



Clinton County, Michigan
6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848
Proposed Board Minutes of May 12, 2026

The regular board meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Wiswasser at 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a roll call of Board members in attendance. Present: Wiswasser, Prange, Sayles, Willoughby. Absent: Pesch. 12 citizens were present.

Public Comment: A resident thanked Supervisor Wiswasser and Commissioner Fickes for their assistance in bringing the drainage issues on Cutler Road and the Looking Glass River to the attention of the Drain Commissioner and the Clinton County Board of Commissioners. The resident stated that the matter is being addressed and expects that a resolution will be reached to correct the drainage problems affecting their property and surrounding properties.

A resident from Lake Victoria is asking for assistance in looking into vacant property on the lake that has issues involving wild animals, junk, and blight. The property association has sent a letter to the county building/planning departments, and some of the issues have been resolved. However, when checking with the county prosecutor, the association was informed that county zoning ordinances would not be enforced on properties within an HOA. The Supervisor will follow up into this with the involved Clinton County departments and offices regarding the matter.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Prange, seconded by Sayles, to approve May 12, 2026, agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Wiswasser, to approve April 14, 2026, regular board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Prange, seconded by Sayles, to accept the May 2026 Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Sayles, to disburse April 2026 bills. (Paid May 12, 2026) Roll call: Members voting yes: Sayles, Prange, Willoughby, Wiswasser. Motion carried. **Checks # 12844-12864**, in the amount of **\$40,671.92**.

Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Prange, to disburse April 2026 payroll and payroll related expenses. (Paid May 12, 2026). Roll call: Members voting yes: Wiswasser, Sayles, Prange, Willoughby. Motion carried. **Checks# 13366-13373** in the amount of **\$13,947.01**.

Trustee Pesch entered the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Reports:

- **Clinton Area Transit:** MaLissa Schutt, Executive Director of Clinton County Transit, gave the 2025 annual report on the progress made last year in keeping people connected through the use of their transportation system. Known as the “Blue Bus”, the Clinton Area Transit System has grown in ridership and has increased 14% in the use of new passengers. In 2025 there were 81,116 passenger trips, a 7% increase from 2024. Visit www.mybluebus.com for hours of operation or download the Clinton Transit mobile app available in the App Store or Google Play.
- **County Commissioner:** Nichole Fickes reported on drainage and Building Department issues that are being addressed at the county level. The Commissioners are discussing a restructuring plan that would combine the Planning and Zoning Departments with the Building Department, with one manager overseeing all departments. Officials believe this change could help resolve many of the concerns residents have raised. The Parks and Greenspace/Water Resources Committee has also coordinated with the townships involved to address any drainage issues affecting property owners. In addition, the Commissioners are working toward a more constructive approach to ordinance enforcement and identifying ways these changes can better benefit the community.
- **Laingsburg Public Library:** Sara Danford, library director, was present to represent the Laingsburg Library and to answer questions from the Township Board. The library is exploring a district-wide millage to cover the 0.3 mill required by the State of Michigan to qualify for state aid and services. Jody Frank reported that the library is seeking to become a district library involving parts of the townships of Sciota, Woodhull, Victor, and the City of Laingsburg. The Library Board is asking for financial assistance in the interim while they get things in place to put the proposal on the ballot November 3, 2026. In the meantime, the Library is open and has many programs to offer people of all ages. See www.laingsburg.michlibrary.org for up-to-date information or check out the Laingsburg Public Library on Facebook.
- **Briggs District Library:** Kendal Darragh, Treasurer, Briggs District Library Board, reported on the benefits of having a library in the communities they serve. There are many programs provided. There will be a millage proposal on the November 3, 2026 ballot. Visit <https://www.briggsdistrictlibrary.org> for more information.
- **Planning Commission Report:** Discussion regarding soccer goals and nets. Motion by Wiswasser, seconded by Willoughby to move the soccer goals from west side field to east side field and add signs showing the closed area during construction. Motion carried unanimously. **LSW Fire/EMS:** Meeting recessed at 8:07 to view the new LSW Ambulance. Meeting resumed at 8:12 p.m.
- **Maintenance:** Sinking graves and drive ruts will be filled using millings and gravel. New signs for the Cemeteries, Reed Church, and Denison School have been installed. Memorial bench at Blood Cemetery is installed. Lights in parking lot replaced.

- **Cemetery Update:** The Cemetery Director reported on coordinating updates and changes with Pontem and GIS mapping system. The cold storage/mausoleum at Reed Cemetery will be demolished due to deterioration of the walls and foundation. Motion by Sayles, seconded by Wiswasser, to have the Sexton remove the mausoleum and dispose of the materials. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Updating of Land Combination Application and Land Division and Boundary Adjustment

Application: The assessor updated the above applications and proposes the board approve and review every 3 years. Motion by Wiswasser, seconded by Sayles to approve the adjustments and fee schedules of the Land Combination Application and Land Division and Boundary Adjustment Application recommended by the assessor. Motion carried unanimously.

Township hall remodel signing authority change orders: Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Wiswasser, to appoint Trustee Sayles with the change order signing authority not to exceed the original approved amount. Motion carried unanimously.

Laingsburg Library District millage and Funding: Motion by Prange, and seconded by Pesch, to move forward with the proposal of the Laingsburg Library to create a district library. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles, seconded by Pesch, to contribute \$14,000.00 to the Laingsburg Public Library to continue their efforts to serve the residents of Victor Township. Roll call: Members voting yes: Wiswasser, Pesch, Sayles. Members voting no: Prange, Willoughby. Motion carried.

Go gov notification software: Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Prange, to contract with GOGov Citizen Notifications proposal in the amount of \$4,700.00. Roll call: Members voting yes: Willoughby, Wiswasser, Pesch, Sayles, Prange. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Land Use Permit St. Clair Rd Cell Tower Regarding Special Land Use Permit Application (PC-03-26) for the proposed cell tower, the Board's only concern was that the project is located on two separate parcels. The Victor Township Board respectfully requests that consideration be given to requiring a boundary adjustment so that parcels 140-020-400-085-00 and 140-020-400-075-00 are combined into a single parcel. Motion by Prange, seconded by Pesch, and carried unanimously, that the Victor Township Board has no objections to granting this request, provided that the boundary adjustment requirement is added.

Special rezoning: Regarding the Petition for Zoning Map Amendment (PC-08-26) (OR-205-26) for property rezoning, the board was not in favor of granting this request. There were concerns that there could be issues in the future by rezoning it to A-3. The current zoning (A-2) is sufficient to build a house on the property as it exists. There is no house on the property now. Motion made by Wiswasser, seconded by Prange, and carried unanimously, to strongly oppose (PC-08-26) (OR-205-26) the rezoning of this property from A-2 to A-3.

Blight and Junk in the Township: The Board discussed concerns regarding unsightly junk and blight within the township. Members are reviewing the process for addressing these issues and the steps necessary to pursue cleanup and enforcement efforts to help resolve the problem.

Postage for Summer Tax Bills: Motion by Prange, seconded by Wiswasser, to approve the postage amount of \$1,143.30 to KCI for the mailing of Summer tax bills. Roll call: Members voting yes: Wiswasser, Pesch, Sayles, Prange, Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Pesch, seconded by Sayles to adjourn at: 9:40 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Lianne Prange
Victor Township Clerk