

## Victor Township Board Minutes –May 2, 2012

### 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: 0. other governmental representatives in attendance: Deputy Sherriff, James Chrenka

**Public Comment:** # of public attending 9: Trustees Duane Ginther and Dan Morris both announced they would not be running for another term as Victor Township Trustee. Clerk, Mike Wall, announced that he would not run for Victor Township Clerk but was running for Victor Township Trustee. Supervisor and Assessor, Warren Malkin, announced that he would not be running for Victor Township Supervisor and instead was going to run for Victor Township Trustee. It was announced that Lt. Gov. Calley signed a bill putting restrictions on what could be put into a burn barrel. The clean up day on Round Lake was a success.

**Agenda:** Moved by Malkin, Seconded by McDonald to accept the agenda as amended. **The agenda was amended to add two additional items to “New Business”. Stilson Cemetery Restoration Project and St. Johns Soccer banner request. Motion passed 5-0.**

**Minutes:** Moved by Ginther, seconded by McDonald to accept the minutes of April 3, 2012 as amended. Under **New Business/Road Contracts: item #7 Hollister Rd-South of Centerline to Price Rd, etc - \$4,567.00. Amend the minutes to read “Various Township roads – Overband Crack seal - \$4,567.00.” # 8 Kildare, Belfast, Dublin, and Highland-Jason to Kildare - \$167,965.50. Motion passed 5-0. Amend the minutes to show that Warren Malkin voted no and the motion passed 4-1.**

**Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as written.

**Approval of Bills:** Moved by McDonald, Seconded by Wall to approve payment of bills and to pay accounts payable in the amount of \$162,561.55 with checks # 011203 thru 011225 with checks #011211-011213 void. Passed, 5-0, #abstain 0. Move by McDonald, Seconded by Wall, to pay payroll in the total amount of \$5,639.32; with checks # 011233-011238. Passed, 5-0, #abstain 0. Moved McDonald and Wall seconded the creation of three new Budget lines and account numbers; and to transfer the following sums into these respective accounts. GL Acct # 101000003001 - \$240,000; GL Acct # 101000003002 - \$200,000; GL Acct. # 101000003003 - \$83,000. Motion passed 5-0.

**Reports:** Planning (Next meeting May 22, 2012 7:00 PM Township Hall). The April meeting of the Planning Commission was cancelled. CAFR (Next meeting May 8, 2012 7:00 PM, Station #1).

**County Officials:** James Chrenka, Deputy Sherriff: Reported a few breaking and entering and that the Sherriff's dept. is working with the Gratiot Co Sherriff's dept. and that they have identified a suspect. A number of "meth" related explosions have occurred in the county and the Sherriff's dept. has arrested a number of "meth" dealers.

**Items of Public Interest:** WOW will be working on upgrading the high speed internet beginning May 1, 2012

**Correspondence(s): Received and acknowledged.** Sherriff's report for Victor Township, Clinton County and Clinton County jail has been received.

**Unfinished Business:**

Web Site: Wall reported that he has received two proposals from vendors interested in helping review and update the Township web site. Wall stated that while the Township has upgraded the web site with the assistance of IT Right he believes that more could be done to enhance the functionality and appearance of the site. Further, Wall stated that while he has responsibility for the site he does not have the expertise to evaluate the web site. A community member asked the audience if they viewed the web site and a number of residents indicated they did not. One resident did state that this is the way younger individuals gather information. Wall stated that is the case and he is directing people to the web site who are looking for information on renting the Township facilities. Facilities rentals are a source of income to the Townships and Wall stated that we should make it easier for individuals to find information. Wall recommended that the Township Board invite the two vendors to make a presentation to the board on how they would enhance the functionality and appearance of the web site. Wall reminded the Board that we had allocated an additional \$4500 to fund this potential project. McDonald moved and Ginther seconded to have Wall contact the vendors to arrange these presentations. Motion passed 5-0.

Burial Rates: The Board discussed a report issued by Wall that outlined the charges levied by the Township for various services associated with the management of the Township's three cemeteries. The report included information on the costs charged by the Sexton and what the Township assessed for administrative fees. Wall recommended that the Township levy a flat fee of \$75.00 on all services outlined in his report. McDonald moved and Morris seconded a motion to approve the new costs as outlined in the Clerk's memo. Motion passed 5-0.

**New Business:**

Billable Fire Runs: Malkin moved and McDonald seconded that the Township write off the following township fire runs: 2008 #155 and 2010 #125. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance #25 (barking dogs). Wall moved and McDonald seconded that the Township Board authorize the Township attorney to send a letter regarding barking dogs to a Victor Township resident. Motion passed 5-0.

Ground Penetrating Radar Survey of Reed Cemetery: The Board discussed a proposal from Great Lakes Subsurface, LLC to conduct a survey of Reed Cemetery to identify the location of burial vaults and graves. Wall indicated that last month a vault had been discovered when a grave was being dug. Wall recommended that we proceed with investigating this service to insure that lots and graves are useable prior to sales. The Board discussed what data was needed to proceed with this survey and Wall recommended that he discussed this with Great Lakes Subsurface prior to entering into a formal agreement. McDonald Moved and Morris seconded having the Clerk discussed these issues with the vendor. Motion passed 5-0.

Flag light: The Board discussed whether to replace the flag light or just replace the light bulbs. The board decided just to replace light bulbs.

Stilson Cemetery Restoration: The Board discussed a proposal from the Clinton County Reclamation Project to work in Stilson Cemetery. Malkin moved and Wall second that the Board approve the contract with the Clinton County Reclamation Project. Motion passed 5-0.

St John's Soccer: Morris moved and McDonald seconded a motion to approve the hanging of a banner from the St Johns Soccer Association. Motion passed 5-0.

**Extended Public Comment:** Supervisor Malkin reminded the Board that June 6<sup>th</sup> was the Legislative Day organized by the Michigan Township Association will be held at the Radisson in Lansing. This will be an opportunity for Township officials to talk to their local legislators.

Without any objection the meeting will be adjourned at 8:17 PM.