

## VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- October 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. Thirty-six (36) citizens present.

### Public Comment

Dean Butler asked to be added to the agenda to discuss fire authority issues and questions. Malkin noted that the discussion would be taken up at the Clinton Area Fire & Rescue Board meeting scheduled October 9, 2007. Butler noted that he would not be able to attend the meeting and wanted the township board to participate in the discussion. Hewitt Vail commented on property tax increases related to his property and noted that he does not want to see any other property tax increases. Malkin surveyed the board to see if there were any comments or suggestions related to handling a rezoning request for a parcel that spans more than one zoning classification. This does not presently apply in Victor and the board had no suggestions at this time.

### Agenda

Ginther moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to approve agenda with addition of Fire Authority questions under items of public interest.

### Minutes and Treasurer Report

McDonald moved, second by Morris and motion carried to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2007 regular board meeting with the correction of the time of the Clinton County Officers meeting to 7:30 p.m. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

### Approval of Bills

McDonald reported that check numbers for bills approved at the September 4, 2007 meeting were 10150-10161. McDonald moved, second by Wilsey and motion carried to pay current bills in the amount of \$53,199.94, check numbers 10162-10180.

### Reports

Planning: The planning commission met last month. The County revisions to the land use map were discussed. The planning commission has concerns over the changes and process. They would like the board and the county commissioner at their next meeting scheduled October 24, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Victor Township Hall.

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

Historical Society: Jacob Garner reported on the status of his Eagle Scout project to place signage/historical markers at the Reed Church and Cemetery. Fall market was successful. Next meeting is Wednesday, October ~~concerns~~ 10, 7:30 p.m., Victor Township Hall.

Clinton County Economic Alliance: CCEA is interviewing President/CEO candidates.

### Clinton County Officials

County Commissioner Terry Link was unable to attend.

Sheriff Deputy Alward reported on arrests related to recent breaking and entering crimes in the area. Mel Mesa thanked the sheriff for responding to the noise issue.

Jack Powell, Clinton County Road Commission and Phil Hanes, Clinton County Drain Commissioner discussed concerns related to a water/drain issue on Jason Road East of Chandler. Historical issues, current work, options to correct the problem were extensively discussed. If residents want to go forward with a formal drain project, it can be initiated with a petition from residents, the township or the drain commissioner. In any case, the residents that benefit share a portion of the cost. Hanes noted that if easements from landowners were not given, the costs and timeframe for doing the project would be extended. He suggested they consider private tiling options. Road gravel is next priority for the township and this will also help alleviate the problem.

Trustee Morris left meeting at 7:45 p.m. and returned at 7:50 p.m.

Robert Gaca raised asked about maintenance of the Case drain. There are problems because the drain had not been maintained. The drain commissioner noted the age of the drain and wasn't sure it would continue to be considered an active drain. Gaca noted he was paying drain maintenance costs.

Correspondences (received and placed on file)

Sheriff's report of Victor Township (August).

Sheriff's report of jail and county (August)

Millennium Digital Media System has changed their name to Broadstripe.

MDOT Traffic Summit for Clinton County is scheduled October 12, 2007, 1:00 p.m., Clinton County Road Commission Conference Room.

Unfinished Business

Township Policies and Procedures Review /Update – Pending MTA rewrite of model policies and procedures.

Replacement of front doors – Victor received three bids on equipment and installation of ADA electronic assist doors. Wilsey met with disability advocacy representative to conduct township hall facility inspection. Grant for door replacement and upgrade will be submitted by Wilsey.

Investment & Depository Resolution – Passed last month. Item may be removed from agenda.

Parks and Recreation – pending consultation with the County on master plan and recreation plan update.

New Business

Kirk Easterbrook – presented the Township Board with a list of questions that he had regarding CAF&R expenditures, grants, projects, loans, and his removal. He wanted the Township Board to be aware of his concerns and potential problems. He will present his questions to the CAF&R Board for response on October 9, 2007. Dean Butler commented on his concerns related to conduct of the fire board and activities of former Chief Mike Johnson. Extensive public comment ensued. The Township Board noted that the results/findings of the law enforcement investigation were expected soon.

Extended Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk