

VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- July 2-7, 2009 (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 and a moment of silence was observed for Deputy Sheriff Doug Alward.

Roll Call of Members

Members present: Warren Malkin, Michelle Wilsey, Donald McDonald, Dan Morris, Duane Ginther.

Members absent: None. Other governmental representatives in attendance: County Commissioner Adam Stacey. Four (4) citizens present.

Public Comment- David Lazar republican introduced himself and noted he was running for state representative for 85th district. Wilsey announced the election scheduled Tuesday, August 4, 2009. Two millage proposals are on the ballot.

Agenda – Ginther moved, second by Morris and motion carried to approve agenda with addition of Jay Sexton planting request under new business.

Minutes and Treasurer Report – Minutes of June 2, 2009 approved as printed.

Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

Approval of Bills -

McDonald moved, second by Morris and motion carried to pay bills in the total amount of \$16,830.10, check #s 10593-10613.

Reports

Planning: Ginther noted the meeting was cancelled due to no business. Next meeting scheduled July 22, 7:00 p.m., Victor Township Hall.

CAFR: Next meeting is July 14, 2009, **1 p.m.**, Station #1 (St. Johns).

Historical: Applied donor plaques to desks, Malkin installed old maps donated by Lee Ettinger. Denison Schoolhouse reunion was held at the schoolhouse. Denison alumni donated \$85 for continued restoration of schoolhouse. Historical society requested permission from the board to do landscaping around the spotlight at Reed Church. Malkin noted that the steel was placed in front of the light due to the snowplow. Wilsey moved, second by Malkin and motion carried to approve the landscape request from the historical society at the Reed Church subject to final review by Malkin. Next meeting is July 22, 2009, 7 p.m., Victor Township Hall.

Clinton County Economic Alliance – Meeting held June 8. Mike Rogers was a guest speaker. New leadership team elected. Next meeting September 17, 2009, 11:00 a.m., RESA.

Recreation Plan Update – A recreation meeting is scheduled to gather public input on July 9, 2009, 7 p.m., Victor Township Board Room.

Energy Audit – Working with City of Laingsburg and Laingsburg Community Schools to develop a joint energy efficiency proposal. Malkin received the information required from the schools to proceed with the proposal.

Clinton County Officials

Clinton County Commissioner Adam Stacey – Budget process is beginning. Will keep board updated. He reported that there is a possibility that a smoking ban for the Mid-Michigan District Health area may go into effect if adopted by Gratiot County. The ban was passed by Clinton and Montcalm Counties a few years ago but never went into effect because it was not approved by Gratiot. Gratiot is now revisiting the issue. If they pass it, then the ban will go into effect. Commissioner Stacey also shared the sad news of the death of Deputy Sheriff Doug Alward in a traffic accident.

Clinton County Transit – Tim Fair presented information on the Clinton Transit millage proposal that is on the County-wide ballot on August 4, 2009. This is a renewal. Clinton Transit (Blue Bus) is the transit authority for Clinton County. It is a growing service with 60,000 riders in 2008. Victor Township logged 876 rides in 2008. 50% of all riders were neither seniors nor handicapped. It serves a wide demographic and is important for economic development. Rose Mae Mason, General Manager, Clinton Transit described the service offerings and noted the expansion of service to 6 times per day since the millage was passed. Heidi Merrick, Victor Township resident, commented on the importance of the service to her. McDonald questioned the cost of the service and the equity of the payments for rural townships v. cities. Morris offered a motion, second by Malkin, to adopt a resolution supporting the Clinton Transit Millage Renewal Proposal. Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Morris, Malkin, Wilsey. The following voted no: McDonald, Ginther. The following were absent: None. The supervisor declared the motion was carried and resolution adopted.

Items of Public Interest –

Township Picnic - scheduled Sunday, September 22, west pavilion - rain or shine. Hog roast and potluck lunch begins at 1:00 p.m. Set-up at 12 noon. Everyone is invited.

Drain office - maintenance work is being done on the #318 Ashley Drain (east of Chandler, north of Jason).

Correspondences (received and placed on file) –

Sheriff's report of Victor Township (May)

Sheriff's report of jail and County (May)

Thank you from Clinton County Wind Watch

Alex Craft apology (Blood Cemetery)

Unfinished Business

Review/Update of Township's Policies and Procedures Manual (MTA Update) – MTA report pending.

Markers for Blood Cemetery – Motion by Ginther, second by McDonald and motion carried to pay up to \$5,000 for markers at Blood Cemetery.

CAFR Budget – Budget finalization is awaiting action by Bingham Township.

Road projects – Malkin will follow-up on mowing intersections. Will hold off on seal coating because revenues are a potential concern.

Noise Ordinance – Discussed noise complaint on Price road related to dirt bikes. Malkin asked if the board wants to refer the matter to the attorney for prosecution. McDonald suggested that Malkin ask parties to come to the next board meeting to attempt to resolve the matter.

MTA's "Principles of Governance" – Motion by Morris, second by Malkin, to adopt by resolution the "Principles of Governance" as proposed by MTA. Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Wilsey, Malkin, McDonald, Morris, Ginther. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. The supervisor declared the motion was carried and resolution adopted.

BSA new "dot.net" – Malkin discussed possible change to dot.net platform. McDonald noted that this is a change in the operating system. It should be faster, includes new forms and reports. County treasurer looking into possible discounted pricing. Will consider proposal at budget time.

Telephone complaint – Malkin moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to forward the telephone complaint to the county.

FEMA Flood Insurance Study – New maps arrived. No significant changes in the map.

Location of training unit for firefighter – Firefighters requested placement of 60' containers stacked two high if possible east of parking lot for training purposes. Board members raised concerns over the location due to the pedestrian traffic and proximity to children. McDonald moved, second by Malkin and motion carried to allow the training containers be placed in the area designated by the flags on a temporary basis with the fire department be responsible for care and site restoration.

Jay Sexton request to plant rose bushes - The board discussed planting of rose bushes at the Sexton family lot. Wilsey moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to permit the rose bushes planted at the family monument but removal of the rose bush between headstones.

Extended Public Comment – Morris discussed a problem with Mark Nickols drain problem Upton Rd. north of Round Lake. Private drain tile runs across property and drains into Aldrich Lake. Poles are exposed in the road. The tile is private and would have to be addressed by the homeowner. The exposed poles in the road will be reported to the road commission.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk
Victor Township