

VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- June 6, 2006 (Approved)

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, Duane Ginther and Dan Morris. Members absent: None. Other governmental representatives in attendance: Clinton County Commissioner Claude Vail; Clinton County Drain Commissioner Phil Hanses. Thirteen (13) citizens present.

Public Comment

None.

Agenda

Ginther moved, second by Wilsey and motion carried to approve agenda with addition of Economic Development under reports.

Minutes and Treasurer Report

McDonald moved, seconded by Morris and motion carried to approve minutes of the May 4, 2006 board with the following corrections: change Gary Bensinger to Jack Phillips; change road contract #497 014 147 601 description of chloride and brine dust control applications to include all twp roads with additional applications for Hollister and Pratt Road; and change the spelling of Machiowitz to Machowicz. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

Approval of Bills

McDonald moved, second by Wilsey and motion carried to pay submitted bills, check #s 9848-9860 in the amount of \$5311.56.

Reports

Planning: The township planning commission reviewed the county's comments on the proposed revisions to the township zoning map. Some areas were not consistent with the land use plan and need further review. The planning commission will study these issues further before making recommendations to the board to proceed with any rezoning. The county planning meeting on Tuesday, June 23 will address a few issues of interest to the township including proposed changes to the county ordinance and the Consumer Power training facility. Next meeting June 28, 2006, 7:00 p.m. Victor Township Hall.

Fire/CAF&R: Minutes are posted. Next meeting is June 13, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Station #1 St. Johns.

Historical Society: Pancake breakfast was successful. Next meeting is June 14, 2006, 7:30 p.m., Victor Township Hall. Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month – public welcome.

LBA: Next meeting scheduled June 14, 2006, 8:00 A.M. at Jordano's Restaurant.

Laingsburg Area Recreation Committee: McDonald moved, second by Malkin and motion carried to send a letter of support for a DNR Grant application to fund the gazebo at McClintock Park.

Economic Development: Business people and citizens have developed an Economic Development Task Force for Clinton County. Wilsey is participating as a township government representative. A study has been commissioned to determine if an organized, strategic economic development initiative is needed and can be supported in Clinton County. The study will be conducted over the summer and the results will drive further action of the committee.

Clinton County Officials

Commissioner Claude Vail reported that a Clean Community Event is scheduled June 10 in Dewitt at the Granger recycling site. The County is working on easements for the fairground expansion project.

Communication tower improvements have been approved to support 911 communications. The county is working on filling Director positions in Community Development and Greenspace. Commissioner Vail explained the need to upgrade of the Greenspace Director position from part-time to full time.

Drain Commissioner Phil Hanses reported on the need for work on the Throop County Drain. Motion offered by Ginther, seconded by Morris to adopt a resolution to authorize the Clinton County Drain Commissioner to exceed the \$2500 per mile limit for maintenance and repair of the Throop Drain. Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Morris, Ginther, Malkin, Wilsey, McDonald. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and resolution adopted.

Commissioner Hanses reported on enhancements to the Drain Commission web site.

Items of Public Interest

Phil Hanses announced that he would run for Drain Commissioner in the coming election.

Clinton County Habitat for Humanity welcomes new volunteers. They meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The meeting on June 27 will feature a presentation by Dr. Ken Bensen.

The Victor Township Picnic is scheduled August 27, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.. It is a pig roast and potluck picnic community celebration. No cost. Bring a place setting and a dish to pass. All are invited.

Correspondences (received and placed on file)

Sheriff's report of Victor Township (April).

Sheriff's report of jail and County (April).

Zoning Violation (8021 S. Upton Road)

DEQ letter re: complaint 06-19-0005-V Sand and gravel operation.

Unfinished Business

Vision for the Township and Goals: Land use under review.

Alleyway Ordinance: survey pending.

Cemeteries: Stilson Cemetery well was repaired.

Round Lake Property Owners: The following Preamble and Resolution were offered by Malkin and supported by McDonald.

