

# Clinton County, MI 6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI Official Planning Commission Minutes from August 2, 2021 meeting

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Tammy Ashley at 7:00 pm.

Attendance: Present: Tammy Ashley, Dave Sell, Chuck Nelson, Dave Ginther, Doug Marek, Julie

Townsend, Tom Mitchell. Absent: None

Public Comment: None

**Agenda:** Motion by Sell to flip the agenda order so that Chris Khorey would not need to sit through Internet discussion. Ashley 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor, Motion carried. Motion by Dr. Nelson to approve the amended agenda. Ginther 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor, Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Sell to approve the June 14, 2021 meeting minutes. Discussion by Townsend that the board would like PC to migrate meeting minutes to newer format. Secretary Sell acknowledged the request and will use new templates going forward. Motion to approve minutes Supported by Dr. Nelson. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Master Plan Chris Khorey was present for discussion and updates on the master plan. Dr Nelson described how the document is much improved from previous versions. Dr. Nelson commented that actual resident survey data tables should be included in the document, not just as an appendix. Dr. Nelson commented the document should have a short executive summary included. Mr. Sell commented that the PC would like photographs of Victor Township scenes that correlate to chapter headings. Ms. Ashley commented that prior PC members who have worked on project need to be included. Ms. Ashley commented that hyperlinks need to be included where applicable. Sell is handling the links. Timing was discussed, it was settled that a document revision should be ready to give to board for informal review at September Meeting. The PC collectively selected photos for chapters.
- Internet workgroup update— Mr. Sell gave updates on grant narrative writing progress, and Stellar Broadband's progress mapping out poles and infrastructure engineering. It was discussed that Stellar Broadband has secured letters of support from LARA, MEDC, and Connect Michigan. Stellar is also working to secure LOS from DNR and the City of Laingsburg. Mr. Sell commented that Victor being so heavy on Agri-business securing LOS from large working farms in the area would be helpful to the application process. Ms. Ashley, Mr. Ginther, and Dr. Nelson all committed to sign Letters of Support for Stellar Broadband. PC members also agreed that they will speak with other farm owner

acquaintances that might be willing to sign a LOS. Mr. Sell is also reaching out to surrounding School Districts in hopes of securing LOS from them.

Mr. Sell discussed his desire to ensure the township had a fully executed and prepared grant application filled out, meaning any and all data entry and legwork is done and ready well prior to the grant deadline (August 17<sup>th</sup>). It was also noted by Sell that there was no insinuation that this was not being done already, the PC simply wanted to ensure we do not miss any deadlines. Mr. Nelson motioned that the PC recommend the township have the full application prepared and ready for attachment of documents from Stellar Broadband, and ready for submittal to the NTIA, by the week of August 8. Ashely 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor, Motion carried.

# **New Business:**

### None

**Extended Public/Board Comment** – Ashley reported current makeup of the Clinton County Planning Commission. It was discussed that Victor is Not represented.

Sell reported that KC Fowler reached out to him wishing to discuss "cannabis ordinances in Clinton County" Sell advised KC that he was welcome to attend the PC meetings and did not have any further discussion beyond that.

## **Action Items:**

- Mr. Sell will Collect LOS for Stellar Broadband from farm owners and reach out to local schools
- Mr. Sell will add hyperlinks to master plan then pass back to Ms. Ashley

Motion by Dr. Nelson to adjourn at 8:01 pm. Supported by Mr. Mitchell. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Sell, Secretary