

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 August 11, 2014 garbage hearing meeting minutes as written.

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

Motion by Stack, seconded by Gray to approve the August 12, 2014 minutes as written.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report by John Stack:

Treasurer's Report presented and filed with the clerk.

Stack mentioned that Chase Bank is no longer accepting taxes on behalf of the township.

Motion by Tester, seconded by Forbes to approve the September 2014 payables in the amount of \$19,907.42.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Report by Bill Gray filed with the clerk.

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:

The board was provided material on a Western Thumb TEA Party meeting about standing up for Israel, and weekly senior meetings at the Library. Borcharding mentioned the upcoming millage renewal for the library.

Fire Run Report by Onna Clinesmith and filed with clerk.

O. Clinesmith mentioned the need for complete reports from the Vassar Fire Department.

Supervisor's Report by Bob Forbes:

(Add)

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Tuscola Road Comm.

- 1. Re. Washburn Road agreement*
- 2. Bit Mat for our road repair Bids*

Tuscola Drain Comm.

Drain Assessments Payment schedules

1. *Mapes Drain*
2. *Donigan & branches*
3. *Tinglan Drain*
4. *Answer to Dianes letter describing children*

Gate Keys for Gravel pit

2 keys

ZBA- Applicant

Misleading information on Immigrants At Wolverine Training Center

We have been led to believe We have Illegal immigrants In the city of Vassar housed at the Wolverine Complex and one of them escaped from the facility endangering the health safety and welfare of our residents. We have been told that the children have leprosy, numerous incurable diseases , going to take our jobs , escape the facility and commit crimes in the city & Twp.

not true these children coming across the border are quarantined for 72 hours checked for illness and gang affiliation , if they fail they are sent back across the border if they are not diseased or gang members they are sent on to the holding facilities/

Any child who does not obey the rules is deported .We must refer to these children as refugees trying to get away from gangs, sex trafficking, hunger ,disease, & violence in their country.

Statements were made that an immigrant had escaped from Wolverine endangering the area. Not true there are no immigrants housed at Wolverine and never has been I personally went to Wolverine and inspected the facility every classroom , Bunk house, and possible holding area. I interviewed employees at wolverine, Sheriff & deputy sheriff, who denied that immigrants were housed there and was told that I was the only person that has toured the grounds to investigate. In order for immigrant children to come here a contract has to be agreed upon by the Federal Government and Wolverine. Immigration reform is a federal issue. There is no money available now, the president has been waiting for money to fix the problem. Waiting for new budget and congress to quit stalling and go to work on immigration reform. This isa federal issue & cannot be settled by Vassar Twp.

THERE ARE NO IMMIGRANTS

~~(remove) Supervisor Forbes discussed a number of items during his report.~~

~~Forbes received some information on approximate costs for road work from the Tuscola County Road Commission, and there was some discussion on this topic.~~

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Gray to have the supervisor pick a few segments of roads that need work to work on and present it to the board at the September 16, 2014 special meeting. Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Tester to allow the supervisor to contact the Road Commission to ask for bids on the following road segments: Oak Road from Saginaw to Waltan Roads, and Oak Road from Brown to Hanes Road. Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

~~(remove) Forbes attended a Drain Commission meeting discussing special assessments on parcels served by three drains in the Township. He presented the assessment costs per parcel to the board.~~

~~Forbes purchased a lock for the gate that was installed on the Township's property on Saginaw Road.~~

Motion by Forbes, seconded by Clinesmith to appoint Nancy Zuzula to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the spot of Jim Schultz, term ending October 31, 2016.

Forbes discussed some misleading information on immigrants he saw in a letter received by township board members from Diane Nusz.

Communications:

Department of Agriculture:

The Township has received two letters from the State Department of Agriculture on an investigation of dairy facility on Frankenmuth road.

Unfinished Business:

Resolution for Fire Protection Service Agreement:

Resolution 26-2014 offered by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes to approve the Fire Protection Service Agreement with the City of Vassar as presented to the Vassar Township Board.

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

Vote 5-0, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Bids for Park Proposal:

There was some discussion about the Proposed Park and its necessity.

Meeting recessed at 8:12pm.

Meeting called to order at 8:16pm.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Stack to approve R Kern and Son's proposal for the Vassar Township Park.

Vote 3-2, MOTION CARRIED.

Policy Manual:

The Vassar Township Policy Manual was provided to Board members in preparation for the meeting next week.

New Business:

Appointment to ZBA:

This was already completed.

Mailbox:

A black mailbox was purchased for the township.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Forbes to put the mailbox out so mail can be delivered to the hall.

Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution for Adjustment of PC Secretary Wage:

Resolution 24-2014 offered by Clinesmith, seconded by Gray to Adjust the Vassar Township Planning Commissioners Secretary Wage and Responsibilities:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees adjust its extra pay for planning commission secretary to \$25.00 per meeting in attendance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees adjust the Planning Commission Secretary's responsibilities according to the Vassar Township Policy and

Procedures Manual in the following way:

Replace: “Forwards public notice requests to the clerk for publication (The clerk with create, publish and post the notice)” with “Publishes and posts public notices with the notification and assistance of the clerk”

Add: “Retains a copy of the current Planning Commission Ordinance, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures and Planning Commission Resolutions, and retains meeting packets at the Township Hall according to the State retention schedule.”

Roll Call: Gray – Yes, Tester – No, Clinesmith – Yes, Forbes – No, Stack – Yes
Vote 3-2, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

Resolution for Adjustment of Phone Reimbursement:

Resolution 25-2004 offered by Forbes, seconded by Tester to Adjust Vassar Township Phone Compensation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vassar Township Board of Trustees increase the compensation for the Clerk’s and Treasurer’s phone service to \$30.00 per month.

Roll Call: Clinesmith – Abstain, Tester – Yes, Gray – Yes, Stack – Yes, Forbes – Yes
Vote 4-0, with one abstention, RESOLUTION CARRIED.

EDC Proposal – Recreation Plan:

Vicky Sherry and Stephen Erickson were present from the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation to discuss their proposal to develop the Township’s Recreation Plan and Master Plan.

Motion by Clinesmith, seconded by Tester to approve the Tuscola County EDC’s proposal for developing a recreation plan for the Township in the amount of \$4,000.
Vote 5-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting recessed at 8:51pm.
Meeting called to order at 8:54pm.

Immigration:

There was much discussion over the issue of illegal immigrants coming to the Township and the Wolverine facility.

Moratorium Resolution 23-2014 Undocumented Immigrant/Refugee Settlement Camp Operations offered by Clinesmith. Resolution failed for lack of second.

Motion by Stack, seconded by Gray to send Resolution 23-2014 to the Township attorney to look it over to see if the Township is protected.
Vote 4-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

(Remove) ~~Don Clinesmith stated that Rhonda Schultz was upset with Bob Forbes over the immigration vote and thus left early.~~ He added he wanted to thank Bob Reil for his roadside mowing, and that the work he did was more than enough.

Bob Forbes stated that Reil’s mowing encouraged more people to mow their ditches as well, and that the job he did was more than required.

Bob Reil mentioned the need to keep mowing the roads.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

Vassar Township Clerk

Vassar Township Supervisor