

Vassar Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

August 15th, 2023

7:00pm

7:00pm Meeting called to order. Pledge led by Bruce Foether.

Roll Call of Officers:

John Stack- present

Tom Borcharding- present

Ben Partridge- present

Bruce Foether- present

Deborah Pounds- absent (excused)

Board review of Julys Meeting Minutes.

B.Partridge motions to approve July 11th Meeting Minutes with corrections to the last page, making it a motion not a request, T.Borcharding seconds. All in favor, motion carries. 4- yes, 0- no, 1- absent (excused).

Board review of Payables. B.Foether motions to pay monthly Payables except the credit card payment until further clarification is made, T.Borcharding seconds. All in favor, motion carries. 3- yes, 1- no, 1- absent (excused).

B.Foether adds to agenda a Special Land Use Permit application for Holiness Missionary Church, to be added after the dumpster discussion.

Board review of reports.

Vassar Police discussion on a 3-year proposal for 2 patrol officers, vehicle and equipment with a working schedule for 80 hours a week to provide service to the Township. A decision is tabled until next month's meeting. The City will submit an agreement before then, so that a vote can be made.

Discussion on Dumpsters for the fall. Proposed for September 15th, 16th, and 17th. This was declined.

Special Land Use Permit for Holiness Missionary Church discussion. The Planning Commission requests to waive the application fee because the building was in existence since before the Zoning Ordinances were established.

J.Stack motions to waive the fee, T.Borcherding seconds. All in favor, motion carries. 4- yes, 0- no, 1- absent (excused).

Board discussion on new mailbox. Only able to use the incoming mail due to lock and Admin Asst. must go to the Post Office several times daily to drop off mail.

B.Foether motions to approve ordering a new mailbox with up to \$200 for installation plus cost of the mailbox, T.Borcherding seconds. All in favor, motion carries. 4- yes, 0- no, 1- absent (excused).

Planning Commission member discussion.

B.Foether motions to nominate Tobias McDonnell for Planning Commission Officer until term ending in October 2024, T.Borcherding seconds. All in favor, motion carries. 3- yes, 1- no, 1- absent (excused).

Rezoning of Care Vet discussion. Tabled until approval, response, or 30 days from the County.

B.foether motions to move the Board of Review Meeting from December 12th, 2023 at 4:30 pm to December 11th, 2023 at 4:30 pm, B.Partridge seconds. All in favor, motion carries. 4- yes, 0- no, 1- absent (excused).

Discussion on the new hall. B.Foether wants to move the East side walls 24 ft to allow for more space in the election room.

B.Foether motions to move the East side walls 24 ft, T.Borcherding seconds, 2- yes, 2- no, 1- absent (excused). Motion died.

Discussion on Parks and Recs requests.

B.Partridge motions to approve up to \$50 for materials to be purchased by the Parks and Recs to mount the bear statue to the post, T.Borcherding seconds. All in favor, motion carries. 4- yes, 0- no, 1- absent (excused).

B.Foether motions to approve up to \$1000 to the Parks and Recs Event Coordinator to purchase a storage shed for event materials, T.Borcherding seconds. All in favor, motion carries. 3- yes, 1- no, 1- absent (excused).

B.Partridge motions that Parks and Recs as well as the Event Coordinator be allowed to hold the Halloween Family Event on October 21st 2023, T.Borcherding seconds. All in favor, motion carries. 4- yes, 0- no, 1- absent (excused).

B.Partridge motions to approve Russ Fall as the primary operator with Sam Tester as secondary operator of the Township Tractor and equipment, no second. Motion dies.

B.Partridge motions that the Township accept bids for the sale of the tractor and all related equipment, no second. Motion dies.

J.Stack motions to approve Russ Fall as the primary operator with Sam Tester as secondary operator of the Township Tractor and equipment and for T.Borcherding to get the fuel, T.Borcherding seconds. All in favor, motion carries. 3- yes, 1- no, 1- absent (excused).

Discussion on a new lawyer for the Zoning Administrator. There have been issues with Troy getting a response back from the current Township lawyer and is requesting that he be able to find legal council for just the Zoning Administrator. Troy to submit questions he has for the lawyer to the Township Supervisor to see if he can get a response by next months meeting.

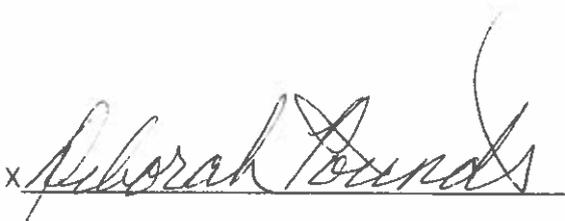
Public Comment:

Questions on abandoned house and grass ordinance. Zoning Administrator is working on ordinances and citations being issued.

B.Foether motions to adjourn, T.Borcherding seconds. All in favor, motion carries. 4- yes, 0- no, 1- absent (excused). Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

The next scheduled meeting is on September 12th, 2023, at 7:00pm.

Prepared by: (Deputy Clerk) Shaun McDonnell

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Vassar Township Clerk: Deborah Pounds

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Vassar Township Supervisor: Bruce Foether