

Vassar Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

March 14th, 2023

7:00pm

7pm Meeting called to order. Pledge led by Bruce Foether.

Roll Call of Officers:

(Clerk) Deborah Pounds- present

(Trustee) Tom Borcharding- present

(Supervisor) Bruce Foether- present

(Treasurer) John Stack- present

(Trustee) Ben Partridge- present

B.Foether adds on to agenda, Vassar Area Ambulance Service discussion under Correspondence, Weed and plant growth after Fire Run, and FOIA discussion after the Dumpsters discussion.

Board review of February 14th meeting minutes. Need to add Sherriff in front of Deputy.

B.Foether motions to approve February 14th meeting minutes with correction, T.Borcharding seconds. All in favor, motion carries. 5- yes, 0- no

Board review of monthly payables.

B.Foether motions to approve monthly payables as written, T.Borcharding seconds. 3- yes, 2- no. Motion carries.

Board review of reports:

Financial report- no questions or comments

Trustee report- Rowe is assigning a new representative to work with the Township due to Corey, the previous representative leaving the company.

Zoning Administrators report- no questions or comments.

Clerks report- no questions or comments.

Marijuana Coordinators report- no questions or comments.

Correspondence:

Vassar Ambulance Service is increasing what the Township pays from \$8.00 per resident to \$9.50 per resident.

Business:

Vassar City Manager is in attendance and is looking for help building a new Police and Fire Public Safety building and also discussed a resident living on Dubois rd. that inquired about hooking up to city sewer because their septic system is getting bad. The residents cost alone would be \$39,000, but discussion on if the Township would want to possibly split costs to run septic down Dubois rd. to Vassar rd. and possibly more of the area to help benefit the residents. The Vassar City Manager is going to send out questionnaires to the residents in that area and will collaborate with the Township after gathering the information.

The Tuscola County Road Commission quoted \$244,000.00 to pave Walton rd. from Hess to Caine rd. The high amount is due to having to rebuild the foundation of the road, adding gravel, leveling and paving the road. \$122,000.00 which is half the amount would need to be paid in order to start construction. No Comments or action from the Board.

Fire Run: Board discussion on print out of the conversation between Administrator Assistant and the Vassar Fire Captain about the fire run that occurred. B.Foether abstains. There is no proof that the resident did not have the fire under control and that it was being observed.

B.Partridge motions to waive the fire run fee from the resident, D.Pounds seconds. All in favor, motion carries. 4- yes, 0- no, 1- abstain

Board discussion on weed and plant growth ordinance. T.Eurich submitted an ordinance that was suggested to be use by the attorney that was created by the State of Michigan. No agreements for the ordinance are made at this time.

Board discussion on when to have the dumpsters at the hall for public dumping. B.Foether motions to have the dumpsters at the Township Hall on May 13th and 14th 2023, T.Borcherding seconds, All in favor, motion carries. 5- yes, 0-no

Board discussion on FOIA's: D.Pounds motions for an ad to be posted in the paper and online for a Township FOIA Coordinator with paralegal experience, T.Borcherding seconds. 3- yes, 2- no
Motion carries.

B.Foether states that there will be a Board of Trustees Special Meeting on March 21st, 2023 at 5:00pm to discuss and go over the new Township Hall blueprints with Tom the designer and to also discuss and come to an agreement on the weed and plant growth ordinance.

Training reminder for the MTA conference on April 17th, 18th, and 19th for those who are going.

Discussion on suggestions for the snow plowing problem, the asphalt that is pushed into the grass every year.

Parks and Recs request for cement slab for porta potty.

T.Borcherding motions for the \$1400.00 to be paid for excavating and installation of a cement pad by R&R Excavating, B.Partridge seconds. All in favor, motion carries. 5- yes, 0- no

D.Pounds motions to add the Tuscola County Sherriffs bill and the Millington fire run cost to the April payables, B.Foether seconds. All in favor, motion carries. 5- yes, 0- no

B.Foether motions to write a check for the Parks and Recs Box Blade when the invoice is presented, and put on Aprils payables, T.Borcherding seconds. All in favor, motion carries. 5- yes, 0- no

Public Comments:

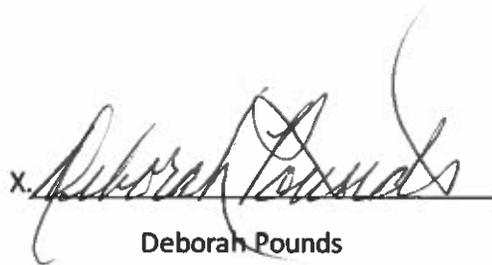
Michael Clinesmith discussion on FOIA's and appeals. A meeting will be held on March 22nd with Mr. Clinesmith to address the matter.

Neighbors of the gentleman that was murdered on Cass ave. inquiring information about the house possibly being condemned and demolished. T.Eurich to get more information.

No further questions or comments.

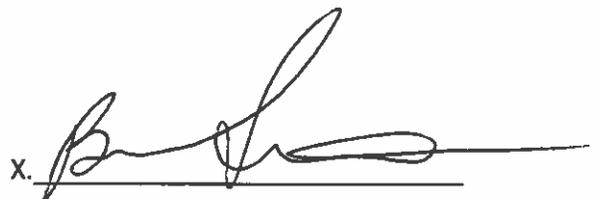
T.Borcherding motions to adjourn meeting, D.Pounds seconds. All in favor, motion carries. 5-yes, 0- no

The next scheduled meeting is set for a Special Meeting March 21st, 2023 at 5pm and the next Regular Meeting is set for April 11th, 2023 at 7:00pm.

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Deborah Pounds

Vassar Township Clerk

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Bruce Foether

Vassar Township Supervisor