

VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- December 5, 2006 (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. Board Member Ginther moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to appoint Dan Morris Acting Chairman. Chairman Morris 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, Donald McDonald, Duane Ginther, Dan Morris.

Members absent: Warren Malkin. Other governmental representatives in attendance: Clinton County Commissioner Claude Vail. Ten (10) citizens present.

Public Comment

The Township Board thanked Clinton County Commissioner Claude Vail for his service to the township during his tenure on the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.

Agenda

Wilsey moved, second by Ginther and motion carried to approve agenda with addition of broadband update under new business.

Minutes and Treasurer Report

Minutes of the November 2, 2006 board meeting were accepted as printed. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

Approval of Bills

Motion by Ginther, second by McDonald to adopt a Resolution to Amend the FY 2006-07 budget to include the following account numbers for tracking of revenue and expense for the Round Lake Special Assessment:

Revenue

101-000-672-00 Round Lake Special Assessment

Expense

101-880-800-00 Professional / Contract Services

101-880-900-00 Printing and Publishing

101-880-801-00 Legal Services

101-880-967-00 Other Expense

101-880-955-0 Township Assessment

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

McDonald moved, second by Wilsey and motion carried to approve bills in the amount of \$6,329.73.

Reports

Planning: The planning commission is having difficulty resolving the land use amendments. They request the Township Board meet with them to work out a plan that is acceptable with the County and meets local needs. They also discussed the proposed soil conservation standards for animals.

Next meeting of the Victor Township Planning Commission is December 27, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Victor Township Hall.

Fire/CAF&R: Next meeting is December 12, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Station #1 St. Johns.

Historical Society: Hanging of the Greens and holiday market were successful. No meeting in December. Next meeting January 10, 2007, 7:30 p.m., Victor Township Hall

LBA: Next meeting December 13, 2006, 8:00 A.M. at Jordano's.

Laingsburg Area Recreation Committee: Construction of the playground in the lower bowl of McClintock Park is underway.

Clinton County Economic Development Task Force: Clinton County Board of Commissioners will be asked to approve leadership funding for the start-up of a county-wide economic development initiative. A steering committee representing interests and participants from throughout the county will be set-up to create the new economic development organization.

Victor Township Citizen Road Committee: The Township Board thanked the citizens who served on the road committee for their ideas, proposals and priority list for road work in the township. Even though the millage failed, the work product will be very helpful in formulating a new road plan and addressing the road needs in the township.

Clinton County Officials

Commissioner Claude Vail reported that Richard Trent will take over as the new Community Development Director for Clinton County. There is an anticipated vacancy on the Clinton County Road Commission. Three applications have been received so far. Mid-Michigan Health Department is offering a food borne illness training program for person-in-charge at restaurants to take. Clean Indoor Air Regulation to be instituted by the county. Among other things, it bans smoking within public buildings and 15 feet from the entrance of any public building. There is an exception for bars/restaurants.

Clinton County Deputy Sheriff Alward reported that a juvenile suspect has been identified in the Looking Glass River Neighborhood Association mailbox explosion case. There have also been some recent B&E breakthroughs.

Items of Public Interest

Malkin passed the level two assessors exam. The public is invited to a farewell reception for outgoing Clinton County Commissioners on December 12, 2006, 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

Correspondences (received and placed on file)

Sheriff's report of Victor Township (October).

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

Clinton County Health Summit (requesting notification of any health problems in Victor Township).

Unfinished Business

Vision for the Township and Goals – no report.

Alleyway Ordinance – no report.

Cemeteries – Road gravel needed. It is too late in the season for gravel but it will be considered in the spring.

Township Policies and Procedures Review – Ginther recommends that each board member review a chapter for the next meeting.

New Business

Ashley PA 116 partial termination – Motion by Ginther, second by McDonald to adopt a Resolution for a Partial Termination of a Farmland Development Rights Agreement with Pre-Existing Structure for Theodore and Tamara Ashley (Full resolution attached and included by reference as a part of these minutes). Upon a roll call vote, the following voted yes: Morris, Wilsey, Ginther, McDonald. The following voted no: none. The following were absent: Malkin. The motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

Broadband - Options to expand broadband service to the township have been considered and the board has discussed service with several vendors. A wireless broadband provider is expected to establish service to part of the township in the near future.

CLOSED SESSION TO BID ON DNR Picnic Structures – Acting Chairman Morris adjourned the regular meeting at 8:27 to go into closed session to discuss terms of a bid for the DNR picnic structures. A bid to the Michigan DNR for two pavilions at Sleepy Hollow State Park was discussed. A bid was formulated and will be offered. The regular meeting resumed at 8:30 p.m.

Extended Public Comment

Dave Woodend questioned the board's decision regarding the Round Lake Special Assessment. He did not feel it was appropriate for the Board to approval a proposal that was previously rejected. Wilsey explained that after two options were voted on and failed and the board had further discussion, it appeared that the only option that would allow the project to move forward was the equal distribution of the assessment. Other options had greater disagreement. Therefore, she moved the option and a majority of the board voted in support. It was a difficult issue that Round Lake has struggled with for many years and could not resolve. It was important that the Board find resolution. Mr. Woodend felt the best approach would have offered each option before going back to the first.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk