repair & Maintenance, Law Enforcement Contract and Roadwork Special.

John Engels asked about the Township's plan for road work.

Bob Forbes mentioned some plans for road work.

Ben Partridge mentioned the miles of roads not being worked on, yet the Township reduced the budget for road work regular & increased contingency.

John Stack mentioned other townships are using road millages for road work.

Onna Clinesmith mentioned Vassar Road was worked on, and there is discussion about work on Ormes and Brown Road. There have been improvements. She mentioned the board has been asked to improve Rupprecht Road.

Bob Forbes mentioned that the Tuscola County Road Commission has been patching holes, and has a list of roads that need repair.

Ben Partridge stated that maintenance and potholes was a separate budget line item, but that he was discussing Road Work Regular. He also asked about the Garbage Refuse item.

John Stack stated the board hasn't talked about road work. He added that the Garbage Refuse line item is still included because the garbage fund will still be short for the coming budget year.

John Engels mentioned that when the roads start breaking, the “sky is the limit” on costs.

Bob Forbes stated the governor wants to increase the gas tax, but the Township is not going to raise taxes.

John Stack asked if the township wanted to adjust the budget.

Michael Clinesmith suggested the public hearing be closed as the public was finished with its comments since the board could continue discussion.

The public hearing was closed at 1:27pm.

Current Business:

Resolution 17-2014 offered by Clinesmith, supported by Forbes to adopt the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget: Therefore, be it resolved that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees approve the 2014-2015 budget with \$749,103.27 for revenues and \$749,103.27 for expenses. Be it further resolved that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees approve the Garbage Fund budget in the amount of \$188,874.00 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Roll Call: Gray – Yes, Tester – Yes, Forbes – Yes, Clinesmith – Yes, Stack – Yes
Vote 5-0, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Resolution 18-2014 offered by Clinesmith, supported by Forbes on the Adoption of its Operation Tax Rate, that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees approve a renewal of the operational 2014 tax rate of 1.00 mills to support its budget.

Roll Call: Clinesmith – Yes, Gray – Yes, Stack – Yes, Forbes – Yes, Tester – Yes
Vote 5-0, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Ben Partridge asked when the meeting minutes would show up.

Motion by Gray, supported by Tester to adjourn.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 1:43pm

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor