

VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- September 4, 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. Fourteen (14) citizens present.

Public Comment

Dean Butler raised concerns regarding the investigation and other issues involving CAFR. Wilsey suggested the topic be added to the agenda under new business.

Agenda

Ginther moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to approve agenda with addition of Audit Services Contract and Fire Investigation under new business, and a change in order of County Officials Report after Minutes and Treasurer's Report.

Minutes and Treasurer Report

Minutes of the August 7, 2007 regular Board meeting were accepted with the correction of Al Burnie's name (printed as Frank Burnie). The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

Clinton County Officials

County Commissioner Terry Link reported that the Clinton County Finance and Personnel meeting agendas and board members information packets were now being posted on the web site and available in advance of the meetings. Under the Green Government initiative, there will be a greenhouse gas inventory for Clinton County. It will look at energy use and best practices for benchmarking. Tri-County Coalition will hold a public forum on October 4 from 2-5 p.m. Contact Maria Habba, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission at 517-393-0342 for further information. A public hearing on the County's Annual Budget is scheduled October 9.

Approval of Bills

McDonald moved, second by Morris and motion carried to approve bills in the amount of \$3,786.92. Check numbers were not available due to a computer problem but will be reported at the next meeting.

Reports

Planning: The planning commission met last month. Issues and information related to the ZBA and County Planning decisions regarding Andy Arthur variance were discussed. Next meeting is September 26, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Victor Township Hall.

Fire/CAF&R: Next meeting is September 11, 2007, 7:00 p.m., Station #1, Victor Township.

Historical Society: Fall Harvest Market/Bazaar scheduled Saturday, October 6, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall and Grounds. Vendors may contact Jan at 517-651-2323. Next meeting is Wednesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m., Victor Township Hall.

Clinton County Economic Alliance: CCEA continues search for President/CEO, fundraising, and discussions of reciprocal membership arrangement with Lansing Economic Area Alliance underway.

Items of Public Interest – Township Picnic is scheduled Sunday, September 23, 2007. Music and set-up begins at 12:00 noon. Hog roast and potluck lunch is served at 1:00 p.m. All residents, their friends and families are invited. Bring dish to pass, table setting, and lawn chairs.

Clinton County Officers meeting is scheduled Wednesday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., Watertown Township.

Correspondences (received and placed on file)

No sheriff reports received this month.

Professional Lake Management – water quality correspondence noting slightly elevated E. Coli in Round Lake. No restrictions required.

Unfinished Business

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

Replacement of front doors – Victor will apply for grant for door replacement. Request for bids have been sent out. Grant due date is October 7, 2007.

Investment & Depository Resolution – Motion by McDonald, second by Ginther, to adopt a resolution enacting the Victor Township Investment Policy dated 9/27/2007. Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Wilsey, Malkin, Ginther, Morris, McDonald. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. The motion carried and the resolution adopted.

Parks and Recreation – A parks and recreation plan update and other planning needs were discussed with Lynn Wilson, Mead & Hunt. It was agreed that the township would first meet with Clinton County in regard to the comprehensive plan update prior to scoping out needs for township planning.

New Business

Audit Services Contract – Motion by Wilsey, second by McDonald and motion carried to approve contract with Campbell Kusterer for the Victor Township Annual Audit for Fiscal Years 2008-2010 and to authorize Wilsey to sign the letter on behalf of the township board.

CAF&R Investigation – Questions regarding inventory tracking, possible missing trucks and/or equipment, FEMA grant reimbursement, and the on-going CAF&R investigation were extensively discussed. The township board and fire authority are awaiting the results/findings of the law enforcement investigation.

Extended Public Comment

Drew Vincent discussed concerns related to a noise complaint and enforcement of the noise ordinance. The township attorney and law enforcement are working on the matter. He further commented on the water retention/drainage problem on Jason Road east of Chandler. The Drain Commissioner pursued a drain extension, however, some property owners denied the necessary easement. Further efforts to get either the County Road Commission or County Drain Commission to resolve the matter have proved unsuccessful thus far. He requested the township support his efforts to get the agencies to act to correct the problem. The supervisor noted that a citizen-initiated petition for a drain was an option. Mr. Vincent sought additional advice and support from the township. The supervisor offered to invite representatives from the Drain Commission and Road Commission to the next board meeting to discuss the issue.

Shirley Vail noted that AFLAC coverage for board members was discussed at the last board meeting. She commented that the coverage/service was very good.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk