

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, supported by Tester to approve the June 10, June 13, June 20, and June 28 minutes as written.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report by John Stack:

The storm knocked out township utilities, leading to extra expenses and time to repair them.

Motion by Stack, supported by Gray to preauthorize checks for the August payables for MTA training, envelopes and stamps.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Gray to approve the July 2014 payables in the amount of \$12,448.38.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Report by Bill Gray (oral)

The Planning Commission on June 12, 2014 discussed reviewing the Master Plan and holding Special Meetings for review of the Master Plan.

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

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

Library Board Report by Tom Borcharding:

Borcharding mentioned library activities including the preschool story hour, movies for kids, Annie musical, the millage renewal. There is a meeting July 24, 2014 at 10am to "get to know the Cass River."

Fire Run Report by Onna Clinesmith and filed with clerk.

Communications:

Tuscola County Planning Commission:

The TCPC sent a letter to the Township acknowledging receipt of the Township's recently printed zoning map.

City of Vassar Master Plan:

The City of Vassar is informing Vassar Township of its intention to develop a Master Plan.

Attorneys – Master Plan Adoption Procedure:

The Township and Planning Commission received a letter and list detailing the process of reviewing a Master Plan.

EMC Insurance:

The Township's insurance company has acknowledged the Township's claim on property damage.

Unfinished Business:

Review of Township Policies, Elected Positions:

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes to have a special meeting September 16, 2014 at 10:00am to review the Township's Policies and Procedures.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Policy and Procedures for Public Inspection and Copying of Public Records:

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes to postpone discussion of the policy and Procedures for public inspection until the September 16, 2014 meeting.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Park Proposal:

Forbes mentioned he would like to look at postponing the proposal. There was a suggestion to have the Parks and Recreation Committee review the Washburn Property. Russ Fall stated he would like the board to make a decision. Don Clinesmith stated he would be disappointed if the board voted to not put in a park after the time put in by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

There was significant discussion by board members and residents about the park proposal, and some documents were retrieved and copied for board members.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Clinesmith to go ahead with the \$8,000 investment for the driveway and parking lot.

Clinesmith requested a roll call vote

Roll Call: Stack – Yes, Clinesmith – Yes, Gray – Yes (with reservations), Tester – No, Forbes – Yes

Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Township Desk:

A new proposal was submitted to the township by Pailog Carpentry on repairing its desk.

It was mentioned that Bloomfield Township and Tuscola Township have new desks. Forbes had not yet visited the other townships to view their desks.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes to postpone discussion on the Township desk until the August 2014 meeting.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Garbage Assessment:

John Stack presented some numbers to the board about the amount needed to be charged with the garbage assessment. There were no objections to the suggestion that the attorney be present at the August 11, 2014 meeting. John Stack will check on the cost of sending postcards with the notice.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes that the township preapproves a check to a printing company if necessary to send out Garbage Hearing notices, to be on the August payables.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Roadside Maintenance:

Forbes did not hear any further from the person who stated he would bid on mowing township roads. Bob Reil submitted a bid to the township of \$60/mile for mowing the township roads.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to hire Bob Reil to do roadside mowing in the Township at \$60/mile.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Report on Training:

Clinesmith discussed the training classes on vision he took at Mt. Pleasant on June 23 and on clerk responsibilities in Grand Rapids on June 24-27.

Web Site:

Drew Stark suggested moving the township's web page to provider iPage; the board had no objections to this request.

New Business:

Resolution for Meeting Schedule:

Resolution 19-2014 offered by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes to Adopt the 2014-2015 Meeting Schedule; that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees approves the following dates for its regular meetings for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Each meeting will be at 7:00 PM located at Vassar Township Hall, 4505 W. Saginaw Rd, Vassar, MI 48768. Phone: (989) 823-3541

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Tuesday, August 12, 2014

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

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

Resolution for Election Inspector Wages:

Resolution 20-2014 offered by Clinesmith, seconded by Gray to establish Vassar Township Election Inspector Wages; that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees adjust its pay for its election inspectors in the following manner:

The Chairs of the Election Inspectors receive a wage of \$10.00 per hour
The Co-Chairs of the Election Inspectors receive a wage of \$9.00 per hour
The other Election Inspectors receive a wage of \$8.50 per hour

Election Inspector pay will include time for training, and for mileage outside of the township, upon submission of a mileage sheet.

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

Public Comment:

Russ Fall thanked Forbes for his support at the race and the entire Board on behalf of the Recreation Committee in support of the park. He suggested the Board consider having the Planning Commission come up with a plan for the responsibility for road cutting between homeowners, the Township and Tuscola County.

Bob Reil suggested spraying to keep trees down in the ditches.

Russ Fall mentioned that on June 19, donuts were made in the township's asphalt. Forbes said the matter was taken care of. There was the suggestion it was the same household as had filed a claim against the township for car repair.

Fred Welsh stated he saw some folks from the protest and that some residents are less than 500 feet from the proposed Wolverine facility. Sixty people were to be processed then replaced. He suggested the Township Board has as much responsibility to pay attention as Vassar City. He said "We need to pay attention."

JT Mobe from Wesleyan Wood wanted to put a face to the location and thanked the township for the support. When asked about the fireworks, he said people said they were great, with no negative comments.

Bob Reil agreed that he does a great job.

Ben Partridge mentioned that another meeting was scheduled at the school to discuss the situation.

Fred Welsh asked if the Township was ready for Questions and Answers and discussed into further detail the situation with Wolverine.

Sam Tester stated that at the end of the Vietnam War, Vietnamese were brought to the townships, and "they took our children's jobs, and let them have everything."

Fred Welsh stated that there were several sides to the issue and discussed a few more points.

Ben Partridge stated that (the meeting) is what tomorrow is about.

Onna Clinesmith stated that she did get a chance to get in with the City, that some from California had a strain of TB that count not be treated. A well-dressed man that was an attorney from Rick Snyder's office was supporting the proposal. She stated the Wolverine facility was zoned I-2 with correctional and vocational facilities being allowable uses, and that she would request a FOIA. She mentioned the importance of Planning Commissions. She mentioned rumors of a contract by July 14, and suggested people visit the school boards.

Fred Welsh mentioned that more than 100 people were at the Monday protest and that people are coming from all over. He heard the upcoming meeting will be streamed on MLive. Channel 12 and 5 were at the event. The issue is being viewed nationally.

Beth Ann Fall stated that the Township needs to be prepared to take a stance and would like to see the board do so at a meeting.

Bob Forbes asked if the clerk would write the resolution.

Motion by Gray, supported by Forbes to adjourn.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:22pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor