

VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- August 4, 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: CC Deputy Sheriff, Sharon Worthington, County Commissioner Adam Stacey. Eight (8) citizens present.

Public Comment- Brian Calley, State Representative from Portland announced that he will be a State Senator candidate next year for the seat currently held by Alan Cropsey (term-limited). Buck Kusiel, candidate for representative 85th district was also in attendance.

Agenda – Wilsey requested that funeral luncheon request and Dickie O/C reimbursement items be added to new business. McDonald moved, second by Morris and motion carried to approve the additional items for the agenda. Ginther moved, second by Morris and motion carried to approve agenda as amended.

Minutes and Treasurer Report – Change date on the header of the minutes from July 2 to July 7. Malkin moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to approve the agenda with the correction of the meeting date.

Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

Approval of Bills -

McDonald moved, second by Morris and motion carried to pay bills in the total amount of \$8,385.53, check #s 10614-10629.

Reports

Planning: Elkins variance was discussed. Concerns regarding septic field placement and drainage were raised. Request withdrawn. Deferred until next month. Next meeting scheduled August 26, 7:00 p.m., Victor Township Hall. Adam Stacey and Dan Leonard will be invited to attend to discuss wetlands protection.

CAFR: Next meeting is August 11, 1:00 p.m., Station #3 (Victor Township).

Historical: Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 7:30 p.m., Victor Township Hall. Planning for "Hanging of the Greens" holiday celebration.

Recreation Plan Update – Nelson provided a draft survey for review and comment. Target mailing is early September. Return will be directly to MSU. Surveys may also be placed in drop box and board will forward to MSU. Updating the plan is required for the township to qualify for future grants and/or stimulus funds.

Energy Audit – Rebuild Michigan registration materials have been submitted to the State of Michigan.

Clinton County Officials

Clinton County Commissioner Adam Stacey – Regarding energy audit discussion, the county is looking at applying for grants but Stacey expressed concerns about investing in anything with too long of a payback due to the rapid change in technology. Capital Area Community Foundation 211 funding approved. 211 provides human services information for residents.

CC Deputy Sheriff Worthington – Will serve as interim liaison for Victor Township. She has received a list from Mark Bates, CC Road Commission, about Neighborhood Watch signs that he would like to see replaced in the county. There are a few in Victor Township. Not sure what the process or protocol will be for funding them. Reminder that phone tree and reverse 911 are important tools for crime fighting. Donations are being accepted at NuUnion for the family of Doug Alward.

Items of Public Interest –

Cemetery brush removal - Dan Morris suggested that the board conduct a fall cemetery clean-up for overgrowth of shrubs, brush and perennials in Reed, Stilson and Blood Cemeteries. Wilsey to schedule and provide notice of clean-up.

Township Picnic - scheduled Sunday, September 20, west pavilion - rain or shine. Hog roast and potluck lunch begins at 1:00 p.m. Set-up at 12 noon. Everyone is invited.

Correspondences (received and placed on file) –

Sheriff's report of Victor Township (June)

Sheriff's report of jail and County (June)

DEQ Complaint #09-19-0005-5 Parcel 35-300-020-00.

MI Dept of Ag expanding dairy heifer facility in Sec. 23.

Unfinished Business

Review/Update of Township's Policies and Procedures Manual (MTA Update) – Wilsey to send a letter of request to MTA for the project.

Markers for Blood Cemetery –Wilsey will add the individual Bixby stones for replacement and get the order placed through Kurt Watkins. That is all the additional stones that can be done under \$5,000 limit.

CAFR Budget – Budget finalization is awaiting action by Bingham Township.

Road projects – Pending outcome of road millage.

Noise Ordinance – No further action will be taken unless further complaints are received.

BSA new “dot.net” – Awaiting information from Clinton County.

FEMA Flood Insurance Study – Comment period. No action at this time.

New Business –

Fire Millage – The fire millage runs through 2009. A renewal will have to be put before voters to continue funding. The deadline for certifying proposals for the November 3, 2009 election is August 25, 2009. Wilsey moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to hold a special meeting Tuesday, August 11, 2009, 7:00 p.m. for purposes of considering a renewal of the Fire Millage.

Motion offered by McDonald, second by Wilsey, to adopt a Resolution to Approve the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Broadstripe, LLC with a 3% franchise fee and 0% PEG fees, effective 10 years from this date of approval.

Upon a roll call vote the following voted yes: Malkin , Morris , Ginther, Wilsey, McDoanld. The following voted no: None. The following were absent: None. The supervisor declared the motion carried and resolution adopted.

Township Audit -

Malkin moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to accept the Annual Fiscal Audit for year ending March 31, 2009.

Soccer field coordinator guidelines – will be taken up next month.

Funderal luncheon – Earlier today a resident requested use of the township hall facilities for an out of town funeral and wanted to know if charges would apply? The board will review the funeral luncheon rate policy. The rental fee will be charged at this time. Reimbursement will be considered after the details of the policy passed by the board are reviewed and clarified. Issue will be taken up again at next month's meeting.

Dickie O/C – Wilsey noted that a cremains burial took place in the cemetery without being confirmed by the funderal director in advance. The sexton and supervisor were called to the cemetery by the funeral director. Both responded. The supervisor arrived first and did the opening/closing. Wilsey recommended that the supervisor be paid the O/C fee. The supervisor stated that the contractor responded and should receive the payment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk
Victor Township