

# Clinton County, MI 6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI Official Planning Commission Minutes from April 4, 2023 meeting

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Tammy Ashley at 7:01 pm.

Attendance: Present: Tammy Ashley, Dave Sell, Dave Ginther, Tom Mitchell, Julie Townsend, Doug Marek

Absent: None

Public Comment: None

Agenda: Motion to approve minutes by Mr. Ginther, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mitchell, all in favor, Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Mr. Sell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Mitchell, all in favor, Motion carried.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- Internet workgroup update— Mr. Sell gave updates focusing on the Counties grant progress. Mr. Sell shared that Adam Smiddy, Guidehouse consultant for Clinton County, is attending the upcoming Township board meeting to answer Questions. The group had discussion about the ROBIN grant, Homes selected, other providers and overall connectivity and options. The group has developed a few questions to send to the board for Mr. Smiddy. Mr. Sell shared a map of homes that were initially selected to be served by Frontier and the ROBIN grant.
- Road Network- Ms. Townsend gave update that a contract has been signed to do Alward road. Ms. Townsend also shared
  updates that there are environmental concerns raised using Chloride spray, however a reduction in that spray can have
  consequence of high levels of dust from our dirt roads. Ms. Townsend also touched briefly on Mowing, and deer carcass
  removals. Mr. Mitchell pointed out beginnings of a deep pothole forming on the main thruway of Reed cemetery,
  exacerbated by all the recent rainfall.
- **Victor Township 2023-2024 Budget** –PC members were encouraged to see several of their recommendations were included in the 23-24 budget.
- Action on other Master plan goals Mr. Mitchell will be meeting with Laingsburg soccer club in June with the goal of continuing amicable working relationship.

### **New Business:**

• Filling Planning Vacancy – The PC is hopeful to welcome someone that is younger and newer to the community in order to facilitate long term representation from the "next generation". It was also pointed out that representation should include wide geographic area and different present/past occupational experience. It was noted that while an ad was placed in the paper there should be electronic notices as well. The township website, newsletter, and social media should all be

leveraged to get the word out. It was noted that there has not been a Facebook post since January. The PC feels a vacancy should absolutely be shared with the community on all the aforementioned electronic sites. Mr. Marek pointed out that when the website and social medias were revamped community outreach and engagement were cited as major goals, but it does seem like there has been little effort to engage the community as of late.

## **Commissioner Comments: None**

## **Action Items:**

• Mr. Sell will provide PC questions for Mr. Smiddy to the Board.

Motion by Mr. Sell to adjourn at 7:51 pm. Supported by Mr. Marek, All in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Sell, Secretary