

VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- February 6, 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: CC Commissioner Terry Link, CC Deputy Sheriff Alward, CC Conservation District Director Kris Foight. Nine (9) citizens present.

Public Comment

None.

Agenda

Malkin moved, second by Ginther and motion carried to approve agenda with the addition of Salary Resolutions under new business.

Minutes and Treasurer Report

Ginther moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2007 board meeting with the following corrections: change date of next planning commission meeting to January 31, 2007 and delete "upon a" in second to last paragraph. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

Approval of Bills

McDonald moved, second by Morris and motion carried to approve bills in the amount of \$6077.94, checks 10020-10039.

Reports

Planning: The planning commission met January 31, 2007. Clinton County is preparing an overlay of wetland for the township. Commission voted to recommend approval of rezoning request PC-10-07 MA from A2 to A3. Next meeting of the Victor Township Planning Commission is February 21, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Victor Township Hall. Ginther moved, second by Morris and motion carried for Victor Township to recommend approval of rezoning request PC-10-07 MA.

Fire/CAF&R: ~~Kirk Easterbrook was selected as the Fire Chief for Clinton Area Fire and Rescue.~~ Next meeting is February 13, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Station #1 St. Johns.

Historical Society: Next meeting is February 14, 2007, 7:30 p.m., Victor Township Hall

LBA: Next meeting February 14, 2007, 8:00 a.m., Jordano's Restaurant.

Laingsburg Area Recreation Committee: No report.

Economic Development: Clinton County Economic Development Steering Committee has been formed and work on creating an Economic Development program is underway. Chris Thelen, CMS Energy was appointed Chair of the Organizational Subcommittee and Dave Brown, Firstbank of St. Johns is chairing the Finance Subcommittee. The Rural Enterprise Innovation and Entrepreneurs Group met on January 31 at Victor Township. Over 40 people attended and discussed ideas for developing and expanding rural enterprise in our local region. The next meeting is February 28, 2007, 7:00 p.m. at House in the Woods Bed & Breakfast (Olive Township). Guest speaker will be Tom Kalchik, Associate Director, Product and Market Development Agent, MSU Products Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources. He will discuss business planning strategies and resources for microenterprise.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting recessed at 7:20 p.m. for an initial hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2007-2008. Supervisor Malkin presented the proposed budget for the township. The primary discussion was on the proposed road projects. Completing all of the scheduled maintenance projects would require using \$111,000 of reserve funds. Options for modifying the budget and consideration of using the reserve while maintaining overall fiscal integrity were discussed. Commissioner Link asked if anyone went out and looked at the roads. Wilsey responded yes and explained that the board participates in a physical road tour with the County Road Commission each year and sometimes multiple times a year. She also explained that the citizen road committee comprised of individuals living in different areas of the township undertook an extensive assessment of township roads and road data over the past year. This provided input for the road plan and recommended priorities for road maintenance. Supervisor Malkin noted that road counts are also done by the County Road Commission and considered in the road planning process.

The budget hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

Clinton County Officials

County Commissioner: Commissioner Link reported that the county is moving forward with the joint purchase of property for a recreational site at Dewitt and Colony Roads. The board received a preliminary draft of a safe county initiative and anticipate a request for a bond proposal in the spring. The county planning commission approved a variance for a retail greenhouse on Hollister Road. The county health department dental clinic received donated equipment and a grant to help fund operations.

Clinton County Deputy Sheriff Alward reported that reports of breaking and entering are down and snowmobile and quad complaints are up.

Conservation District Director Kris Foight gave an update on conservation district activities. She highlighted the upcoming annual dinner (March 26, 6:00 p.m., Smith Hall) and Tree Sale (April 16, Smith Hall).

Information contact Kris at kris.foight@mi.nacdn.net or 989-224-3720, ext. 3.

Items of Public Interest – None.

Correspondences (received and placed on file)

Sheriff's report of Victor Township (December).

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

Thank you from Sheriff (Metro Squad Drug Enforcement).

Recreation Authority city of St. Johns and surrounding areas. Malkin volunteered to attend for Victor Township.

Unfinished Business

Township Policies and Procedures Review /Update – Wilsey proposed board review process for updating the policies and procedures manual. Malkin suggested alternative approach.

Hall use policy – draft changes in development.

Township Budget 2007-08 – Will be taken up at the March 6, 2007 board meeting.

New Business

Round Lake Weed and Algae Control Contract – Ginther moved, second by Morris to approve the contract from Professional Lake Management dated January 30, 2006 for Round Lake Weed Control and to authorize Warren Malkin to sign the contract. Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Morris, McDonald, Wilsey, Ginther, Malkin. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. Motion carried.

Salary Resolutions FY 2007-08:

Motion offered by Wilsey, second by McDonald, to adopt a resolution setting the Trustee Salary for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 at \$1,320 each plus additional meeting compensation of \$45 per meeting (less than 6 consecutive hours) and \$55 per all day meeting (6 consecutive hours or more) for participation in meetings as outlined in the board approved trustee meeting policy. Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Ginther, Wilsey, McDonald, Morris, Malkin. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

Motion offered by Ginther, second by Morris, to adopt a resolution setting the Assessor Salary for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 at \$20,280 plus 50% of land division fees collected. Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Wilsey, Malkin, McDonald, Morris, Ginther. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

Motion offered by Ginther, second by McDonald, to adopt a resolution setting the Clerk Salary for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 at \$14,520 plus \$250 additional compensation per regular or special election.. Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Ginther, Morris, Wilsey, McDonald, Malkin. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

Motion offered by Wilsey, second by Morris, to adopt a resolution setting the Treasurer Salary for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 at \$14,100. 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 the resolution adopted.

Motion offered by Ginther, second by Wilsey, to adopt a resolution setting the Supervisor Salary for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 at \$12,360. Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Wilsey, McDonald, Ginther, Morris, Malkin. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

Extended Public Comment

Road Commission meeting is March 20, 2007, 10:00 a.m., Road Commission offices.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk