

Victor Township Board Minutes – July 5, 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 Warren Malkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The pledge to the flag was given.

Roll Call of Members:

Members present: Warren Malkin, Mike Wall, Duane Ginther, Dan Morris, and Don McDonald. Members Absent: None. Other governmental representatives in attendance: County Commissioner Adam Stacy and James Chrenka from the Sherriff's department. Twenty-two citizens were in attendance.

Public Comment:

Round Lake Resident Mark Burkhart commented that he had 40 valid signatures for his petition drive to renew the tax district at Round Lake to control weeds. Malkin commented that the petition would need 50% of the owners of lots within the district to receive approval. The petition should be turned in prior to the August Victor Township Board Meeting in order to verify the necessary valid signatures. A number of residents commented about the use of a propane cannon being used by a local farmer to scare off deer. According to the residents the cannon was programmed to fire every twenty minutes throughout the night. Supervisor Malkin commented that he had requested information regarding the "Right to Farm" act that protects the rights of farmers. Malkin indicated that the farmer in question was entitled to use the canon to protect his vegetable crop from deer. Residents asked why the 'noise ordinance' was not in force to protect their rights. James Chrenka from the Sherriff's office stated that the department was not able to us the noise ordinance because of the "Right to Farm" act. Malkin stated that he was waiting for additional information on the farm act before commenting or taking further action.

Agenda:

Moved by Ginther, Seconded by Morris , to accept the agenda as written/amended. #yes 5, #no 0, #abstain 0. Motion approved.

Minutes:

Moved by McDonald, Seconded by Morris, to accept the minutes of the July 1 Special Meeting, as written. #yes 4 , #no 0 , #abstain 1 (Wall). Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Moved by McDonald, Seconded by Morris, to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. #yes 5, #no 0, #abstain 0. Motion approved.

Approval of Bills:

Moved by McDonald, Seconded by Morris, to approve payment of bills and to pay accounts payable in the amount of \$20,130.94, Checks #11034-11050. #yes 5, #no 0, #abstain 0. Motion approved.

Move by McDonald, Seconded by Morris, to pay payroll in the total amount of \$6862.64, Checks #11102-11110. #yes 5, #no 0, #abstain 0. Motion approved.

Reports:

Clinton County Commissioner Adam Stacey reported that the Planning Commission is reviewing a new "Wind Ordinance" that would help regulate wind turbines in the county. Stacey commented that interest from the wind turbine industry seems to be our proximity to the electrical grid and not the amount of wind in Clinton County.

Sherriff's Deputy James Chrenka reported that there had been numerous reports of property damage by vandals recently. Vehicles, mail boxes, and street lights were the most likely targets. The department is continuing their investigation.

Items of Public Interest:

The Township has completed the necessary paperwork and returned it to FEMA to be in compliance. Additional conversations have taken place with the property owners adjacent to Stilson Cemetery regarding the purchase of one acre of property.

Correspondence(s): Received and placed on file.

Sherriff's Report of Victor Township for May 2011. Sherriff's Report for Clinton County and jail. Mid-Michigan District Health Department.

Unfinished Business:

Review/Update of Townships Policies and Procedures Manual – No Report
General Law /Charter Township. Resolution will be on the August Victor Township Board Meeting.

New Business:

Trustee Morris commented that the board needed to look into cleaning up brush and debris in Reed Cemetery. The question was asked if the entire board needed to meet and look at the issue. Wall suggested that he and Trustee Morris look at the issue and report back to the board at the August

meeting. A question was raised regarding the mobile home setting on the lot across from Don's Party Store on Round Lake Road and whether it met local zoning codes. The owner has a set amount of time before it needs to be placed on a permanent foundation or it is considered trash. The Community Development department is aware of the situation. It was brought up that a number of the Board members were unable to attend the September Victor Township Board meeting and whether the meeting should be moved to another date. Moved by Ginther, Seconded by McDonald, to change the date of the September Victor Township Board meeting to September 12, 2011. #yes 5, #no 0, #abstain 0. Motion approved.

Extended Public Comment:

Former Victor Township Clerk, Michelle Wilsey was in attendance and thanked everyone for their help and cooperation while she served as Clerk. She expressed regret that she will no longer have the pleasure of serving the residents of Victor Township. Michelle was recently appointed as the new Clinton County Register of Deeds.

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

Moved by McDonald, Seconded by Ginther, to adjourn the Victor Township Board Meeting of July 5, 2011 at 7:50pm. #yes 5, #no 0, #abstain 0. Motion approved.