

VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- April 3, 2007 (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: Warren Malkin, Michelle Wilsey, Donald McDonald, Duane Ginther and Dan Morris.

Members absent: None. Other governmental representatives in attendance: Clinton County Commissioner Terry Link. Nine (9) citizens present.

Public Comment

Citizen's noted that they were not receiving the Laingsburg Independent Newspaper. The paper indicated that they would distribute the paper to all Township Residents and requested the Board provide them a list of persons from the Saint Johns and DeWitt areas.

Agenda

Ginther moved, second by Morris and motion carried to approve agenda with the addition of the M. Smith variance application under new business.

Minutes and Treasurer Report

Minutes were accepted and placed on file. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

Approval of Bills

McDonald moved, second by Wilsey, to adopt a resolution to amend the FY 06-07 budget as follows: Budget \$15,961.73 for Round Lake Special Assessment, revenue acct # 101-000-672-00; add RLSA Township Assessment expense acct no. 101-000-955-01 with budget amount of \$583; budget RLSA account 101-880-800-00 in amount \$800 (professional, contract services); budget RLSA account 101-880-801-00 in amount of \$1,868.00 (legal); budget RLSA account 101-880-900-00 in amount of \$1,053.00 (printing and publishing); budget RLSA account 101-880-967-00 in amount of \$56.82 (other expense). Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Morris, Wilsey, Malkin, McDonald, Ginther. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and resolution adopted.

McDonald moved, second by Wilsey, and motion carried to approve the following FY 06-07 budget adjustments: increase acct 101-265-806-00 (Hall mowing expense) by \$1,982.21, decrease acct 101-000-955-00 (general govt expense) by \$1,982.21; increase acct 101-276-702-00 (foundation expense) by \$347.61, decrease acct 101-000-955-00 (general govt expense) by \$347.61; increase acct 101-446-957-00 (Roads) by \$18,609.70, decrease acct 101-890-999-00 (contingency) by \$18,609.70.

McDonald also noted that \$582.69 expense should be transferred from 101-890-999-00 (contingency) to acct 101-000-955-01 (RLSA township assessment) now that the proper account was added to the budget.

McDonald moved, second by Morris and motion carried to approve bills in the amount of \$5,063.14, check #s 10021, 10059-10069.

Reports

Planning: The planning commission developed and referred a draft township land use map to the township board. The planning commission changes were discussed and additional changes made for referral back to the planning commission. Next meeting is April 25, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Victor Township Hall.

Fire/CAF&R: Next meeting is April 10, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Station #3, Victor Township.

Historical Society: Next meeting is April 11, 2007, 7:30 p.m., Victor Township Hall.

Economic Development: The Economic Development Steering Committee adopted the name, Clinton County Economic Alliance. A conceptual structure for alliance was adopted with emphasis on flexibility, initiative, and the participation of all interested parties. Articles of incorporation for 501c3 status have been drafted. Bylaws are in development. Fundraising will begin this summer. Cooperation and participation from across the county has been strong so far. The Rural Enterprise Initiative met March 27 at the Clinton County Courthouse. Dave Brown, President/CEO, Firstbank, John Wieber, Attorney and Jeff Thomas, Thomas Agency, Laingsburg discussed and answered questions regarding setting up a business entity, insurance and liability, and financing. scussed business planning and possible joint initiatives for rural enterprise businesses. Next meeting is Thursday, April 26, 7:00 p.m., JJ Wohlfert's Custom and Standard Trim, Fowler. Speakers from Greater

Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Michigan Department of Agriculture will discuss rural and agricultural tourism.

Clinton County Officials

County Commissioner Terry Link discussed the submission of grant proposals for park development and waste management. He also announced openings on the following County Commissions: Historical, Transit, and Economic development. Applications are available on the web site www.clinton-county.org. He noted two upcoming area recycling events: Clinton County Clean Community Event, April 28 at the Road Commission. This includes bulky waste, electronic waste, fluids, tires, clothes, and much more. Call 989-224-5187 or visit the website www.clinton-county.org for further information. The Greater Laingsburg recyclers have regular and scrap metal drive April ~~May~~ 14. Contact Terry at tlinkster@yahoo.com for more information. Fair Board Member George Hazle asked Commissioner Link to help improve publicity and communication regarding the County funding of the fair grounds infrastructure improvements. The fair board is having difficulty raising money to support the youth fair operations because many prospective contributors are under the impression that the Fair Board is spending their resources on infrastructure and construction at the fair grounds. While he appreciates the improvements, he is concerned that the youth fair will be adversely impacted by this incorrect funding source perception.

County Sheriff: No report.

Items of Public Interest – Supervisor Malkin introduced St. Johns Boy Scout Ethan Malkin. Ethan is working on achieving Eagle Scout status. Malkin announced the MMD Health Department Open House April 18, 2007, 4-6 p.m. Wilsey announced the school elections for all districts in our area (L'burg, Bath, Ovid-Elsie and St. Johns) are Tuesday, May 8. Polls are open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. All Victor Township residents vote at the Victor Township Hall.

Correspondences (received and placed on file)

Sheriff's report of Victor Township (February).

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

Unfinished Business

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

New Business

2007-08 Road projects: Morris moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to approve road project 489.014.149.701 in the estimated amount of \$46,906.

Morris moved, second by Ginther and motion carried to approve road project 489.014.149.702 in the estimated amount of \$126,423.

Morris moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to approve road project 497.014.147.702 in the estimated amount of \$12,056.

Morris moved, second by Ginther and motion carried to approve road project 497.014.147.703 in the estimated amount of \$12,056.

Morris moved, second by Malkin and motion carried to approve road project 497.014.147.704 in the estimated amount of \$10,436.

Morris moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to approve road project 497.014.147.705 in the estimated amount of \$11,469.

Township Planning Commission: Malkin moved, second by Morris and motion carried to reappoint Tammy Ashley and Vern Stevens to the Victor Township Planning Commission for term April 1, 2007- March 31, 2010.

Holden Drain – Discussion of water problem along Jason Road East of Chandler. Drain commissioner is investigating possible remedies.

Cable Franchise – Renewal under review.

Smith variance ZC707: Ginther moved, second by Malkin and motion carried to recommend approval of variance ZC707 to the Clinton County Zoning Board of Appeals.

Extended Public Comment – None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk