

VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- November 1, 2005 (Accepted)

Call to Order and Pledge

The regular monthly business meeting of the Victor Township Board was held at the Township Hall, 6843 Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848. Supervisor Warren Malkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge to the flag was given.

Roll Call of Members

Members present: Michelle Wilsey, Warren Malkin, Donald McDonald, Dan Morris, Duane Ginther. Other governmental representatives in attendance: Claude Vail, Clinton County Commissioner. Eight (8) citizens present.

Public Comment

Round Lake Environmental Corporation is meeting tomorrow night. They will be discussing a special assessment district for lake improvements. An election is scheduled Tuesday, November 8 for the Clinton County RESA. Only those Victor Township residents in the Bath, St. Johns and Ovid-Elsie school districts are eligible to vote.

Agenda

Ginther moved, second by Malkin and motion carried to approve agenda.

Minutes and Treasurer Report

Minutes of the October 4, 2005 board meeting were accepted as printed. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

Approval of Bills

Malkin requested advance payment of \$28,000 (approximately half) of Victor Township's share of the #614 Laingsburg Branch #1 Intercounty Drain assessment. The purpose is to lower the principal on the note and improve the interest rate for property owners and the township.

McDonald moved, second by Ginther and motion carried to authorize \$28,000 payment on the Victor Township at-large payment for the Laingsburg Drain. McDonald moved, second by Ginther and motion carried to make the following budget adjustments: increase account 101-445-803-00 Drains by \$25,730.40 and decrease account 101-890-999-00 Contingency by \$25,730.40. McDonald moved, second by Ginther and motion carried to pay submitted bills.

Reports

Planning: Resignation was submitted by planning commission member Robert Furman.

McDonald moved, second by Wilsey and motion carried to accept the resignation. The Board expressed appreciation for Mr. Furman's many years of service to the community. The planning commission met in October but because of a lack of quorum no official action was taken. The chairman changed the next meeting date from November 23 to November 30, 2005 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Duane Ginther requested that the planning commission be allowed to hire someone to take minutes and provide some administrative support. McDonald moved, Ginther second and motion carried to authorize the planning commission to hire an assistant with rate and hours to be set by the planning commission with said payments and related costs not to exceed planning commission budget.

Fire/CAF&R: Firefighter applications currently being accepted. Contact Chief Johnson at 989-227-0833 or Warren Malkin at 517-651-2094 if interested. Next meeting is November 8, 2005, 4:00 p.m. Station #3 (Victor Township).

Historical Society: Hanging of the Greens is scheduled Sunday, November 27, 2005 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The entire community is invited to come and help decorate the old Reed Church for the holidays. Refreshments, children's crafts and a visit from Santa also are planned. No cost. If have not been able to attend Hanging of the Greens in the past, this is always a fun event, good food and a time to just unwind and socialize. A holiday business and craft expo is scheduled the same day at the Victor Township Hall from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Shop locally for holiday gifts.

Interested vendors should contact Marina at (517)651-2988 or stampinlyyours@yahoo.com. Historical society has wood duck boxes (w/ poles) (\$35), bat houses (\$15), and bluebird houses (\$10) for sale. To purchase call Michelle at 517-651-2094. No meeting is scheduled in December. Otherwise meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month – public welcome. LBA: Next meeting November 9, 2005, 8:00 a.m. at Laingsburg City Hall. Laingsburg Area Recreation Committee: Work on Phase I improvements of McClintock Park continues.

Clinton County Officials

Commissioner Vail reported that the MTA meeting is scheduled November 9, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at the Clinton County Courthouse. Clinton County adopted a resolution opposing House Bill 5124 due to potential budget impacts. The County adopted a new building code. Residential building permit fees will decrease approximately 5%. The new health department facility is projected to be completed by April 2006. Phase I of the Clinton County fairground project is scheduled to be completed by July 2006.

Items of Public Interest

Clinton Transit: Service is available to township residents. For further information or to schedule a ride call (989)224-8127.

Planning Commission Applicants: Malkin reported that three people expressed interest in serving on the Victor Township Planning Commission to date. Tamara Ashley provided credentials and answered questions at last months board meeting. Kelly Chadwick provided credentials and was on-hand to answer questions. Michael Sheehan sent a letter of interest but did not provide any credentials and was not in attendance at any board or planning meetings for interview.

Alder Creek Drain: Supervisor Malkin reported that the drain commissioner will soon begin on Alder Creek Drain. Traffic on Shepardsville Road will be diverted for a short time.

Malkin reported that Consumers Energy was doing training on Round Lake Road. He also reported that Victor Township was recognized as a Safe Communities Partner by the Clinton County Safe Communities Coalition.

Correspondences (received and placed on file)

Sheriff's report of Victor Township (September)

Sheriff's report of jail and County (September)

Unfinished Business

Vision for the Township and Goals – Township Master Plan requires updating. Refer to the Planning Commission. A workshop is scheduled Tuesday, December 6 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. to review budget and planning priorities for next fiscal year. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Funneling: County will consider as an amendment to the County Ordinance.

Alleyway Ordinance: Survey is still in process.

Cemeteries: Restoration work will resume in the spring.

Laingsburg Drain and Extensions: Work will begin soon. Round Lake Road at Meridian will be closed for 2-3 days.

Administrative Support: Job description was presented. Funding under review.

Township flag for County: A township flag for the County Courthouse is under construction.

New Business

Change of Zone PC-53-05 MA: Ginther moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to recommend approval of the change in zone.

BS&A Agreement: Assessment and tax data will soon be available on-line through BS&A software.

Planning Commission vacancies: Two positions are available on the planning commission.

Ginther moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to appoint Tamara Ashley to the Victor

Township Planning Commission to serve the remaining term of Jim Spackman, (through April 2007). Morris moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to appoint Kelly Chadwick to the Victor Township Planning Commission to serve the remaining term of Robert Furman, (through April 2006).

Extended Public Comment

The preliminary site plan for Sand and Gravel operation, PC-36-05 MA was reviewed. Written comments on the preliminary site plan were submitted in a letter from Jim and Lisa Snider dated November 1, 2005 and summarized by Jim Snider.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk