

VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- May 6, 2009 (Tentative)

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. Sixteen (16) citizens present.

Public Comment- Dan Leonard, CC Planning and Zoning provided a presentation on wind development. There is potential for both commercial and residential development in Clinton County. Testing and measurement studies are underway. Data is being collected in Bengal Township to see if wind is viable and at what level. There are no wind development projects underway or permits being sought at this time. Special use permits for anemometer equipment have been issued. County staff is studying the wind development issue so that they are prepared when/if a development project is proposed. Very limited zoning in place for wind. Among the issues under study are safety, roadway infrastructure impacts, shadow flicker, etc. As wind resources are developed in the state, more examples of governance, ordinances, zoning regulation are available for study. Experience is growing and will help Clinton County balance resource utilization and impact mitigation. Leonard listened to comments and answered questions. Draft language will be developed and a process of public input will begin. Rob Curry, property owner in Bengal and Eagle, shared information on wind requirements, developments, operations, and regulation/issues that he studied. He emphasized the need for regulation to be fair to all property owners.

Agenda - Wilsey moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to approve the agenda with addition of Energy Audit (IEE proposal/contract) to new business and taking up new business item "Laingsburg Youth Wrestling Charitable Gaming License" immediately after approval of the agenda.

New Business -

Laingsburg Youth Wrestling Charitable Gaming License – Nick Rowley presented the Laingsburg Youth Wrestling request that Victor Township pass a resolution recognizing them as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purposes of obtaining a charitable gaming license from the State of Michigan. This will allow them to hold a Texas Hold'em fundraiser for the wrestling club. Proof of their 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(2) status was provided. A motion was offered by Ginther, seconded by Morris to adopt a resolution recognizing Laingsburg Youth Wrestling as a nonprofit organization operating in Victor Township, Clinton County for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses. Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: McDonald, Ginther, Morris, Wilsey, Malkin. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. The supervisor declared the motion carried and resolution adopted.

Nick Rowley also presented a team photo and thank you letter from Laingsburg Youth Wrestling Club for allowing them to practice in the township hall facility for the season.

Minutes and Treasurer Report – Minutes of the March 31, 2009 regular meeting were approved as printed. Treasurers Report was accepted subject to audit and placed on file.

Approval of Bills -

McDonald moved, second by Malkin and motion carried to pay bills in the total amount of \$94,119.86, check #s 10529-10558.

Reports

Planning: Special meeting is scheduled May 20, 2009, 7:00 p.m., Victor Township Hall with the Township Board to discuss and share information on possible wetland ordinance.

CAFR: Next meeting is May 12, 2009, 7 p.m., Station #1 (St. Johns).

Historical: Next meeting is Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 7 p.m., Victor Township Hall.

Clinton County Economic Alliance – John Czarnecki will attend meeting next month to provide report.

Clinton County Officials

Clinton County Commissioner Adam Stacey – Rail Trail moving slowly. Motz Park beach development is progressing. Airport incinerator special meeting is tomorrow night.

Public Interest – Consumers Energy provided notice that they will be trimming trees under power lines in Reed Cemetery and at various locations throughout the township.

Correspondences – Sheriff's report of Victor Township (March); Sheriff's report of Jail and County (March); approved DEQ permit for Sleepy Hollow State Park; approved DEQ permit for Joanne Decker.

Unfinished Business

Review/Update of Township's Policies and Procedures Manual (MTA Update) – MTA report pending.

Natural Gas Supplier - Wilsey moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to approve the Michigan Gas & Electric contract for the Discount Natural Gas Program subject to review of the contract with Malkin signing.

Open Burning Ordinance – Awaiting feedback/recommendation from CAF&R.

New Business cont...

Markers for Blood Cemetery – Kurt Watkins and Brewer Bouchey Monument Company provided proposals and pricing for the broken stones in Blood Cemetery. Flush stones are being considered. Wilsey moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to finalize a list of names proposed for replacement stones in Blood and provide a final list to the board.

Road Contracts - Malkin moved, second by Morris and motion carried to approve revised 2009 Road project 497.014.1479102 gravel St. Clair (Alward to Pratt) contract in the amount of \$9,760.10.

Malkin moved, second by Morris and motion carried to approve foliar brush spray contract 497.014.147914 in the amount of \$4,200.00. Other contracts will be held until the level of revenue cuts are determined.

Regional 2035 Transportation Plan – Existing and Proposed Non-Motorized Transportation map/plan for Victor Township was presented for comments by the TCRPC. Comments are due back by May 10, 2009. Malkin to return with corrections to the map.

Road Millage – The board discussed placing a road millage question on the August 2009 ballot. Motion offered by Malkin, second by McDonald to adopt a resolution to place a Millage Proposition To Increase the Present Tax Limitation for Improvement, Maintenance and Repair of Roadways in Victor Township on the ballot at the election scheduled Tuesday, August 4, 2009 increasing the tax limitation by 1.5 mills for 4 years (2009-2012).

Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Malkin, Ginther, Morris, McDonald. The following voted no:

Wilsey. The following were absent: None. The supervisor declared the motion carried and resolution adopted.

Shirley Hazle again noted that some residents – particularly in St. Johns address areas- do not receive the Laingsburg Independent newspaper and do not have the opportunity to read the minutes or articles written on township issues. Wilsey will check on Clinton County News government pricing for publishing minutes.

Revised CAFR Budget – The proposed CAF&R budget for 2009-10 has been reduced. Victor Township will wait for Bingham Township vote before revisiting the CAF&R budget.

Township Recreation plan – A proposal to update Victor Township's Community Outdoor Recreation Plan by Dr. Charles Nelson, Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies, MSU was reviewed and discussed. Dr. Nelson chairs the Clinton County Greenspace Commission and led the county update process. The township recreation plan is out of date. It is important to integrate with the county and regional plans and to be in a position to seek and qualify for grants. The fee for services contract with MSU is \$3,000. McDonald moved, second by Malkin and motion carried to approve the "Proposal to Victor Township in Clinton County to Update Community Outdoor Recreation Plan" as presented. Wilsey will notify Dr. Nelson of the decision and coordinate the update process.

Energy Audit – Wilsey presented a proposal from Flies & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc. to conduct an Introductory Energy Evaluation (IEE) for Victor Township Municipal Building (Township Hall Fire Station complex). The cost of the IEE is a lump sum fee of \$1,000. McDonald moved, second by Malkin and motion carried to approve the IEE proposal as presented with Malkin signing the agreement and the cost assigned to hall expense.

Items of Public Interest

Jeff Brandon has proposed an Eagle Scout project that would include extension of the sidewalk from the west pavilion to the township parking lot and construction of accessible tables for the township pavilions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk
Victor Township