

VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- September 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 and Duane Ginther. Members absent: None. Other governmental representatives in attendance: County Commissioner Claude Vail, Community Development Director Pete Preston. Forty (40) citizens present.

Agenda

Ginther moved, second by Morris and motion carried to approve agenda with addition of floor scrubber purchase under new business and removal of report by Clinton Area Transit (moved to October meeting) .

Minutes and Treasurer Report

Minutes were accepted as printed. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

Approval of Bills

McDonald moved, second by Ginther and motion carried to pay submitted bills.

Reports

Planning: Ginther reported that the draft rezoning map for Victor Township was prepared by the Victor Township Planning Commission and forwarded to Clinton County. The request for rezoning of the Chadwick property from A2 to MR was discussed. The Planning Commission tabled the matter until its September 28, 2005 meeting and recommends that the Board table the matter for further review.

Fire/CAF&R: CAFR received a FEMA grant of over \$240,000 to assist with purchase of equipment, personal protective gear, etc. Next meeting September 13, 2005, 7:00 p.m. Station #1 (St. Johns).

Historical Society: Fall Fest Country Market is scheduled October 15th, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall and grounds. Vendors of crafts, flowers, antiques, produce and other local products and services are welcome. Rates \$20 indoor, \$10 outdoor. For further info contact Marina at (517)651-2988 or stampinlyyours@yahoo.com. Historical society will sell wood duck boxes, bat houses, and bluebird houses crafted in part from wood salvaged from the original cupola of the Reed Church. Next meeting September 14, 2005, 7:30 p.m., Victor Township Hall. Meetings held 2nd Wednesday of each month – public welcome.

LBA: Next meeting September 14, 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 County invites local jurisdictions to donate flags for display in the Board of Commissioners Room at the Courthouse. Projects for the Sheriff, MIS and Clerk's office were approved. Public Act 138 resolution was passed to enable townships to raise funds for recycling services. If not participating then township should pass a resolution to opt out. County passed rails to trails resolution allowing construction. Phil Hanses was appointed to County Drain Commissioner. Planning Commission vacancies were filled.

Items of Public Interest

Fire Training with Michigan Propane Gas is scheduled at the Victor Township Parking lot on September 8, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

The Victor Township Community Picnic and Fire Station #3 open house is scheduled Sunday, September 25, 2005 at the township hall pavilion. Music begins at 12:00 noon and potluck lunch and hog roast is at 1:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and table service.

Stacey Sheridan – Sheridan Land Consulting reported on the Clinton County Purchase of Development Rights Program and the first application cycle for landowners.

Correspondences (received and placed on file)

Sheriff's report of Victor Township (July)

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

Unfinished Business

Vision for the Township and Goals – Victor Township Board will take up review of township Master Plan.

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

Alleyway Ordinance: Survey is still in process.

Cemeteries: Lot pins will be stamped for Blood Cemetery per the lot diagram provided.

Laingsburg Drain and Extensions: Work on easements continues. Work expected this year.

Township Retirement Plan: Wilsey moved, second by Morris and motion carried to change retirement plan from Nationwide Retirement Systems to Retirement Plan Advisors effective October 1, 2005.

New Business

Road Contracts: Ginther moved, second by Wilsey and motion carried to approve road contract with the Clinton County Road Commission.

Zoning Change PC-36-05 MA: Pete Preston gave a presentation on the scope of the rezoning question and the process and answered questions. Several citizens spoke in opposition to the rezoning and/or raised concerns about the proposed sand and gravel operation. The landowners and applicant commented on the rezoning request and answered questions. Morris moved to make no recommendation and let the Clinton County Planning Commission decide the issue. Motion died for lack of a second. Ginther moved to table the matter for further review. Motion died for lack of a second. McDonald moved, second by Wilsey to recommend approval of the rezoning request. Wilsey requested a roll call vote. Malkin called for a roll call vote. The following voted yes: Malkin, Wilsey, McDonald, Morris. The following voted no: Ginther. Motion carried.

Flag for County: Ginther moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to approve purchase and donation of a Victor Township Flag for display in the Clinton County Board of Commissioners Room.

Floor scrubber: Malkin reported that the floor scrubber is broken. He will investigate options for repair or replacement and present them to the Board at the next meeting.

Extended Public Comment

None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk