

VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- August 29, 2006 (Accepted)

Note: This is the September Regular Business Meeting

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. Sixteen (16) citizens present.

Public Comment

Mark Burkhardt expressed appreciation to the Board for taking action on the petition for a special assessment district at Round Lake. He discussed his views regarding the concerns expressed over lake access. In regard to the formula presented for determining the assessment amount, it was viewed as the simplest method but he recognized that other people may have ideas and that the Board may make changes. Terry Link announced his candidacy for Clinton County Commissioner for District No. 7 which includes Victor Township. He provided comment on his background and interests in running for office.

Agenda

Ginther moved, second by Morris and motion carried to approve agenda with addition of SOS Resolution and K-16 Resolution under New Business.

Minutes and Treasurer Report

Minutes of the August 1, 2006 board meeting were accepted as printed. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

Approval of Bills

McDonald moved, second by Morris and motion carried to pay submitted bills, check #s 9899-9925 in the amount of \$\$6761.15.

Reports

Planning: Meeting was held August 23. A resident working for DNR volunteered to add wetlands to Victor Township map. Next meeting September 27, 2006, 7:00 p.m. Victor Township Hall.

Fire/CAF&R: A special meeting was held August 24, 2006. Jeffrey Huber was hired as the new Fire Chief of CAF&R effective 9/1/2006. He is also Professor, Fire Science, Lansing Community College. Next meeting is September 12, 2006, 7:30 p.m., Station #1, St. Johns.

Historical Society: Heritage Holiday Markets are planned at Victor Township Hall on Saturday, October 28 and Sunday, November 26. Interested vendors call Marina at (517)651-2988. The next meeting is September 13, 2006, 7:30 p.m., Victor Township Hall. Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month – public welcome.

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

Laingsburg Area Recreation Committee: Work on Phase II – lower bowl of McClintock Park continues.

Clinton County Economic Development Task Force: Surveys of community and business leaders are underway regarding the need for an organized economic development strategy for Clinton County and the means to fund such an initiative. Results are expected in the fall. Next meeting Thursday, August 31, 2006, 10:00 a.m. EOC Conference Room, Garden Level, Clinton County Courthouse.

Victor Township 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. The next meeting is September 13, 2006, 7:00 p.m., Victor Township Hall.

Clinton County Officials

Commissioner Claude Vail reported that the Michigan Department of Transportation is interested in purchasing the Rails to Trails ROW. The State will turn it over to DNR that in turn will revert it back to the three Counties (Clinton, Ionia, Shaiwassee). The program requires a 20% match that would be covered by the Meijer Grant. The trail would then be developed using the remainder of the grant and other monies raised. The catch is that the State requires that the ROW be maintained so that the tracks can be replaced in the future if need be. This may create a problem with the diversion planned for the

MMPA expansion project. He reported that the letter from Victor Twp. requesting assistance funding the rezoning of Country Farm Estates from A-2 to RR was referred to the Planning Commission for recommendations. He recommended that Township Board Members plan to attend the upcoming Planning and Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Items of Public Interest

Supervisor Malkin reported that the Township picnic was fun although turnout was low. He suggested moving the date to after Labor Day when school is back in session.

Resident concerns over newspaper coverage were discussed. Ginther moved, second by Wilsey and motion carried to send a letter to Independent Owner and Publisher Michael Flores requesting reinstatement of coverage of all of Victor Township in their circulation.

The General Election is scheduled Tuesday, November 7, 2006. Township residents vote at the Victor Township Hall. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots applications are available on-line at www.michigan.gov/sos under voter information or from Victor Township Clerk Michelle Wilsey at (517)651-2094.

Correspondences (received and placed on file)

Sheriff's report of Victor Township (July).

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

Millennium (sale to Wave Division Holdings cancelled)

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MTA Update: District director Linda Towsley sent a letter regarding upcoming MTA district events, activities and issues.

Clinton County Community Development: Letter indicating violations at 8021 S. Upton Road have been brought into compliance with the ordinance.

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: Motion by Malkin, second by McDonald to amend the "Resolution Approving Round Lake Special Assessment District and Setting Hearing" adopted August 1, 2006 by rescheduling the public hearing on the special assessment roll to Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 7:15 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848. Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Malkin, Ginther, Wilsey, McDonald, Morris. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. The motion carried and the amendment to the resolution was adopted.

Web Site: The Victor Township web site is up and running although much of it is still under construction. The web address is www.victortwp.org.

Road Contract: Motion by Malkin, second by McDonald to make the following budget amendment: Increase Roads, acct# 101-446-957-00 by \$37,000 with general fund reserve. The following voted yes: Malkin, Morris, McDonald, Ginther, Wilsey. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. The motion carried and the resolution was adopted.

Morris moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to approve project #492014147611, Pratt Road, Chandler Road to Shepardsville Road (3.03 miles) – Placement of 4500 tons of 22A gravel.

New Business

Hall Rental Refund (Moubray/Salas): McDonald moved, second by Ginther and motion carried to approve full refund of the Moubray/Salas security deposit for rental on September 9, 2006 due to military deployment.

SOS Ballot Proposal: Motion by Malkin, second by McDonald to adopt a Resolution Opposing the "Stop Overspending" Ballot Proposal". The following voted yes: Ginther, Malkin, Wilsey, Morris, McDonald. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. The motion carried and the resolution was adopted.

K-16 Spending Mandate Ballot Proposal: Motion by McDonald, second by Malkin to adopt a Resolution Opposing K-16 Spending Mandate Ballot Proposal. The following voted yes: Ginther, Malkin, Wilsey, Morris, McDonald. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. The motion carried and the resolution was adopted.

Extended Public Comment

John Esch announced that a study of the Looking Glass River water quality is underway. Please contact him at eschj@michigan.gov with questions or for further information.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk