



Clinton County, MI
6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI
Approved Board Minutes from February 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Victor Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Conklin at 7:01 pm and the pledge to the flag was given. **Attendance:** Present: Prange, Conklin, Townsend, Willoughby, Fickes. Absent: None.
8 citizens in attendance.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Fickes to approve the February 14, 2023 agenda. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Willoughby to approve the January 10, 2023 special meeting minutes. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Fickes to approve the January 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Willoughby to approve the January 24, 2023 special meeting minutes. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Townsend to approve the January 24, 2023 public hearing minutes. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Prange to accept the January 2023 treasurer's report. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Motion by Willoughby to pay the January 2023 bills. Supported by Townsend. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 28727-28740 in the amount of \$23,286.22.

Motion by Willoughby to disburse January 2023 payroll and related payroll expenses. Supported by Fickes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 12425-12434 in the amount of \$14,351.40.

Melissa Schutt, executive director of Clinton Transit ("Blue Buses") gave a presentation on providing this essential service to our community. They partner with Beacon of Hope, Clinton County Meals on Wheels and Basic Needs Center of St. Johns to deliver groceries, prescriptions, meals and other necessities to our County neighbors. They provide reliable, affordable and safe public transportation to not only senior citizens and those with disabilities, but also to people needing rides to work, appointments, and various other destinations. For more information on riding the Blue Bus, visit mybluebus.com or call 989-224-8127.

Victor Township Planning Commission: Discussion regarding recommendations for improvements and additions to Victor's parks and recreation projects. The Parks and Rec plan is near completion and will be submitted to the DNR.

LSW: Continued discussion on new chairs to be purchased for the Victor Fire Hall.

Maintenance report: The basketball hoops are installed in the parking lot and ready for play! Discussion regarding lighting at the Reed Church and Dennison School. The Township kitchen remodel project is underway.

Unfinished Business:

- **Broadband:** Board member Fickes reported on ongoing progress concerning Broadband in the County and Township. The application will be submitted by Clinton County by the March 14th deadline.
- **Roads:** The 2023 Annual Township Meeting with the Clinton County Road Commission will be Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 12:10 p.m. at the Road Commission office.
- **Parks and Recreation Plan:** Prange moved to adopt Resolution # 2023-02-01 Victor Township Park and Recreation Plan 2023-2027. Fickes supported the motion. Roll Call vote: All in favor. Motion carried and the resolution was adopted.
- **Spark Grant Application:** Willoughby provided information regarding hiring a professional firm to prepare the grant application. RFP's to be handed in to Willoughby by March 6, 2023 to be opened March 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Decision will be made at the March 14th regular Board meeting. Discussion regarding projects monies, if approved. Pickle Ball courts, walking paths, additional swings, and adding sensory play equipment were discussed.
- **Cemeteries:** Cemetery tree contract is completed. Stilson Cemetery has 2 additional trees to be removed in the amount of \$2,700.00. Townsend moved to have these trees removed. Willoughby supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Work to be done by original contractor. Willoughby moved to remove the fence at Stilson Cemetery. Conklin supported the motion. Discussion regarding the removal of the fence at Stilson Cemetery. Motion carried with 3 in favor, 2 opposed. Willoughby moved to consult with the Planning Commission regarding ideas for the historical section of the fence. Fickes supported the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

- **Tree Removal and Landscape at Township Hall:** Willoughby moved to have First Choice submit a landscape design plan for the front of the Township Hall in the amount of \$350.00. Supported by Fickes. Motion carried.
- **2023-2024 Township Budget:** The Township Board will further discuss the 2023 preliminary Township budget at special meeting on February 28, 2023 at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI. 48848 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Township Insurance Policy:** The Township Insurance policy is up for renewal. The Supervisor and Clerk will review and present information to the Township Board.
- **Resolutions:** Motion by Willoughby to approve **Resolution 2023-02-02**, waiving the penalty for failure to file property transfer affidavit. Supported by Conklin. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.
- Motion by Willoughby to approve **Resolution 2023-02-03**, taxpayers may protest property assessment changes by letter to the board of review. Supported by Prange. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.
- Motion by Conklin to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.