

VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- March 4, 2008 (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, Dan Morris, Duane Ginther

Members absent: None. Other governmental representatives in attendance: Commissioner Terry Link, Deputy Sheriff Alward. Eight (8) citizens present.

Public Comment

None.

Agenda

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

Minutes and Treasurer Report

Minutes of the February 5, 2008 regular meeting were approved with the correction of McDonald (replace Ginther) making the motion to approve the assessor salary. Ginther moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2008 special meeting with the following amendment: change "county equalization department provided sales data" to "county equalization department provided an appraisal study." The treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit and placed on file.

Approval of Bills

McDonald moved, second by Ginther and motion carried to pay current bills in the amount of \$7194.56, check numbers 10256-10272.

Reports

Planning: The planning commission requested that the Victor Township Board seek rezoning of Country Farm Estates pursuant to Article 16 of the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance. Ginther moved, second by Morris and motion carried to formally request that Clinton County rezone Country Farm Estates subdivision in Victor Township pursuant to sections 1601 and 1602 of the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance (July 2005 as amended). Next scheduled meeting is March 26, 2008, 7p.m., Victor Township Hall.

Fire/CAF&R: The proposed FY 08-09 budget is still pending. The next meeting is March 11, 2008, 7 p.m., Station #1, St. Johns.

Historical Society: Donor recognition plaques for the desks in the Denison Schoolhouse were selected and ordered. Next meeting scheduled March 12, 2008, 7:30 p.m., Victor Township Hall.

Clinton County Economic Alliance: CCEA Open House was held February 19, 2008. CCEA is working on MMPA expansion. Leadership team will be selected at next meeting scheduled Tuesday, March 11, 7:30 a.m.

Clinton County Officials

County Commissioner Terry Link reported that there had been a series of breaking and entering crimes on the west side of the county – primarily in bars and party stores. He deferred to the deputy sheriff to provide additional information. The county is discussing the possibility of creating a county-wide brownfield authority. It permits reuse of sites with contamination with some incentive to developers. The use of Smith Hall was approved as an acute care facility in the event of disaster or emergency such as pandemic flu.

Designation will allow them to seek funding for possible upgrades. The county approved special collection events for the year. Safe schools initiative was expanded to Bath schools. Residents are encouraged to apply for any of the following openings on county committees: Transit, Historical, Ag Preservation, and Zoning Board of Appeals. Applications are available on-line at www.clinton-county.org.

County Sheriff Deputy Alward reported that there have been B&Es primarily in the west/northwest part of the county. It is suspected that they are associated with break-ins in Berrien and Eaton counties.

Items of Public Interest

Victor Township meeting with the Road Commission is scheduled Monday, March 24, 2008, 9:00 a.m. at the Road Commission offices.

Correspondences (received and placed on file)

Sheriff's report of Victor Township (January).

Sheriff's report of jail and county (January).

Complaint 7120 Round Lake Road.

Complaint 6672 Imperial Court.

Unfinished Business

Township Policies and Procedures Review /Update – Pending MTA rewrite of model policies and procedures.
Replacement of front doors – Awaiting grant decision.

New Business

Planning Commission members – 2 terms expire in April. Members will be contacted to determine if they are interested in reappointment. Positions will be advertised to determine if there is any one else interested in serving on the planning commission. Anyone interested in serving a two-year term (April 2008-2010) should submit a statement of interest and a resume to Warren Malkin via email, victortwp@cablespeed.com, or mail to: 6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848.

Trustee meeting rate - Motion offered by Wilsey, second by McDonald to adopt a resolution to amend the trustee salary additional meeting compensation rate for FY 2008-2009 to \$55 per meeting (less than 6 consecutive hours) and \$65 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: Wilsey, McDonald, Morris, Malkin, Ginther. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

Mileage reimbursement rate - Motion by McDonald, second by Morris and motion carried to adopt a mileage reimbursement rate of 50.5 cents per mile for FY 2008-2009.

Extended Public Comment

Adam Stacey commented on the potential pitfalls of brownfield development incentives citing a case in Bath related to the Meijer development. He also discussed revenue sharing issues in the legislature.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk