

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY,  
DECEMBER 16, 2014, AT 1:00 P.M.**

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

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

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

Olson made a motion to approve the November minutes as written and this motion was seconded by Verbeek. Carried.

Harrietta Botkins was present and stated that the street signs are missing on Edward and Cottrell and on Byron. These signs have been replaced. The Cottrell Rd. sign located next to the truck stop is also missing. She also reported that a tree is growing in the ditch on the corner of Cottrell and Frankenmuth and is presenting an obstruction of vision.

Hicks and Blasius arrived at 1:07 p.m.

Commissioner Craig Kirkpatrick was present and offered information concerning the upcoming county proposals for the election to be held on February 24, 2015.

Lou Smallwood stated that the Vassar Schools may be asking for a millage to be voted on in May, 2015.

Hicks reported that the Planning Commission will begin the Master Plan on January 14, 2015. This meeting date was changed to accommodate Rob Eggers from Spicer who will be working with the board to update this plan.

Verbeek reported that the Parks and Recreation Board will be meeting on January 15, 2015.

Fackler stated that the VAAS minutes are on file for review.

The Zoning Administrator, Tom Asperger, distributed the Zoning Administrator's Report for December. He stated that he has not issued any permits for the last 30 days.

Fackler reported that the Gilbert house on Sohn Rd. has had the case evaluation completed on December 12, 2014. Both parties have 28 days from this date to agree or disagree.

He also stated that our attorney will be proposing wording for a lawn care ordinance.

Fackler will be meeting with Phil Kerns with regard to the Construction Code Group in the near future.

The Township Board received two applications for the position of Liquor Inspector. After some discussion, Olson made a motion to appoint Lou Smallwood to this position and this motion was seconded by Hicks. Carried. This will be for a 1 year probationary period and the new Liquor Inspector will be asked to report to the board at the regular meeting in June and December.

Fackler reported that the Vassar Fire Contract is nearly completed. The City Manager reported that there are 157 fire hydrants located in the City of Vassar. Our fee would be \$181 per year for the fire hydrant cost and this includes the infrastructure repairs, etc. Two of the three township are prepared to agree to this new contract.

Blasius reported on the process and the cost to repair the broken head stone from the recent vandalism. Fackler suggested that the broken stone be laid flat on pea stone and plexiglas placed over the stone and plaque with the name and dates attached to the framed plexiglas. This will be discussed with Randy Buchinger from Grace Monument Co. in Vassar to see if this would be an option.

Fackler made a motion to approve the funds for the Board of Review members to attend the training class to be held in Frankenmuth on February 18, 2015, and to purchase new books if necessary. This motion was seconded by Olson. Carried.

Fackler made a motion to approve the funds to have Hicks and Verbeek attend the MTA meeting and to purchase books if necessary. This motion was seconded by Olson. Carried.

The 2015 Budget meeting will be held on February 9, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

Bills were presented in the amount of \$13,261.14. Olson made a motion to accept these bills for payment and this motion was seconded by Verbeek. Roll call: Yes-Fackler, Verbeek, Hicks, Blasius and Olson.

This meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Blasius, Clerk

Tod Fackler, Supervisor