

Supervisor Foether called the meeting to order at 1:20pm.  
The Pledge was led by Bruce Foether.

Members Present: Bruce Foether, Russ Fall, Steve Lazowski, Joseph Auten, Melodic Auten, Carol Kern, Norm Kern, Randy Kern, Carrie Huizar, Richard Urbany, Sheri Urbany, Orville Hartung, Amanda Brown, Sally Hartung, Merle Sayles, Don Clinesmith, Onna Clinesmith, Earl Fabbro, Matt Koch, Grace Proffer, Dan Pudelko, Rob Atwood, Roger Caldwell, Bob Forbes, Kendall Woodruff, David Phillips, Nicole Shelters, Tom Borcharding, Michael Clinesmith, John Stack, Bill Gray

Others Present: Tom Gilchrist, Carson Atkins

The State of the Township Address:

The State of the Township Address was read by Bruce Foether and is included with the minutes.

There was applause after the address.

Approval of June 24, 2017 Minutes:

Motion by Onna Clinesmith, seconded by Bob Forbes to approve the minutes.

Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

Approval of Salary Resolutions – Township Officers Salary:

Since the Township Board did not approve salary resolutions, it was taken out of the people's hands to make a change. The wages are the same as the previous year.

**Other Business/Public Comment:**

There was discussion about a marijuana permit that was approved though neighbors were opposed. The Supervisor stated that if the applicant met the conditions, the Planning Commission would have to approve.

There was mention of a ZBA meeting for a house on Maple Road.

There was mention of the other marijuana pens needing to get a fence permit, and there are other jurisdictions that are inspecting pens, and shutting some down.

There was discussion of Riel having several marijuana applications out.

There was discussion about the Township having multiple meetings discussing its marijuana ordinance.

There were complaints about residents being told by the Planning Commission that they received a notice regarding marijuana facilities in their tax notices when they didn't.

There was discussion why there were different supply budgets instead of a single supply budget out of the hall.

There was discussion about the Township's Facebook policy and a posting regarding the Dow Event Center on the Township Facebook page.

Vote: 22 Yes, 3 No, 2 Abstain, 4 Absent, MOTION CARRIED.

There was a question about backups/deputies for Board members, it was stated with the deputies; there should be enough people to do the work at the Township. There was mention that the Township could change its form of government and hire an administrative operator to run the Township.

Michael Clinesmith mentioned that the Township is bound by state and federal law that it needs to comply by to protect the people. If you want the Township to protect your rights, you need people who are educated and trained to make motions that will not violate your rights, and that at the MTA trainings, they say to stay away from Facebook.

He was interrupted by the Supervisor asking for a motion to adjourn. Clinesmith stated the Township could get a lawsuit for interrupting public comment. He said the Township needs board members who will follow the law. He said there was a lot a law and a lot of things that aren't getting done because people don't have the time, skills, and things are complicated.

There was a complaint that the secretaries and deputy clerk were doing the clerk's work.

There was a comment about not having a problem with paying people's salary that does their job. That he isn't with the times and undermines everyone with the wrong last name is unacceptable and that threatens to sue because people don't agree with him.

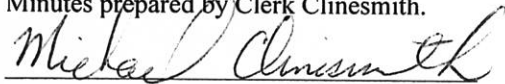
There was a comment about when you run for office it doesn't ask for education because MTA and the county has the capability of training.

There was a statement that what the constitution states is that it does matter what race, religion, creed or color. Everyone has their opinion, but it has gone all the way to the Supreme Court, so you do what you have to do.

Motion by Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Sheri Urbany to adjourn.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.

Minutes prepared by Clerk Clinesmith.



Vassar Township Clerk



Vassar Township Supervisor

Dear Vassar Township Residents,

June 30, 2018

Thank you all for attending today's meeting of the Board of Trustees. During the 2017/2018 fiscal year, the Vassar Township boards were very busy. The Trustee Board has been working toward getting a new webpage for the township so it will be easier for users to access and use. The township has also created a new Facebook page, Vassar TWP Hall, to increase awareness of events and allow township members to easily add meeting reminders by liking event notices posted for each meeting held at the hall. During the June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting of the Board of Trustees, we attempted to do our first live broadcast of Trustee meetings via our Facebook page with mixed success. This opens the accessibility of meetings up to those citizens that cannot attend in person or do not wish to attend in person. That first attempt to live stream the meeting has had at least 271 views since being posted. Going forward, we will make every Trustee meeting a Facebook Live meeting and will work toward improving the quality. We will also be posting a weekly question on the Facebook page to help increase interactions between board members and the township residents, and to get better feedback on what is important to all the residents. We also encourage everyone who currently



likes the page to make friends and family in the township aware of this new way to reach us directly.

The Parks & Recreation Commission has worked very hard on and has successfully received a grant to build a new pavilion in the township park. They are also currently working with the DNR to create a public boat launch at the Caine road bridge.

The Planning Commission has been working toward addressing several zoning issues within the township. This work is geared toward addressing issues with properties that were missed or improperly identified regarding zoning. This work is being done so the correct zoning maps can be created as part of the updated Master Plan that the township Trustees are currently working on. It's going to take everyone on the Trustee board working together and putting in more time than they normally would to complete this task and show that we are willing to put just as much work and time into getting these corrected as the Planning Commission has for the last 2 to 3 years. The Planning Commission is also working very hard on ensuring new medical marijuana facilities follow the

township's ordinances that were created for the most recent State Act controlling the growth and sale of medical marijuana. This is a huge step toward making sure all residents are protected to the fullest extent of the law. In conjunction with the General Ordinance that the Board of Trustees developed, there are now 3 approved grow facilities and 1 provisioning center. Two of the growers have already started work on their buildings and the provisioning center is operational.

The Township Board of Trustees has approved work on several roads within the township. Washburn was resurfaced last year. Hess road was repaved between Hanes and Brown. And they are now working on addressing several gravel roads within the township. The Trustees are also working on updating the township's Policies and Procedures to fall in line with State law and to make sure we are doing our best to serve the will and needs of township residents. There have been several improvements made to the township hall, one of which includes the new digital sign out in front of the hall. We have also added a new office for the Treasurer and Supervisor, this addition had the added benefit of adding a new storage area for voting equipment and filing cabinets.

While I have heaped on praise about many of our accomplishments this past year, I would not be painting the whole picture if I stopped there. It would seem that some of us have lost focus on why we are supposed to be here over the last year. We are not here to simply collect a paycheck. We are not supposed to be here to make sure we can make things easier for us and harder for those neighbors we don't like. We are not supposed to be here to make work and then not take responsibility for the work created. We are supposed to be here to better our township and act as the voice of all the residents, within reason. I recently attended a training and they made a very good point. We, the Trustees, should be a mirror that is a reflection of the community, not a reflection ourselves. We are not the community. We are voice of all the residents of the community, not just the few that benefit us to be the voice of.

In conclusion, I would also like to thank everyone on all the boards for all of their hard work over the past year.

Bruce Foether, Vassar Township Supervisor