

VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- August 1, 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. 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 Deputy Sheriff Alward. Twenty-one (21) citizens present.

Public Comment

Kim Smith discussed concerns of the Looking Glass Neighborhood Watch. Several neighbors in attendance at the meeting echoed her concerns. There have been significant problems with mailbox smashing, explosions, graffiti, vandalism and malicious behavior in the neighborhood. They wanted to inform the board of the issues and request assistance in policing and enforcement. A report has been filed with the Clinton County Sheriff. Deputy Alward encouraged residents to report all incidents and explained that they could call 9-1-1 even if it is not an emergency. The board suggested that the neighborhood watch group set-up a meeting with Clinton County Deputy Sheriff Sharon Worthington to discuss effective neighborhood watch strategies that they might use to improve reporting and surveillance in the area. Kim Smith also requested night surveillance be considered if other strategies were not effective. Arlo Devereaux commented on the "washboard" condition of Alward Road east of Chandler. He also raised concerns regarding medical emergency dispatch. He questioned the dispatching of MFR and paramedics based on a recent experience with a call from his wife to 9-1-1. Commissioner Vail discussed information in the most recent report on Sheriff activities in the County and Township. Deputy Sheriff Alward commented on the status of the investigation into the double homicide in Ovid and breaking and entry crimes in the county.

Agenda

Morris moved, second by Ginther and motion carried to approve agenda with addition of Dewitt Charter Township Notice of Intent to Amend the Dewitt Charter Township Comprehensive Development Plan and Don Plotner Letter regarding Round Lake Special Assessment District under correspondences.

Minutes and Treasurer Report

Minutes of the July 6, 2006 board meeting were approved with the following corrections: godd changed to good, doctoral changed to thesis, and 24D changed to 2-4-D. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

Approval of Bills

Ginther moved, second by Morris and motion carried to pay submitted bills, check #s 9885-9898 in the amount of \$12,760.61.

Reports

Planning: There was no township planning commission meeting in July. Next meeting August 23, 2006, 7:00 p.m. Victor Township Hall.

Fire/CAF&R: Minutes are not yet available. Next meeting is August 8, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Station #3 Victor Township.

Historical Society: New lighting fixtures were purchased for the school. Painting of the interior continues. The next meeting is August 9, 2006, 7:30 p.m., Victor Township Hall. Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month – public welcome.

LBA: Circus is coming to town. Next meeting August 9, 2006, 8:00 A.M. at City Hall.

Laingsburg Area Recreation Committee: Work on phase II of McClintock Park beginning.

Economic Development: Surveys of community and business leaders are underway regarding the need for an organized economic development study for Clinton County and the means to fund such an initiative. Results are expected in the fall.

Citizen Road Committee: The committee developed an improved priority list for road projects in the township. The list and additional information on road projects in Victor Township will be posted on www.fixourroads.com.

Clinton County Officials

Commissioner Claude Vail reported that the Clinton County Community Development Director issued a letter of opinion that the mining operation on Alward Road is a legal, non-conforming mining operation. He further reported that a 9-1-1 communications tower was hit by lightning but damage was controlled and it is back in service. Clinton County was asked to consider a millage to support Potter Park Zoo.

Items of Public Interest

State Primary Election is scheduled Tuesday, August 8, 2006. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. The Victor Township Community Picnic is Sunday, August 27 with lunch scheduled 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. Rural Heritage - A group of community members met to discuss forming a rural heritage tourism initiative to promote expansion and development of value-added agriculture business, natural resource based business, historical business, artisan businesses. A user survey for Sleepy Hollow State Park is in development.

Correspondences (received and placed on file)

Sheriff's report of Victor Township (June).

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

Clinton County Community Development Department (opinion on legal status of mining operation).

Mid-Michigan District Health Department (Annual Report).

Unfinished Business

Vision for the Township and Goals – no report.

Alleyway Ordinance – no report.

Cemeteries: Volunteers needed to continue restoration work.

