

## **VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- February 7, 2006 (Approved)**

### **Call to Order and Pledge**

The regular monthly business meeting of the Victor Township Board and the initial public hearing on the budget was held at the Township Hall, 6843 Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848. Supervisor Warren Malkin called the regular 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, and Dan Morris.

Members absent: Duane Ginther. Other governmental representatives in attendance: Claude Vail, Clinton County Commissioner. Seventeen (17) citizens present.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Agenda**

Morris moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to approve agenda as printed.

### **Minutes and Treasurer Report**

Minutes of the January 3, 2006 board meeting were accepted as printed. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

### **Approval of Bills**

McDonald moved, second by Morris and motion carried to pay submitted bills, check #s 9772-9792 in the amount of \$6,011.70.

### **Reports**

Planning: The township master plan discussion was tabled until the county provided further information on the process of updating land use plans. Administrative Policies and Procedures for Budgeting and Education for the Planning Commission were developed and will be sent to the Township Board for approval. A budget of \$2250 was submitted to the Board. Bear Creek Kennel variance enforcement was discussed. The west building will no longer be used as it is in violation of the approved variance. Planning Commission recommended approval of the Fox variance conditioned on the approval of the Health Department approving a new sewage/septic system. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the site plan for the Chadwick gravel pit with the requests to the Petitioner to have a flowering type seeding for the berms along the boundaries of the area and to request 5-7 foot trees of native stock to be planted along Alward Road. Pete Preston reported that clean up of the property west of K's market had been ordered. Next meeting February 22, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Victor Township Hall. Fire/CAF&R: Jean Bond, Bingham Township has been hired as Administrative Assistant to CAFR. Next meeting is February 14, 2006, 4:00 p.m. Station #1.

Historical Society: Next meeting is February 8, 2006, 7:30 p.m., Victor Township Hall. Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month – public welcome.

LBA: Next meeting scheduled February 8, 8:00 A.M. at Jordano's Restaurant.

Laingsburg Area Recreation Committee: Funfest and Playground Design Party scheduled Friday, February 24, 6-8p.m. at Laingsburg Elementary School. Funds will support further development of the downtown McClintock Park.

### **Clinton County Officials**

Commissioner Vail reported that the Victor Township flag would be presented to the County Board of Commissioners at the meeting scheduled February 16, 9:00 a.m. Mid-Michigan Environmental Health Division would be building new facilities. The County is working on purchase of rail ROW in Ovid and establishing routes in cooperation with local businesses and property owners. Probate court costs are rising and cost containment and budgeting strategies are under consideration. Jim Weaver was appointed to the Clinton County Board of Appeals. Possible future millages for green space/purchase of development rights and childcare funding have been discussed.

### **BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

The meeting recessed at 7:18 p.m. for an initial hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2006-2007. Supervisor Malkin presented the proposed budget for the township. Township Board members identified several areas of adjustment to be considered in the final budget. A member of the public requested an explanation of what election costs included. Wilsey explained the costs were

associated with administration of elections and some of the variables that impacted budget projections. A final public hearing on the budget is scheduled Tuesday, March 7, 7:15 p.m., Victor Township Hall. The budget hearing closed at 7:21 p.m.

Clinton County Officials continued

Clinton County Sheriff Deputy – not in attendance.

Clinton County Road Commission – The 2006 annual township meeting with the Clinton County Road Commission is scheduled Thursday, March 23, 2006 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

#### Items of Public Interest

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

DEQ approved permits to install dry hydrants in Lake Victoria. This will improve fire protection in the surrounding area.

#### Correspondences (received and placed on file)

Sheriff's report of Victor Township (December)

Sheriff's report of jail and County (December)

Sheriff's Office Correspondence regarding funding of Metro Squad.

December Green Space Bulletin

Clinton County Meals-On-Wheels Correspondence regarding funding.

Rose Pest Control Correspondence regarding rate increase.

#### Unfinished Business

Vision for the Township and Goals – The township resident survey results will be compiled and reported on in the February township newsletter. Planning Commission has requested Board guidance on review of the township master plan. County will provide information regarding the procedure for updating community land use plans.

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

Alleyway Ordinance: Survey work is pending.

Cemeteries: Restoration work will resume in the spring.

Laingsburg Drain and Extensions: Cleaning and tile to be completed soon. Alternative natural planting of opened soils discussed with Drain Commission.

Township flag for County: will be presented at an upcoming County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Budget 2006-07: Ginther moved, second by Morris and motion carried to hold a **public meeting on the budget on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 beginning at 7:15 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall.**

#### New Business

PC-06-06-SP Final Commercial Site Plan (Chadwick Gravel Pit). Jim and Lisa Snider presented a letter outlining concerns of neighborhood residents regarding final site plan approval of the gravel pit. The letter was also presented to the Victor Township Planning Commission. Board members McDonald and Wilsey raised several questions regarding compliance of the submitted plan with the County Zoning Ordinance. An analysis prepared by the Community Development was reviewed. McDonald moved, second by Morris and motion carried to advise the Clinton County Planning Commission of a list of Board concerns including Ordinance issues and site plan specific issues, and Township Planning Commission recommendations that should be satisfied prior to approval of the final site plan. The list is attached and included by reference to these minutes.

ZC-01-06 VR 5912 E. Round Lake Road Variance – McDonald moved, second by Morris and motion carried to recommend approval of the variance conditioned on Mid-Michigan Health Department septic system approval.

Tax Receipts Policy Resolution - Motion offered by McDonald, second by Morris, to adopt a resolution to discontinue mass mailing of tax receipts effective April 1, 2006. Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Morris, Malkin, McDonald, Wilsey. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: Ginther. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and resolution adopted.

Round Lake Property Owners: Requests the township initiate review of language and procedures for special assessment district for weed harvesting from Round Lake. McDonald moved, second by Wilsey and motion carried to move forward with the special assessment district with the understanding that costs incurred by the township for special assessment review and activities will be recouped in the special

assessment as provided by law or, if not successful, reimbursed by the Round Lake Environmental Corporation.

Tax Refunds of less than \$5.00 Policy Resolution: Motion offered by McDonald, second by Wilsey, to adopt a resolution to discontinue reimbursement of tax overpayments if the amount of overpayment is less than \$5.00 unless requested by the taxpayer. This policy is effective April 1, 2006. Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: McDonald, Wilsey, Malkin, Morris. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: Ginther. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and resolution adopted.

Poverty Exemption Policy Resolution: Motion offered by Malkin, second by Wilsey to adopt the Victor Township 2006 Poverty Guidelines Resolution and Poverty Guidelines attached and included by reference as part of these minutes. Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Malkin, Wilsey, McDonald, Morris. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: Ginther. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and resolution adopted.

Township Office Regular Business Hours: The supervisor requested that Township Board Officers post their regular office hours.

Fire Services Charges: Malkin moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to enforce Ordinance 19.2 Victor Township Fire Service Charges Ordinance, Section 2. This section establishes fees and provides that "All persons receiving fire protection services within the Township shall remit the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each incident requiring service..." (Note: some exceptions apply). Enforcing this section assures that all people are treated equally with regard to fire services charges in the Township.

Motion by Morris, second by Wilsey and motion carried to extend adjournment from 9:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

Policy and Procedures for Copying Public Records: This will be considered for the next meeting.

Roads: Contracts expected for the April meeting.

Assessment Notices/Newsletter: Will be mailed by February 24, 2006.

Extended Public Comment

Clinton County Clean Community Events are scheduled April 29, 2006 at the Road Commission and June 2006 at Granger. Further details will follow.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk