

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 21, 2014, AT 1:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, Tod Fackler, at 1:00 p.m.

Trustees present: Hicks, Fackler, Verbeek, Olson and Blasius.

Fackler added Item B-2015 Land acquisition grant to New Business.

Olson made a motion to approve the agenda to include Item B and this motion was seconded by Verbeek. Carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the September minutes and this motion was seconded by Hicks. Carried.

Louis Smallwood was present to introduce himself and give a brief resume. He is a candidate for the Vassar School Board.

Craig Kirkpatrick, who is running unopposed for County Commissioner, expressed his appreciation for past and future support.

Hicks gave a brief report from the last Planning Commission meeting. They are beginning the process of updating the Master Plan. Hicks inquired about the process to obtain an engineering firm to facilitate this project. The Township Board will be addressing this in the near future.

Verbeek stated that the Board of Appeals met with nothing on the agenda. A motion was made and seconded that any variances that are granted will expire within 12 months unless renewed.

Verbeek also reported that Tonya from Spicer Group had met with the Parks and Recreation Board and the final score for the grant was 260. Last year the score was 335. This reduction was because the overall income for the community had risen approximately \$40.00 per month per person. Gary Hicks and Sen. Mike Green will attend a meeting in Lansing on October 22nd with regards to obtaining this grant for the Cass River Pathway Development. The

Parks and Recreation Board discussed the possible land acquisition for the expansion of the township park.

Fackler reported that the VAAS minutes for July 31st are on file for review.

Sandy Keyes from the Bullard Sanford Library was present to explain the renewal of the library millage. This proposed renewal of 1.25 will be on the November 4th ballot.

The Zoning Administrator, Tom Asperger, stated that 6 permits were issued for September/October and a new home is being built on Vassar Road.

Fackler reported that the Citizens Council had stated that the sensor lights in the township hall pavilion have not worked recently. Verbeek will check this problem to establish if it is the bulbs or the sensors.

The sidewalk replacement from the pavilion will be tabled until spring.

Fackler stated that the County Planning Commission had approved the zoning change requested for the former Dykehouse Pickle from agricultural to industrial. Fackler made a motion to approve the zoning request from Blasius, Inc. for the property formerly known as Dykehouse Pickle from agricultural to industrial. This motion was seconded by Olson. Carried with Blasius abstaining.

Discussion was held on the appointing of a new liquor inspector to replace Gary Asperger. Blasius had contacted the Liquor Control Commission in Lansing and they have no criteria for the hiring of someone for this position. They do hold classes for new inspectors and this would be a requirement for a new hire.

Replacement garbage containers have been delivered to the township hall for those who have need of them.

Discussion was held on a possible lawn care ordinance and this will be addressed at the November meeting.

Fackler made a motion to adopt the new Fire Contract with the City of Vassar with the addition of paragraph 12. This motion was seconded by Verbeek. Carried.

Fackler submitted a resignation letter from the grounds keeper, David Erbisch, effective January 1, 2015. The filling of this position will be addressed in the near future. The board has been appreciative of the way that Erbisch has kept the grounds and are sorry for this resignation.

Fackler submitted an agreement with Spicer Group in the amount of \$4200 for services to write a grant to obtain land adjacent to the Tuscola Ball Park. Verbeek made a motion to retain the services of Spicer Group and this motion was seconded by Olson. Carried. Tonya from Spicer Group will be requested to attend the November 18, 2014, meeting.

Bills were presented in the amount of \$16,487.57. Olson made a motion to accept these bills for payment and this motion was seconded by Blasius. Roll call: Yes-Verbeek, Olson, Fackler, Blasius and Hicks.

This meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Blasius, Clerk

Tod Fackler, Supervisor