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

WHEREAS, Victor Township, pursuant to P.A. 1951, No. 188, as amended, (MCL 41.721 *et seq*), held a public hearing to consider objections to the creation of a special assessment district for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of eradicating or controlling the aquatic weeds and plants in Round Lake, within the district described below; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees deems it advisable to create a special assessment district for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has reviewed the petition for said special assessment district and assessment; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The plans and costs of the Round Lake aquatic weed and plant eradication or control project are hereby approved.
2. The petition filed requesting the aquatic weed eradication or control project for Round Lake, having been signed by more than fifty percent (50%) of the record landowners in the territory to be assessed, is sufficient.
3. A special assessment district consisting of the territory described in Exhibit A, located in Victor Township, Clinton County, Michigan, shall be and hereby is created and approved for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of aquatic weed and plant eradication or control in Round Lake.
4. The Supervisor is authorized and directed to establish a tentative assessment roll for the purpose of apportioning the cost of the aquatic weed and plant eradication or control project equally by parcel benefited, to be paid in five (5) annual installments beginning in 2006.
5. The Clerk shall cause a Notice of Public Hearing regarding the special assessment roll and the hearing of objections thereon 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 29th day of August, A.D., 2006, at 7:15 o'clock in the afternoon at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 Alward Road, Laingsburg, Michigan.

6. 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: The following preamble and Resolution were offered by Member Wilsey and supported by Member McDonald.

WHEREAS, in the opinion of this Board it is necessary to levy a tax for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of improvement, maintenance and repair of roadways within Victor Township; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of this Board it is necessary to increase the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed on all property within the Township for said purposes; and

WHEREAS, this Board estimates that the amount necessary to defray, in whole or in part, the cost of improvement, maintenance and repair of roadways within Victor Township could be raised by levying one and one-half (1.50) mills for a period of four (4) years (2006 through 2009, inclusive);

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that:

1. At an election to be held in the Township of Victor on November 7, 2006 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., the proposition of increasing the tax limitation by one and one-half (1.50) mills for a period of four (4) years (2006 through 2009, inclusive) for said road improvement, maintenance and repair purposes shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Township of Victor, Clinton County, Michigan.
2. The proposition to be submitted at said election shall be stated in substantially the following form:

MILLAGE PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE PRESENT TAX LIMITATION

Shall the fifteen (15) mill tax limitation on general *ad valorem* taxes within Victor Township imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased as a new proposition for said Township by one and one-half (1.50) mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for the period 2006 through 2009, inclusive, for improvement, maintenance and repair of roadways within Victor Township, and shall the Township levy such increase in millage for such purpose during said period, which increase will raise, in the first year of such levy, an estimated \$156,397.00 of revenue?

This notice is given by Order of the Township Board of Trustees of Victor Township, Clinton County, Michigan.

3. The Township Clerk shall cause notice of registration to be published in the manner provided by law and further cause the notice of submission of said proposition to be included in the election notices provided by law.
4. A certified copy of the ballot wording of the proposed proposition shall be certified to

- the County Clerk of the County of Clinton as provided by law.
5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution shall be, and are hereby, rescinded.

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.

Web Site: McDonald and Wilsey attended web site development and training course offered by IT Right. Web site is under construction and will be available to the public within the next 30-60 days.

Trustee Meetings: Wilsey moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to adopt the following **Trustee Meeting Attendance and Compensation Policy**:

Purpose: Meetings are necessary for trustees to exercise fiduciary oversight and legislative responsibilities for Victor Township. To that end trustees should participate in any meeting of interest to them or to fulfill their responsibilities to the township or community. However, to ensure compensation policy is equitable for trustees and that township budget parameters are followed, the following policy for trustee meeting compensation is proposed.

Trustees will be compensated at the rate established by the board for the following meetings: 1. Clinton County Officers Association meetings; 2. Board approved educational conferences and meetings; MTA district meetings; 4. any meeting for which the trustee is the appointed township representative, unless attendance without compensation has been mutually agreed to in advance; 5. meetings with agenda items specifically pertaining to Victor Township.

Additional meetings or meeting expense, beyond that provided for in the budget, must be approved by the township board prior to the expense being incurred.

New Business

Road Contracts: Gravel on Pratt Road from Chandler to Shepardsville Road was discussed.

Extended Public Comment

None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk