

Vassar Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting – August 12, 2014
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Vassar, MI 48768

Supervisor Forbes called the meeting to order at 7:37pm.
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 July 8, 2014 minutes as written.
Vote 5-0, 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 August 2014 payables in the amount of \$26,891.08, removing the extra 17176 check to Onna Clinesmith.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Report by Bill Gray filed with the clerk with the correction of meeting dates being held on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

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 beginning with Grandparent's Day, weekly Thursday meetings are resuming at the library and there is an upcoming millage renewal.

Fire Run Report by Onna Clinesmith and filed with clerk.

Park and Recreation Committee Report by Russ Fall:

Meeting have been moved to the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. The next meeting is August 20.

Cass River Greenway report summarized by Russ Fall and filed with the clerk.

Election Report by Michael Clinesmith:

There were 201 voters at Precinct 1 and 187 at Precinct 2 with approximately 15% turnout. There were 1 Republican Delegate elected in Precinct 1 and 5 Republican Delegates elected in Precinct 2. Results for other races can be found on the Tuscola County and State of Michigan web pages.

Supervisor's Report by Bob Forbes:

There was a meeting with local township supervisors discussing the Fire Protection Contract with the City of Vassar and some suggested changes to the contract. The other township were going to work with Attorney Brian Garner and share the Township's costs. Supervisor Forbes travelled the township roads with Bob Reil, observing blight, the roadside mowing and the condition of roads.

Unfinished Business:

Township Desk:

There was some discussion about the township desk. Ben Partridge submitted papers with three desks he found available online.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to contact Don Greer and approve his bid for improving the Township desk at the cost of \$1,585.21, and to pre-approve a check for up to 50% of the bid if requested and 100% upon completion.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

Nuclear Waste Resolution:

Michigan Senator Mike Green submitted a letter and resolution to the township with concerns about a proposed Nuclear Waste Facility being located in Canada less than a mile from Lake Huron.

Resolution 22-2014 offered by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes opposing the Construction of a Nuclear Waste Repository in the Great Lakes Basin:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Vassar, Michigan, in order to protect the Great Lakes and its tributaries, urges that neither this proposed nuclear waste repository at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station nor any other underground nuclear waste repository be constructed in the Great Lakes Basin in Canada, the United States, or any First Nation property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township of Vassar, Michigan urges the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to reject and seek alternatives to Ontario Power Generation's proposal to bury radioactive nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin. In addition, pursuant to SCR 16 and SR 151, the Township of Vassar also urges President Obama to take all necessary steps to engage the International Joint Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Canadian Federal Minister of the Environment Leona Aglukkaq, the Great Lakes Commission, the International Joint Commission, Governors and legislative leaders of the eight Great Lakes states, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder, U.S. Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Representative Candice Miller, Michigan Senator Mike Green, Michigan Representative Terry Brown, as well as the Joint Review Panel Deep Geological Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste (case reference #17520) Co-Manager Ms. Debra Myles.

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

Public Comment:

Don Clinesmith proposed the township put a fence up between the township property on road on the Hall property.

Bob Forbes asked "Why?"

Don Clinesmith stated that good fences make good neighbors.

Sheriff Roland stated he talked with the neighbor adjacent to the Township Hall about issues with the quad.

Bob Forbes stated that the insurance company would pay for damage to the car, but if there were more problems, the Township would contact the insurance company and tell it to cancel the check, and if it continues, then may put up a fence.

Ben Partridge mentioned the spins in the Township parking lot scattering stones that would result in insurance payments.

Don Clinesmith stated he had just asked about putting up a fence.

John Stack asked if it would be funded through restoration.

Onna Clinesmith handed out the Township business cards, so the board members could be contacted if there were questions.

Bob Forbes stated people checked the answering machine.

Ben Partridge would like to know if there is a general box on the answering machine.

There was some discussion by people on who answers messages.

Bob Reil had a question about the roads. He stated the Township has roads in bad shape. Tuscola County offers \$25,000 a year for roads, and he would hate to see the Township lose that money. He stated, "Roads are getting worse and worse and worse." He suggested the township do one mile of road instead of losing the money. He wished the board had priorities.

Bob Forbes stated if it was still available he would do it, and was going to check on it.

Don Clinesmith thought there was a misunderstanding about the \$25,000.

Bob Reil stated it was for the oldest road.

Ben Partridge asked if the county supplied a list.

Bob Forbes stated that he just got one. The county sends out a list of roads 15 years old or more.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor