

VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES- February 2, 2010 (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: Adam Stacey, County Commissioner. Eleven (11) citizens present.

Public Comment- Claude Vail commented on the proposal by Rep. Ball to raise the gas tax. He also noted his DEQ permit was approved.

Agenda ó McDonald moved, second by Ginther and motion carried to approve agenda as amended with addition of maintenance agreement for Optech tabulator.

Minutes and Treasurer Report ó Morris moved second by McDonald and motion carried to approve minutes of the January 5, 2010 regular board meeting as printed. Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit and placed on file.

Approval of Bills ó McDonald moved, second by Morris and motion to pay bills in the total amount of \$ 7,265.18, check #s 10748-10761.

Reports -

Planning: Meeting scheduled January 27, 2010 was cancelled. Next meeting is February 24, 2010, Township Hall.

CAFR (Fire Authority): One of the participating townships has proposed establishing a lease agreement on the fire buildings. Ginther moved, second by McDonald and motion carried to recommend that the Clinton Area Fire & Rescue fire board establish a proposed agreement on the maintenance of the fire stations and present it to the township boards for approval. Next meeting is February 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m., Station #1 (St. Johns).

Meeting was recessed at 7:19 p.m. for the public hearing on the budget.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Hewitt Vail asked for a summary of the proposed budget. Malkin reviewed the revenues and expenses. Total proposed revenues were \$973,600. This amount includes \$245,000 of fund balance planned for road maintenance and repair. Total proposed expenses were \$728,700. McDonald recommended adding \$1,000 to revenue line item 101-000-665-01 Interest on property taxes. Vail questioned the increase in line item 101-000-955-00 Expense general government from \$5,000 to \$13,360. Malkin responded that most of the increase was due to a software upgrade to BSA.net (\$5000) and payment to the county for aerial photography (\$1,000). Vail asked if any salary increases were proposed. Wilsey noted no board member increases were proposed however she proposed an increase in the hourly rate for deputy clerk. Ginther commented that it should be considered for all deputies. Wilsey noted that election expenses were planned for three elections (May school elections, August Primary and November General). Optech Maintenance Agreement was no longer covered by the HAVA funds so the expense of \$271 is included in the budget. A portion may be reimbursed by the State. Costs for supplies such as precinct kits, AV supplies, etc. are increasing as well. State mandated recertification of election inspectors is required this year and instruction expense is included in the proposed budget. Vail questioned the increase in hall expense. Malkin noted that planned replacement of the hall windows with energy efficient windows accounted for the majority of the increase. He reviewed the other expenses as well. Malkin noted that there was nothing budgeted for economic development at this point. Wilsey noted that she had asked John Czarnecki if CCEA had a funding proposal. He informally noted that they would probably request funding at the same level - \$2,500 per year but no formal proposal was extended. McDonald suggested including something to preserve it in the budget until a proposal was received and could be evaluated by the board. Malkin suggested \$500. Wilsey commented that it was unusual to include reserve funds in a revenue line on a budget when there is a surplus between current revenue and expense. She questioned whether the general fund reserve line item was intended to be spent in the budget year? Malkin indicated that was an amount that could be used for roads but should not be listed as a revenue, it probably should be taken out. The public hearing on the budget closed at 8:04 p.m.

CCEA (Economic Alliance) ó The CCEA Annual General Membership Meeting was held Jan. 12, 7:30-9:00 a.m. Greg Main, President & CEO, Michigan Economic Development Corporation was the keynote speaker. CCEA is completing its 3-year start-up phase. The Resource Development Group, a professional fundraising group, is being hired to work on development. A video promoting Clinton County was produced. A youth entrepreneurial venture competition was held and resulted in several business plan submissions by area youth.

Township Recreation Plan ó Results pending from MSU.

Energy Audit ó Schools will move forward independently. The township facilities are too small to qualify alone. No further follow-up planned at this time.

Clinton County Officials ó Joe Pulver, CC Road Commission ó Road Commission will hold meetings in March. Asphalt prices came in lower than last year. Rep. Ball and Byrnes introduced a package of bills addressing the gas tax. Decline in road revenues continues. Clinton County Road Commission is proposing 5 year, 1 mil county wide tax increase, potentially in August.

Adam Stacey ó Clinton County Commissioner ó The wind ordinance is delayed. Commercial wind ordinance was modified pursuant to public hearing. Residential ordinance modified. A public hearing is will be held on the addition of property for Motz County Park. It is a \$3 million proposal. County cost share is contingent on approval of DNR plan. The proposal allows the Clinton County Board of Commissioners to continue to monitor funds and modify or cancel the project if necessary. A board retreat will be held at the end of month focusing on County budget. A Clean Community Event is scheduled April 24, 2010.

Items of Public Interest ó

Correspondences (received and placed on file) -

Sheriff's report of Victor Township (December)

Sheriff's report of jail and County (December)

Approved DEQ Permit for parcel 035-300-020-00

Unfinished Business-

Review/Update of Township's Policies and Procedures Manual (MTA Update) ó In process.

FEMA Flood Insurance Study (Ordinance) ó Expected info in fall.

Township Budget 2010-2011 ó Reviewed in public hearing.

New Business ó

Parking lot proposal from Spicer Group ó Wilsey raised concern regarding the pooling water in the south part of the parking lot near the west drive. Malkin contacted Spicer Engineering to provide a proposal for correcting the issue.

McDonald asked if any other proposals other than Spicer's were solicited or received? Malkin noted that Spicer was the only company contacted at this time. Malkin reported that he had contacted the insurance company and they indicated that the township is insured. He therefore did not feel it was necessary to proceed with corrective action. Malkin moved, second by Morris and motion carried not to proceed with approval of the Spicer proposal at this time.

Optech Preventative Maintenance Agreement - McDonald moved, second by Malkin and motion carried to authorize Wilsey to select and sign on behalf of Victor Township the one-year, \$271 full Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Election Source for the Optech Insight tabulator.

Extended Public Comment ó Stacey discussed gas taxes and his opinion that the State of Michigan should settle this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Michelle Wilsey, Clerk