

Clinton County, MI 6843 Alward Road Laingsburg, MI Official Planning Commission Minutes from November 7th Meeting

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

Attendance: Present: Tammy Ashley, Dave Sell, Dave Ginther, Julie Townsend, Tom Mitchell, Tyler Malken

Absent: Doug Marek

Public Comment: None

Agenda: Mr. Sell requested to add 2 items to new business; Kitchen and DNR Grants. Motion to approve amended agenda by Ms. Townsend, 2nd by Mr. Ginther. all in favor, Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Mr. Mitchell, 2nd by Mr. Malkin. all in favor, Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- Internet workgroup update— Mr. Sell gave updates on latest LEO/MIHI press releases regarding ROBIN grants. He shared there will be more upcoming announcements likely later this week that may announce additional funding of projects more specific to Victor. Ms. Ashley shared she has been appointed to the Clinton Country Broadband taskforce as a Citizen representing the agriculture industry. The PC is excited as this gives Victor two strong advocates on the taskforce. Mr. Sell suggested that the upcoming township newsletter contain a blurb / update about our broadband efforts, including but not limited to Ms. Fickes and Ms. Ashley seating on the taskforce, grant awards in relation to the County, and local wifi hotspots residents can take advantage of.
- Road network No updates
- Cemeteries Ms. Ashley reported that she had acquired 2 quotes for fencing and they had been submitted to the board. Mr. Ginther asked who provides oversight for mowing and if we have access to the cemetery mowing agreement / contract. Mr. Sell suggested that may be a good job for the recently formed Cemetery group to take on.
- Mowing, Spraying, Brine Potential offer from Country to Mow gravel roads being looked at currently by Board
- Work maintenance list Replacement doors for Schoolhouse are in process. Ms. Townsend would like to float idea of having C2AE or equivalent firm look at schoolhouse for possible functions and action plans for repairs. Ms. Townsend wondered if there is any interest in resurrecting a Victor Township historical society or other such group that might facilitate, education, and events at the Schoolhouse. Mr. Sell suggested we place a blurb in next newsletter asking if any community members may be interested in serving on such a group.

New Business:

Feasibility study for ambulance – Ms. Townsend reported possibility of feasibility study may be less than previously thought. Several PC members shared concern with a proposed cost of 2mills per household, and concerns of service coverage.

2024 meeting dates – Dates were settled and submitted.

Kitchen – Mr. Sell asked to place on next months agenda an action item to review his suggestions for equipment to outfit the Township Hall kitchen should the Township move forward with refurbishment in the future. He wanted to ensure equipment was NSF certified and may cast Township in favorable light if ever any grants are available for the Township offering a "Cottage" or "Incubator" kitchen as a benefit to residents.

DNR Grants – Mr. Sell noted that our Parks and Rec plan had not been uploaded to the <u>www.Mlgrants.intelligrants</u> website; and that there may be available grants out there for the Township. He asked if anyone would be interested in ensuring the plan is uploaded, and researching the grants. Mr. Mitchell volunteered to step up.

Commissioner Comments: None

Action Items: Mr. Sell will bring equipment recommendations and costs to next meeting

Mr. Mitchell will verify upload of P&R Plan and research available grants; Mr. Sell will provide him details and links.

Motion by Mr. Sell to adjourn at 8:19 pm. Supported by Mr. Mitchell, All in favor. Motion carried.

Dave Sell, Secretary

Next meeting December 5