Victor Township Board Minutes – August 2, 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: Malkin, Wall, McDonald, Morris, & Ginther

Members Absent: none

Other governmental representatives in attendance: Clinton County Commissioner Adam Stacey.

There were eight Victor Township residents in attendance.

Public Comment: None

Agenda:

Moved by Morris, Seconded by Ginther, to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried: #yes 5, #no 0, #abstain 0. Item regarding the Clerks position was deleted.

Minutes: Minutes of July 5, 2011 Regular Meeting

There being no changes the minutes was accepted as written. The minutes will be placed on file.

Treasurer's Report:

There being no changes the Treasurer's Report was accepted as written. The report will be placed on file.

Approval of Bills:

Moved by McDonald, Seconded by Wall, to approve payment of bills and to pay accounts payable in the amount of $189,934.12, Checks #11051-11064. #yes 5, #no 0 , #abstain 0. Motion passed

Move by McDonald, Seconded by Wall, to pay payroll in the total amount of $6,238.34, Checks #11111-11118. #yes 5, #no 0, #abstain 0. Motion passed.

County Officials, Reports:

Adam Stacey, Clinton County Commissioner: Commissioner Stacey reported that the Clinton County Department of Public Works has invited officials from Bingham Township to their next meeting to discuss payments owed by the Township to the County. Commissioner Stacy asked about the current status of CAF&R and Bingham. Supervisor Malkin stated that we are currently working through the courts to resolve that on going conflict. The County has tabled for ninety days plans to redo the "wind" ordinance that will regulate wind turbines. Stacey stated that he expected that Forest Hills Co. would be filing a request with the county to construct and operate wind turbines. Stacey commented that Ovid Township was applying to FEMA and he asked the status of issues regarding FEMA, especially at Lake Victoria. Wall stated that a number of Lake Victoria residents were having trouble getting waivers from FEMA, even after having gone to the expense of having surveys done of their property. It was our understanding that a survey showing a residence above 795 feet would allow FEMA to grant an exemption from flood insurance. Wall stated that he had called the office of Congressmen Mike Rogers to ask for their assistance. Malkin stated that he had talked to at least four additional landowners about how to file the necessary paperwork with FEMA. The township will continue to help residents and to get FEMA to listen to our constituents. Stacey commented that new Register of Deeds, Michelle Wilsey, had made a preliminary report to the County Commissioners and they were very pleased with her progress.

Items of Public Interest:

Correspondence(s): Received and placed on file.

Sherriff's Report of Victor Township (June). Will be placed on file at the Township office.

Sherriff's Report of jail and county (June). Will be placed on file at the Township office.

Unfinished Business:

Review/update Township's Policies & Procedures Manual. No action taken since the last meeting.

FEMA Flood Insurance. Four additional residents have requested assistance in filing the necessary paperwork with FEMA. Supervisor Malkin continues to assist residents with the FEMA requirements.

Stilson Cemetery Expansion. Nothing new to report.

General Law/Charter Township (Resolution). The board discussed our options and a motion was made by McDonald and Seconded by Morris to pass a "Resolution of Intent Opposing Incorporation as a Charter Township. A roll call vote was taken and all five Board members voted in favor of the resolution. Wall stated that he would verify whether the Township had to take additional action and report back at the next regular Board meeting.

Phone/Cable Services. The differences in competing companies do not seem to favor one or the other. McDonald will continue to review our options and report back if there is a significant advantage in changing vendors.

New Business:

Fire Run at Sleepy Hollow State Park. The state has not paid its bill for a fire run at Sleepy Hollow State Park. The Board discussed its options and a motion was made by McDonald and seconded by Morris to pursue collection. The vote was: #yes 5, # no), Abstain). Motion passed.

Road Contract, Oakdale Dr. A motion was made by Malkin and seconded by Morris to approve a contract to repave Oakdale Drive. The Board voted 5 yes, 0 no to approve a contract for $42,107 to repave Oakdale Drive. The road will be milled and two and a half inches of asphalt will be added.

L-4029 Millage Request to County Board of Commissioners. A motion by Wall and seconded by McDonald was passed by a 5 yes, 0 no votes to approve the L-4029 Millage Request to the County Board of Commissioners.

Morrill-Nickols Drain contribution. A motion was made by Malkin and seconded by McDonald to approve a contribution of 15% of the total cost to the County to construct the Morrill-Nickols drain. Wall asked how much the 15% contribution would be and if their was funds budgeted for this project. Malkin responded that the Township share would be approximately $1,000 and McDonald responded that wile the project had not been budgeted their was sufficient funds in the Township budget to pay our contribution. The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 0 no votes.

Special Assessment, Round Lake weed control. Residents of Round Lake presented the Board with signatures to approve a special assessment for weed control at the lake. The residents were unable to acquire the required number of approved signatures by the August 2, 2011 deadline. One issue was the ownership of three lots at Round Lake owned by the Township. Treasurer McDonald expressed his reservation about having the Township sign the petition. Others including Supervisor Malkin stated that it was his wish that the residents of Round Lake should sign the petition. The residents asked for an extension of the deadline to acquire the necessary signatures but the board stated that the deadlines were necessary in order to allow for the statutory requirements for public hearing prior to the November election. Supervisor Malkin stated that he would not extend the deadline but that the residents could proceed with getting the required signatures for the Spring election.

Bank Cards: Treasurer McDonald stated that the Board needed to approve adding new Clerk Wall and removing former Clerk, Michelle Wilsey, to/from the signatory cards used to approve signing authority for the bank. A motion was

made by McDonald and seconded by Morris to add Mike Wall and remove Michelle Wilsey to/from the signature cards. The motion passed with a 5 yes and 0 no votes.

Twin Oaks Drive: Resident Dave Woodend from Round Lake asked the Board to consider asking the County to accept Twin Oaks Drive as a "Public Road". After discussion a motion was made by Ginther and seconded by McDonald to request that the County accept Twin Oaks Drive as a public road. The motion passed

Extended Public Comment: There was no add August 2, 2011 regular board meeting of Victor Township was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectively submitted by Mike Wall, Clerk, Victor Township.