

Vassar Township
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
October 8, 2024

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

John Stack – Present
Ben Partridge – Present
Tom Borcharding – Present
Deb Pounds – Present
Bruce Foether - Present

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Tom Borcharding to approve agenda, seconded by Deb Pounds

(5) Ayes
(0) Nays

Motion Carried

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2024

Motion by John Stack to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2024, as written, seconded by Tom Borcharding

(4) Ayes
(1) Nays

Motion Carried

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2024

Motion by Bruce Foether to approve Special Meeting Minutes from September 19, 2024, as written, Seconded by Deb Pounds

(3) Ayes
(1) Nays
(1) Abstained

Motion Carried

Financial Reports:

Ben Partridge questioned Check #3228 for Todd Aymer; Check says, "PC & P&R", check is actually for marijuana renewals. Deb Pounds Confirms.

Ben Partridge states that the Caro Publishing Invoices don't line up. \$324 total on invoice does not match \$591 check that was written out. Deb Pounds states there were two invoices. Ben Partridge states that the \$324 was scratched out on invoice. John Stack asks who scratched out the \$324 amount on invoice. Ben Partridge states it was not him.

Ben Partridge questioned True Value Hardware check. States that there are just receipts. States that there are receipts for \$24.57, but the check is for \$37.35. \$37.35 matches what is on the invoice, but there are no receipts for that amount, this is check #249. John Stack states that we need the receipts. Bruce Foether asks who went to True Value, Deb Pounds states that the names and signatures of who made the purchase are on the invoice. The Receipt for \$12.78 for Trim Line and Gloves was authorized by Charles Fabbro. Bruce Foether states that we need to remind him to return his receipts.

Motion by Bruce Foether to accept holding the Caro Publishing/Advertiser until we figure it out

Motion Died

Deb Pounds asks to see the check and the invoice for Caro Publishing/Advertiser.

Deb Pounds states that the previous invoice was for \$270. Classified Display 4x5, Planning Commission Classified for \$270, invoice number #143007. Planning Commission Ad for \$162, Township Ad for \$81, Public Notice Display for \$81. All added together is \$594, which matches check.

Motion by Bruce Foether to accept payables without holding check for Caro Publishing/Advertiser, seconded by Deb Pounds

(3) Ayes

(2) Nays

Motion Carried

John Stack states he only voted nay due to not being able to look at the checks

Motion by Bruce Foether to have either Trustee review payables when done, seconded by Deb Pounds

In Discussion:

Ben Partridge states that he is speaking to the Board and to Admin Assistant Sarah Osentoski, stating that he is just a Board Member. Ben Partridge points to Admin Assistant Sarah Osentoski and says, "It's been brought up to me that I told you to tell him [Tom] to stop, that he is not to do it [review payables]". Admin Assistant Sarah Osentoski says, "I said verbatim what you said [to Tom Borcharding and Deb Pounds], "well it's up to Deb, whatever." Ben Partridge states that he did say that he didn't believe that Tom was not authorized to do it [review payables] because the Board has said multiple times that only I [Ben Partridge] am authorized to do them. Ben Partridge states he has tried to get the Board to allow Tom to do payables, but the Board said that it had to be me [Ben Partridge].

(5) Ayes
(0) Nays

Motion Carried

Marijuana Report: Not in attendance

Zoning Administrator Report: Not in attendance

Correspondence:

Department of Treasury:

State of Michigan Revenue Review, changing the format.
Our Projected is \$491, which was given on year estimate.
Department of Treasury is showing \$421.

