

VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- January 2, 2007 (Approved)

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: Warren Malkin, Michelle Wilsey, Donald McDonald, Duane Ginther and Dan Morris. Members absent: None. Other governmental representatives in attendance: Clinton County Commissioner Terry Link. Seven (7) citizens present.

Public Comment: None.

Agenda

Ginther moved, second by Morris and motion carried to approve agenda as presented.

Minutes and Treasurer Report

Minutes of the December 5, 2006 board meeting were accepted as printed. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

Approval of Bills

McDonald moved, second by Wilsey and motion carried to adjust the FY06-07 budget as follows: decrease expense account 101-890-999-00 (Contingency) by \$582.69 and increase expense account 101-880-955-00 (Round Lake Township Assessment) by \$582.69.

McDonald moved, second by Ginther and motion carried to approve bills in the amount of \$27,096.26.

Reports

Planning: The planning commission is preparing a township land use proposal to the County. They also are requesting a response from the County regarding the request to rezone section 22 of the Victor Township from A2 to RR. Next meeting of the Victor Township Planning Commission is ~~December 27, 2006~~ January 31, 7:00 p.m., Victor Township Hall.

Fire/CAF&R: Next meeting is January 9, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Station #1 St. Johns.

Historical Society: Next meeting is January 10, 2007, 7:30 p.m., Victor Township Hall

LBA: Next meeting January 10, 2007, 8:00 a.m., Jordano's Restaurant.

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

Clinton County Economic Development Task Force: A Steering Committee to establish the Clinton County Economic Development Entity is being formed. Representatives from across the business, private, non-profit, government and citizen community are being sought to play a role in advancing the economic future of the County. Also in development is a Rural Enterprise Innovators and Entrepreneurs Group. Rural Enterprise generally includes value-added agriculture, agri-tourism, heritage and artisan trades, products, services and natural resource trades, products or services. The purpose of the group is to promote rural heritage business development in Clinton County and the region. The focus will be on business to business networking, cooperative industry and community development, and connecting people and communities with resources and information to build and expand rural heritage enterprise. The Rural Enterprise I&E Group will meet Tuesday, January 30, 2007, 7:00 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall. Interested business (or potential business) owners are invited to attend.

Clinton County Officials

Commissioner Terry Link: Introduced himself to those in attendance and deferred to former Commissioner Claude Vail for comment or report on recent business. No report. Motion by Malkin, second by Wilsey to adopt a Resolution Honoring Claude Vail For His Service On The Clinton County Board Of Commissioners January 1, 2003-December 31, 2006 (full resolution attached and included by reference as a part of these minutes). Upon a roll call vote, the following voted yes: McDonald, Wilsey, Morris, Malkin, Ginther. The following voted no: none. The following were absent: none. The motion carried and the Resolution adopted.

Clinton County Deputy Sheriff Alward: No Report.

Items of Public Interest – Clinton County Officers Association Meeting is January 17, 2007, 7:30 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall.

Correspondences (received and placed on file)

Sheriff's report of Victor Township (November).

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

Bath High School Year Book (advertising).

MSU Extension (Citizen Planner Program). Malkin noted the dates conflicted with Clinton County Officers Association Meeting. Wilsey noted that the MSU Citizen Planner Program is available on-line (<http://cponline.msu.edu>).

Unfinished Business

Vision for the Township and Goals – Township land use is under review in the planning commission.

Township recreation plan update is overdue. Should be considered in 2007-08 budget.

Alleyway Ordinance – no report.

Cemeteries – Malkin working on manpower to continue repair of cemeteries.

Township Policies and Procedures Review – The current policies and procedures manual was distributed.

Malkin noted that it did not seem to be the most recent version. He would verify and distribute new copies if a more recent/updated version was available.

New Business

Township Board 2007 Meeting Dates: Malkin moved, second by Morris and motion carried to set the following meeting dates, time and location for 2007: Tuesday, January 2; Tuesday, February 6; Tuesday, March 6; Tuesday, April 3; Tuesday, May 1; Tuesday, June 5; Tuesday, July 3; Tuesday, August 7; Monday, September 10; Tuesday, October 2; Thursday, November 8; Tuesday, December 4. All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848.

Hall Use Policy: Fundraising and standards for use of the hall for childcare and child related activities were discussed.

Board of Review Appointments 2007-08: Malkin moved, second by Morris and motion carried to appoint the following members to the Victor Township Board of Review for 2 year terms beginning in 2007: Leo Cook, George Hazle, Carl Hill, and Alternate Don Arthur. Ginther moved, second by Malkin and motion carried to set compensation rates for the Board of Review as follows: \$275 per year for each regular member; \$100 per full day of services, \$50 per half day of services for alternate; and the amount equal to compensation paid to alternate is deducted from salary of absent (non-performing) Board of Review member.

Poverty Guidelines 2007: Motion by Malkin, second by McDonald to adopt a Resolution

Authorizing Poverty Guidelines for the 2007 Board of Review (full resolution attached and included by reference as a part of these minutes). ~~Upon a~~ Upon a roll call vote, the following voted yes: McDonald, Wilsey, Morris, Malkin, Ginther. The following voted no: none. The following were absent: none. The motion carried and the resolution adopted.

Budget FY2007-08: Malkin moved, second by Wilsey and motion carried to hold a special meeting on January 29, 2007, 10:00 a.m., at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues and proposals for the FY 2007-08 township budget. Malkin moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to hold a public hearing on the FY 2007-08 budget on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, 7:15 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall.

Extended Public Comment

Claude Vail explained the rationale for the Clinton County Board of Commissioners decision to provide leadership funding (\$150,000 over 3 years) for the Economic Development Initiative. He emphasized their unanimous support. However, he also noted that success was dependent on Clinton County working together as a whole and encouraged all interests to get on board and support the effort.

Malkin noted that Millennium Digital Media had requested a transfer of their franchise, however recent legislation rendered the request moot.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk