

Supervisor Forbes called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.  
The pledge was led by Supervisor Forbes.

Members Present: Bob Forbes, Mike Clinesmith, Sam Tester, Bill Gray, Orville Hartung, Sally Hartung, Fred Welsh, Ben Partridge, Bruce Foether, Cathy Partridge, Kendall Woodruff, Dave Phillips, Don Clinesmith, Onna Clinesmith, Tom Borcharding, Danielle Zuzula, Nancy Zuzula, Jerry Dutcher, Mark Coleman  
Others Present: Heidi Sowa, Corey Jacobs

State of the Township Address read by Bob Forbes and included with minutes.

There was some clapping after the address.

Bill Gray thanked Michael Clinesmith and Nancy Zuzula regarding the audit.

Approval of June 27, 2015 minutes:

Motion by Orville Hartung, seconded by Fred Welsh to approve the June 27, 2015 Vassar Board of Electors Annual Meeting minutes with corrections.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**New Business:**

Approval of Salary Resolutions:

Motion by Ben Partridge, seconded by Nancy Zuzula to keep all the salaries for the Board of Trustees the same as the previous year.

Secondary motion by Michael Clinesmith, seconded by Onna Clinesmith to adjust the wording of the motion to include resolution numbers 12-2016, 13-2016, 14-2016 and 15-2016.

Ben Partridge argued against adjusting his motion language.

A hand count was requested to determine the result of the vote on the motion.  
Hand count 5-10, SECONDARY MOTION FAILED.

Vote on Motion by Ben Partridge, seconded by Nancy Zuzula to keep all the salaries for the Board of Trustees the same as the previous year.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Other Business:**

Board's motion on adjusting pay rates in June:

Some sheets were handed out detailing Board member pay since 2006 showing adjustments in pay and in the changing of Board members and when Board members were paid. There was discussion but no motion was made.

Internet:

Bruce Foether asked about the internet. He said the business across the street just connected and asked about the cost to the Township.

Forbes said he would like to get it and will talk to Air Advantage.

Michael Clinesmith mentioned it costs about \$1,500 to set up the connection and \$85 per month.

Ben Partridge asked if the phone problem was resolved.

Nancy Zuzula stated that the Township's phone service is no longer through AT&T.

Foether asked if it was faster.

Multiple people stated "yes".

Welsh wondered if it was like a 5G system.

M. Clinesmith said the phone bill was the same rate as before but Stack said it would be less next month.

B. Partridge asked if the alarm company was contacted.

Welsh said the battery backup failed, and no alarm went off.

M. Clinesmith mentioned that there was no mention of Recreation in the State of the Township. The Township has passed a Recreation Plan and a Park is being developed.

Forbes talked about the garbage reimbursement request. There are two parcels. One is vacant property. The man wants to be paid back for four years.

M. Clinesmith stated it should be on the agenda next month.

Public Comment:

Dave Phillips said he's seen change. The roads are nice. Everything is more peaceful. He sees changes here not seen in Flint.

Welsh said he took a look at the park. Don Clinesmith was using a chainsaw. He saw the sand, and the stumps were gone. He tested the swings and wanted to publically thank Don.

There was applause.

B. Partridge asked if the ditches were done yet.

Forbes said not all done.

Kendall Woodruff stated they would be working Monday.

Tom Borcharding said that Forbes gets told they will be there and they aren't there.

Forbes said they will get paid when they are done. He talked to the Road Commission about it.

Don Clinesmith wanted to thank the people who helped with the park. Randy and Dorothy Buchinger provided signs. Colosky for the sand that was donated by a business. It is nice sand for the swings.

Onna Clinesmith asked Nevada?

B. Foether mentioned a couple people asked him about all the fences coming up-they are growing marijuana. It should just be for one person's use.

Woodruff said we need to have Curtis contract state police rather than put him in a difficult situation.

M. Clinesmith stated there was a section in the zoning ordinances regarding marijuana, and the attorney has presented a general ordinance to the Board that is under review by the PC.

Welsh said he is not sure why the attorney wants approval of an ordinance that mirrors state law.

Corey Jacobs said he has worked for the sheriff's office in the Township for four months. He talked with Steve Roland before. Blight is cut in half over time here. Since the deputy has been down here, crime and blight are reduced. He views it as a community spot. We get to meet with people and I love that, talking to people. Thumb Narcotics takes care of the marijuana. Thank you for having a deputy spot. I'm always available when on duty.

Forbes thanked Corey for his service.

There was clapping.

O. Clinesmith stated with the debate going on in the country, she had pamphlets about illegal immigrants available for people interested.

Mark Coleman stated he has had relatives living in the area a long time. He remembers not wanting to live in the area because of blight. It is really cleaned up. How much trash is not there anymore? It is safer because of trees being cut down. People are saying good things. Bob Forbes personally helped him and he appreciated it.

Motion by Gray, supported by Tester to adjourn.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.

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Vassar Township Clerk

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Vassar Township Supervisor

State of the Twp. 6-25-16

Again this year we have a balanced budget, thanks to a team working together, and our monthly audit performed by Bill Gray to hold down expenses. Our yearly professional audit was perfect again this year,

We have continued to budget for road work in the Twp. to keep our roads from deteriorating like many roads in other county's (Genesee Co.) We will continue to address the situation of overgrown ditches to clear dead trees and other hazards to make our roads safer & help to get water flowing through our Twp. again.

We will continue to work on blight in the Twp. Through our Zoning administrator's efforts and by continuing to have tire pickup and weekend cleanup in the spring every year.

We have contracted with Vassar Area Ambulance service to eliminate a copay above your insurance for ambulance service.

We will also continue our efforts to get better internet in the Twp. Our goal is to respond to the future needs of our residents courteously and effectively. I want to thank those who voted for me and sent me on this journey. It has been quite an experience. And those who attend the monthly meetings who attempt to make my journey a rough one, I thank you too, you have failed. Opposition has only made me stronger and more determined to try harder.

In closing I would like to say as I have many times before "Years from now when the sands of time have settled over our Township we will not be remembered for our personal battles or battles over politics, But for our contributions to this community and its residents.

Thank you for the journey  
Vassar Twp. Supervisor  
Bob Forbes