Business:

Ambulance Service:

In attendance: Adam Beller (Arenac, Bay, Tuscola Operations Manager)
Board discussed raising the subsidy cost up to \$15/resident; incorrect figures given by Adam Beller.
Adam Beller corrects and states that the subsidy cost will be up to \$18/resident

Motion by Tom Borcharding to approve the agreement with VAAS contract, Resolution 15-2024,
seconded by Deb Pounds

Roll Call Vote:

Tom Borcharding – Yes
Deb Pounds – Yes
Bruce Foether – Yes
John Stack – Yes
Ben Partridge - Yes

(5) Ayes
(0) Nays

Motion Carried

This authorizes Fred Welsh to vote *YES* at upcoming VAAS Meeting

Solid Waste and Recycling Contracts:

In Attendance: Rick Fancon (General Manager of Harrison Hauling GFL Location)
Rick Fancon wants Township Board to reconsider selection of Priority Waste. Wants Township Board to take cost savings, pricing, new containers and customer service into consideration.
No action taken by board

Tuscola Road Commission:

Sent out forms September 18, 2024; requesting forms be returned by November 1st

Hess Rd to Caine Rd completed

Walton from Caine Rd to Oak Rd needs to be done the same way

John Stack questioned what is going on with Brown Rd Bridge, very large dip in the road

John Stack and Ben Partridge questioned where the Fog Lines are? Why haven't those been completed?

Tabled till November meeting

Attorney (EDC):

No correspondence received from our attorney in regard to any items brought to their attention
Deb Pounds to reach out to attorney again and see if we did participate in EDC in previous years

Fire Runs on the Winter Taxes:

Motion by Bruce Foether to rescind previous motion to add fire runs for tax bills till feedback from attorney is received, seconded by Tom Borcharding

(5) Ayes

(0) Nays

Motion Carried

Application for all the Boards; appointments expire October 31, 2024:

Motion by Bruce Foether to have Fred R. Welsh as alternate for Ambulance Base till October 31, 2027, seconded by Ben Partridge

(5) Ayes

(0) Nays

Motion Carried

Motion by Bruce Foether to have Daryse Foether and Lyla Fabbro on Parks and Recreation till October 31, 2027, seconded by Deb Pounds

(2) Ayes

(3) Nays

Motion Not Carried

Motion by Bruce Foether to raise Parks and Recreation committee to 7 members, therefore adding Daryse Foether, Lyla Fabbro and Sam Tester till October 31, 2027, seconded by Ben Partridge

(5) Ayes

(0) Nays

Motion Carried

Motion by Bruce Foether to accept Devin Foether and Sam Tester on Planning Commission till October 31, 2027, seconded by Deb Pounds

(5) Ayes
(0) Nays

Motion Carried

New Hall/Park:

Motion by Ben Partridge to hire Alan Ogle from TAO to do site visit and review inspection sheets to sign off on milestone draws at \$200 per inspection, seconded by Tom Borcharding

(5) Ayes
(0) Nays

Motion Carried

Parks and Recreation:

Planning Commission approved sign for \$1,700.00

Motion by John Stack to allow Parks and Recreation up to \$350 for supplies for Halloween event, also parking bumpers for \$225 for two, \$29.99 for handicap signs, \$1,584.94 for Super Saver Large Horizontal Message Board, seconded by Bruce

(5) Ayes
(0) Nays

Motion Carried

Motion by Deb Pounds to pay Monica Whitburn for the last 2 Planning Commission meetings on November payables, seconded by Bruce Foether

(5) Ayes
(0) Nays

Motion Carried

Public Comment: 3 Minutes

Admin Assistant Sarah Osentoski brings up the bids for TVs

Went back into Open Meeting

Motion by Bruce Foether for Mrs. Aymer to have TV for \$99, seconded by Tom Borcharding

In Discussion:

Board asks if they can give Renee Aymer a discount on the TV; \$50

Edited Motion:

Motion by Bruce Foether for Mrs. Aymer to have TV for \$50, seconded by Tom Borcharding

(5) Ayes

(0) Nays

Motion Carried

Public Comment: 3 Minutes

Question by Cheryl Kuzma on whether she and Mel Jacobs will be paid for second Board of Review meeting (in December)

Ben Partridge and John Stack state that we need to speak with the attorney on if they can be paid for this meeting because there were no meeting minutes. John Stack states that a possible clause needs to be added for them to be paid due to lack of meeting minutes

Motion by Ben Partridge to adjourn meeting at 9:13pm, seconded by Tom Borcharding

(5) Ayes

(0) Nays

Motion Carried

X

Deb Pounds
Clerk

X

Bruce Foether
Supervisor