

VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- March 3, 2009 (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: County Commissioner Adam Stacey. Eleven (11) citizens present.

Public Comment – Scott Godbold presented a Eagle Scout project proposal to create a photo archive of all grave markers and stones in the Victor Township cemeteries. The photos would be added to the township records. Eventually they could be made available to the public via the web. Wilsey moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to approve the proposed Eagle Scout cemetery project proposed by Scott Godbold.

Agenda - McDonald moved, second by Morris and motion carried to approve agenda as printed.

Minutes and Treasurer Report – Minutes of the February 3, 2009 regular meeting were approved as printed. Malkin requested the township budget account numbers be added to the treasurer's report for interest. 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 bills in the amount of \$2,620.68, check #s 10501-10511. Check #10500, \$245,000 was issued to execute a transfer of township funds to a higher yield savings account.

Reports

Planning: There was not a quorum so no action was taken at the planning meeting. Wetlands ordinance was discussed informally. Next meeting scheduled March 25, 2009, 7 p.m., Victor Township Hall.

Malkin moved, second by Ginther and motion carried to recess the regular meeting and go to the Public Hearing on the Budget 7:10 p.m.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Malkin presented the proposed budget reflecting changes discussed at the last board meeting, an addition of \$5,000 to improve the township hall heat pump system, and \$196,660 for township road maintenance work. Estimated revenues were \$593,450. Unrestricted revenues were \$592,450. Expenses were \$615,250. Wilsey noted that approximately \$74,000 was reserved in last year's budget for future road projects. The board decided to use \$22,800 of reserve funds for revenue to balance the budget. Malkin moved, second Morris and motion carried to close the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Reports continued...

CAFR: Next meeting is March 10, 2009, 7 p.m., Station #1 (St. Johns).

Historical: Next meeting is March 11, 2009, 7:30 p.m. Victor Township Hall.

Clinton County Economic Alliance – The public is invited to participate in "Community Conversations for Michigan's Defining Moment" on March 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clinton County RESA office located at 1013 South U.S. 27, St. Johns and March 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the DeWitt High School located at 13160 Panther Drive, DeWitt.

Clinton County Officials

Clinton County Commissioner Adam Stacey – Updated the board on debate over the incinerator at Capital City Airport. A public meeting will be held March 26, 7 p.m., Clinton County Courthouse to discuss the incinerator. Ag preservation and greenspace commission held joint meeting. The board of Commissioners filed an application for expansion of Motz Park for purchase of land west of current property. There is some discussion of setting up an independent authority for rail trail. The county indicated that it is not interested in pursuing this option at the present time.

Deputy Alward was not in attendance.

Items of Public Interest

Mineral extraction site on Meridian Road should be restored this year.

FEMA floodplain mapping meeting is scheduled April 1, 2009, 4:30-7:00 p.m., Clinton County Courthouse.

Greenspace Commission Non-Motorized Trail Planning sessions are scheduled March 5, and March 26, 11:00 a.m., Dewitt Community Center.

Correspondences (received and placed on file)

Sheriff's report of Victor Township (January)

Sheriff's report of Jail and County (January)

Thank you from Sheriff's office for support of Metro Squad Deputy.

Unfinished Business

Review/update Township's policies and procedures manual. No action.

Township Budget FY 2009-10 - Motion by Wilsey, second by McDonald, to adopt a resolution enacting the Victor Township General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009-2010- and corresponding budget with total revenues of \$616,250 and total expenses of \$615,250. Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Malkin, McDonald, Ginther, Wilsey, Morris. The following voted no: none. The following were absent: none. The motion carried and the resolution adopted. Copies of the complete resolution and budget are available in the office of the Clerk.

American Red Cross – Wilsey met with Red Cross to review the township hall facility and to discuss the American Red Cross Shelter Agreement. The Red Cross would use the facility if it was available. They carry insurance coverage that holds the township harmless from actions related to their use of the facility. They would pay for expenses incurred (such as utilities) during their use of the facility. The SE corner of Clinton County does not currently have any designated shelters. This would fill a gap in coverage. Some deficiencies of the hall facilities that they noted included lack of backup power, lack of fire alarms in hall, limited restroom facilities. These do not disqualify the hall as an emergency shelter.

Ginther moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to approve the American Red Cross Shelter Agreement with Malkin signing the agreement.

Township Insurance – awaiting quote from current insurance carrier. Will take up issue next month.

Meeting date – McDonald moved, second by Ginther and motion carried to move the April board meeting date from Tuesday, April 7, 2009 to Tuesday, March 31, 2009, 7 p.m.

New Business

Fire run 261, August 18, 2008 – Malkin moved, second by Ginther and motion carried to write off \$800 of the \$1600 fire run charge.

Malkin moved, second by Ginther and motion carried to reappoint Kelly Chadwick and Shirley Hazle to the Township Planning Commission effective April 2009- March 2012.

Extended Public Comment – Royce Smith asked if Commissioner Adam Stacey should attend all township board meetings. Commissioner Stacey noted that his attendance is a courtesy to the township but not required to satisfy his duties as County Commissioner. He planned to attend as often as possible.

Malkin asked if the board if there was interest in changing the restriction on burning leaves in the township.

Wilsey asked if state law or regulation prohibited the burning of leaves. Malkin said no – they discourage it but do not actually prohibit it. That is why he was raising the issue. McDonald moved, second by Wilsey and motion carried to remove the restriction on burning leaves from recreation fire permits.

Tim Machowicz – Greenspace Commission CIS Rail Trail public meeting to be held March 24, 2009, 4-7 p.m., Clinton County Courthouse. March 9, Greenspace Commission meeting. Sleepy Hollow State Park – in process of redeveloping the boat launch. This project represents \$700,000 federal grant investment in park and Victor Township.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk
Victor Township