

Victor Township Board Minutes

December 6, 2011

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 Malkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The pledge to the flag was given.

Roll Call of Members: Members present: Malkin, McDonald, Wall, Morris, and Ginther. Members Absent: None. Other governmental representatives in attendance: None

Public Comment: Trustee Dan Morris stated that he will not run for re-election in 2012.

Agenda: McDonald moved, seconded by Morris to approve the minutes as submitted.

Minutes: The minutes from the November 1, 2011 regular meeting and the November 5, 2011 Special Meeting of the Victor Township Board of Trustees were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as written.

Approval of Bills: Don McDonald raised the issue of a new proposal from Warren Malkin to approve a second advance to CAFR in order for them to pay their on going bills and payroll. Malkin explained that CAFR was doing everything possible to cut expenses at this time including laying off office staff, non essentials, and that many of the staff were foregoing their salaries. Malkin indicated that at this time Greenbush Township did not have any excess funds to help pay the deficit created by the pull out of Bingham Township from their CAFR contract. The Board discussed the long term and short term issues surrounding the budget. Wall asked about the proposed restructuring of the CAFR capital loan and Malkin indicated that there had been no progress in seeking a new long term loan. Wall indicated that he was not opposed to this second request but that we could not go on forever in funding the CAFR budget by ourselves. Malkin indicated that there was still on-going discussions with other potential partners. McDonald moved and Ginther seconded a motion to approve a payment of \$50,000.00 to CAFR. The motion carried 5-0.

Moved by McDonald, Seconded by Morris, to approve payment of bills and to pay accounts payable in the amount of \$99,027.52, Checks #011108 - 011123. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Move by McDonald, Seconded by Malkin, to pay payroll in the total amount of \$7,596.73, Checks #011169- 11182. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Reports: Trustee Ginther reported that the Planning Commission met and discussed the new county "Wind Turbine Ordinance" and set meeting dates for the next year. The dates for the Planning Commission meetings will be posted on the Township web site and on the bulletin board. Planning (next meeting 12/27, 2011, @ 7:00 PM Township Hall.

Supervisor Malkin reported that the CAFR Board met and discussed their fiscal situation and how to resolve their financial issues. CAFR (Next meeting December 13, 2011 @ 7:00 pm, Station 1)

Items of Public Interest: Treasurer McDonald reported that Karen McDonald had resigned from her position as Deputy Treasurer and that he had appointed Cassandra Brown as the new Deputy Treasurer. She will begin her duties on December 8, 2011.

Correspondence(s) Received: Sherriff's report of Victor Township (October) and of the jail and county (October).

Unfinished Business: Review and Update Township's Policies and Procedures. Nothing to report.

Stilson Cemetery expansion. Nothing to report.

New Business:

Township Trustee's Meeting Dates- 2012: McDonald moved and Malkin seconded a motion to approve dates for the 2012 Victor Township meetings. The Board will meet on the first Tuesday of each month except for August and November of 2012. The Board will meet on the first Monday of those months to avoid elections.

Budget 2012-2013: Supervisor Malkin reminded the Board that the 2012-2013 budgets needed to be approved and that he would like to see the preliminary budgets as soon as possible.

Fire Runs to write off: Treasurer McDonald recommended that any "Fire Run" charges outstanding earlier than 1/1/10 be written off. Supervisor Malkin requested that we review those outstanding charges and select which ones to write off. The Board will decide which ones to write off at the next meeting. Supervisor Malkin will review the list and recommend which charges should be written off and which ones should continue in collections.

Contracts: Supervisor Malkin asked if the current contracts with vendors had been reviewed. Clerk Wall indicated that he and the Deputy Clerk were researching current contracts and would report back at the next meeting on their status.

Poverty Exemption Resolution: Supervisor Malkin made a motion to approve the "Poverty Exemption" which McDonald seconded. The Clerk conducted a roll call vote with all five members voting yes.

Board Work Session: Supervisor Malkin suggested that the Board consider having a work session to discuss various items of interest to the Board and Township. Wall commented that as the new guy on the board he would find that very helpful. The board will have a working session on December 12, 2011 starting at 10:00 AM. The Clerk will post a notice on the Township web site and on the bulletin board.

Extended Public Comment: None.

Hearing no objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectively Submitted by Mike Wall, Clerk, Victor Township