

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 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 thousand, which was given on year estimate.  
Department of Treasury is showing \$421 thousand.

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 1<sup>st</sup>

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

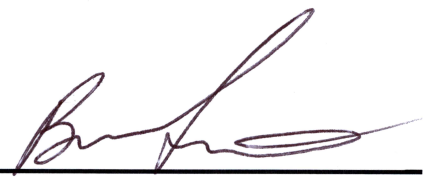
**Motion** by Ben Partridge to adjourn meeting at 9:13pm, seconded by Tom Borcharding

(5) Ayes

(0) Nays

*Motion Carried*

X   
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Deb Pounds  
Clerk

X   
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Bruce Foether  
Supervisor