WHEREAS, Victor Township has received a petition represented to be from more than fifty percent (50%) of the record owners of real property near Round Lake, requesting the eradication or control of the aquatic weeds and plants in Round Lake, to be funded by special assessment; and

WHEREAS, Victor Township has received an estimate of the cost of a five (5) year weed eradication/control program for Round Lake; and

WHEREAS, Victor Township deems it advisable to tentatively create a special assessment district consisting of the territory described in Exhibit A, located in Clinton County, Michigan, for the purpose of the eradication or control of aquatic weeds and plants in Round Lake, and a special assessment roll to defray the cost thereof pursuant to Act 188 of 1954, as amended (MCL 41.721 *et seq*)); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to hold a public hearing in connection with said action;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The estimate of cost of a five (5) year weed eradication program for Round Lake shall be filed with the Township Clerk.
2. The Township tentatively intends to proceed with the petitioned improvement.
3. A tentative special assessment district consisting of the territory described in Exhibit A is hereby created for the purpose of defraying the cost of eradicating or controlling the aquatic weeds and plants in Round Lake during the program years 2007 through 2011, by assessment during the years 2006 through 2010.
4. The Clerk shall cause a Notice of Public Hearing to consider and hear objections to the petition for, and the establishment of said district, to be published twice in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township, the first publication to be not less than ten (10) days before the date of said public hearing, which date is hereby established as the 6th day of July, A.D., 2006, at 7:15 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 Alward Road, Laingsburg, Michigan.
5. The Clerk shall also provide notice of said hearing, by first class mail, to all owners of all parcels or parties in interest concerning said property in the area described, as said persons shall appear on the last local tax roll, i.e., as established after the last Board of Review with subsequent amendments, and said notice shall be mailed not less than ten (10) days before the date of said hearing.

Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Malkin, Morris, Ginther, Wilsey, McDonald. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and resolution adopted.

Roads: Malkin moved, Morris second and motion carried to approve Road Commission Contract dated 4/26/2004 for project #497 014 147 602 brush mowing Parker Road – Upton to Hollister, Jason Road – Upton to Hollister; Pratt Road – Shepardsville to Chandler, Green Road and Linton Road.

Malkin moved, Morris second and motion carried to authorize expenditure of up to \$2500 with Dalton Spray, Inc. for brush spraying of township roads with locations to be determined by the Supervisor.

Morris moved, McDonald second and motion carried to approve Road Commission Contract dated 6/01/06 for project #497 014 147 606 asphalt seal coat of Alward Road – Upton to Hollister in the estimated amount of \$8883.00.

The Supervisor will request an estimate for sealcoating Alward from Chandler to Shepardsville and Hollister to Meridian.

New Business

Federal Surplus Assistance Program: Ginther moved, Morris second to adopt the Federal Surplus Assistance Program Resolution designating Warren Malkin, Michelle Wilsey, and Donald McDonald as coordinators (Surplus Property Donees and Custodians) responsible for the acceptance and accountability and authorized to sign for surplus property. Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Malkin, Wilsey, Ginther, Morris, McDonald. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. Website: Content needed on disk to begin upload to web site. July dates for training will be set.

Roads: A road millage has been initiated for the November 2006 election. A citizen committee has been set up to study road maintenance needs and funding and to present their recommendations on a road plan to the Township Board. Volunteer committee members to date are Dan Eggleston, Robert Gaca, Leslie Luttig, Mark McEwan, John Saller, Duane Smith, and Dan Valasek. The first meeting of the road committee will be held June 21, 7:00 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall. Clinton County Road Commission Superintendent Jack Powell will provide information on current road issues, funding and projects. Township Board members will be on hand to provide information on past road plans, township road projects and budget. All residents are welcome to attend and participate in road committee meetings or share your thoughts with road committee members.

Ordinance 22: Motion by McDonald, second by Malkin and motion carried to rewrite Ordinance 22 to include all local paved roads within Victor Township and to clarify the procedure for amending the ordinance.

Ordinance 25: Malkin requested that the board review this ordinance because of difficulty of enforcement.

Extended Public Comment

Wilsey reported that the township Workers Compensation premium was reduced pursuant to the audit. In addition the township received a “safe year” dividend check from the insurance company.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk