

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
February 14, 2012  
Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm  
Golden Township Hall

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Regular Board Meeting called to order at 7:30pm.

Present: Wiegand, Cargill, Walsworth, Ackley, Fuehring.

MINUTES from the January 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were presented by Wiegand.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the minutes from the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting with the following corrections: 1. Change the date of the meeting from 2011 to 2012, 2. From #3 under New Business, Keith Adams was appointed to the ZBA not the BOR. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Letter from Economic Development Corporation regarding a new business directory and request for funding.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$150,432.13 on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, ending balance on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 of \$190,178.04. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$105,690.86 on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 and ending balance of \$180,927.31 on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

-Cargill presented a tentative budget for 2012-2013.

-Cargill also presented the tentative Golden Township General Appropriations Act for 2012-2013

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All yes, motion carried.

BILLS were presented for approval:

Cargill summarized bills for the month as presented on the report.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve check numbers 14446 through 14463 from the General Fund totaling \$54,142.35. Roll call vote Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT:

- Wrote 3 permits this month. 2 were for new homes.
- PC did not meet.
- 2 interviews for PC position vacated by Ferwerda. Only one candidate remains interested in the position.
- Attended County PC meeting and presented the Golden Township Master Plan. The County PC was supportive of the document. Should be able to have a Public Hearing for the Master Plan toward the end of April.
- Working on amending the Zoning Ordinance.
- Assisted with preliminary work for some Site Plans.
- To meet with Ed McNeely regarding drafting a letter to Val Du to follow up on some issues that were not completed last year.
- Whelpley has heard nothing thus far regarding Val Du's plans for this summer.
- Received a letter/survey regarding the County's Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Whelpley plans to respond with suggestions to include more information regarding septic systems, with approval from the board.

#### ASSESSOR'S REPORT

- As presented.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Cemetery Maintenance/Sexton
  - No new information to present. Wiegand waiting for approval of Board to advertise for landscaping/maintenance/sexton positions.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Appoint Election Inspectors
  - Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to appoint JoAnn Vanderweele, Brenda Draper, Rachel Iteen, Mindy Whitney, Pamela Tingley, Janet Redding, Tina Wiegand as Election Inspectors for the following 2012 Elections: February 28<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>. All yes, motion carried.
2. Appoint Planning Commission Representative.
  - Motion by Fuehring support by Cargill to appoint Chad Coker as the Planning Commission Representative to fill the position, vacated by Ferwerda, ending in December of 2013. All yes, motion carried.
3. Scoreboard
  - Walsworth to discuss the issue with the Historical Society to see if they have an interest in it.
4. ORV Grant
  - Farber presented information regarding the grant funding the Sheriff Office has for an additional officer each summer. Grant funding is lower this year and they are short \$11,119.00 instead of the usual \$5,000.00.
  - Cargill stated that Golden Township paid the following amounts toward the grant in past years:
    - 2008: \$5,000.00
    - 2009: \$3,531.00
    - 2010: \$0.00

-2011: \$3,083.14

-Fuehring plans to talk to Bumstead and Hansen regarding this issue to see if the state is able to help at all.

-Farber stated that a majority of the ORV complaints for the county are in Golden Township. He also stated that without help from Golden Township the county may not be willing to fund the extra officer's position.

-Farber stated that \$11,000 would cover the position and this is at \$14 per hour for the officer. Last year the entire officer's position cost \$21,783.00 and Golden Township contributed \$3,083.14. The Sheriff Office covers the unemployment for the position.

-To discuss further at the March meeting.

#### 5. PA116 – Walsworth

-Both requests that were submitted have been approved by the County Planning Commission and the Oceana County Conservation District.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve the two PA116 requests, for parcel numbers 64-006-014-400-09 and 64-006-011-100-12, submitted by Ryan R. Walsworth Living Trust. All yes, motion carried.

#### 6. Park Property

-Cargill summarized the status of the DNR Grant and the purchase of the park property at Silver Lake.

-The DNR has required 3 appraisals, the last being the lowest, which increases the amount of money the township will need to contribute toward the purchase of the property. In addition, taxes are accruing each month and the process may not be complete for another 60 days.

-Original appraisal was for \$680,000 and the most recent appraisal was for \$582,000.

-Golden Township has already agreed to pay \$53,100, \$40,000 has already been escrowed from last year. The additional amount Golden Township will need to pay should be around \$20,000 depending on when the closing is.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to pay up to, and not to exceed, an additional \$25,000 toward the purchase of the park property at Silver Lake. Roll Call vote: Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes. Motion carried.

#### 7. Tax Internet

-Cargill presented a computer program from BSA that would be available on the internet. With this program, the public would be able to access tax information on the internet. This would save a large amount of office time that is spent looking information up for customers. The cost would be \$3,000/year for the township and would be free to all the users of the program. This program could be linked to our township website.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to purchase the Tax Internet Services Application through BS&A Software for \$3,000/year. Roll call vote: Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes. Motion carried.

#### 8. Hazardous Waste

-Request from Oceana Conservation District Office to support the HHH Disposal Program. The request is for \$550.00

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to pay \$500 to support the HHH Disposal Program through the Oceana Conservation District Office. Roll Call Vote: Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes. Motion carried.

9. Schedule Public Hearing for 2012-2013 Golden Township Budget  
-Public Hearing for the 2012-2013 Golden Township Budget will be held during the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 7:30pm at Golden Township Hall.
10. Request by Mr. La Monica for fees for the Hunt Street paving project to be waived on two of the parcels that he owns as they are not located on Hunt Street. The parcels in question are #64-006-361-020-00 and #64-006-361-018-00. Total amount to be waived and absorbed by the township would be \$1,544.56.  
-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to waive the Hunt Street paving project assessments totaling \$1,544.56 on properties numbered #64-006-361-020-00 and #64-006-361-018-00 as they are not located on Hunt Street. Roll Call Vote: Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

1. Joe Nameth reported that Dr. Roseman has appreciated the support he received from the Golden Township community after the recent death of his wife.
2. Keith Adams requested an update regarding the issue related to Hart Area Fire Board Contract. Walsworth reported that there is nothing new to report. The two boards will be meeting again on Wed. March 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at Golden Township Hall.
3. Resident questioning Board's position on the law related to ORV's being allowed on the public roadway. Walsworth stated he would probably not be in favor of it because of the excessive congestion in the Silver Lake area. Resident questioned whether the law could be approved only for the winter months from November until April when there aren't so many people around. Whelpley stated he would check in to this. Also plans to check in to whether certain roads could be designated for ORV usage and not the entire township.

Meeting adjourned 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand  
Golden Township Clerk

