

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
FEBRUARY 14, 2017  
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by Chairman, Carl Fuehring, at 7:30 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Richard Walsworth, Gary Beggs  
Also present: Mr. Draper, Zoning Administrator; and 14 guests.

Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs, to approve the **minutes** of last month's regular board meeting, the January 5<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting, and the January 24<sup>th</sup> Work Session. All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence: None

**The Treasurer read the Financial Report.** The ending balance in the Fund as of January 31, 2017 was as follows: General Fund \$198,814.09; Road fund \$354,628.68; Fire Fund \$9,779.80; Park/Recreation Fund \$59,975.50.

Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Iteen, the **Financial Report** which was accepted subject to Audit. Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Walsworth, to pay check numbers 16749 through 16779 in the general fund for the amount of \$22,594.51. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

**Zoning Report:** There were 3 permits for the month of January. Silver Hills Campground has been purchased by Rick Wadel who is planning improvements. David Clark of 5690 W. Harrison (Pentwater Plains) wants to put in a one hundred foot tower with wind turbine. **Orlof Land Division** – Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs, Bob Orlof land division #64-116-115-400-07 was approved. All yes, the motion carried. **See Attached Papers.**

**Fire Report:** Jake Whelpley stated that the **new fire chief**, Jack White, is putting his \$6000 back into the budget for fire prevention. The fine from MIOSCHA has been reduced by 50% to \$900. There was a sexual harassment case which is now required the firemen to go through a sexual harassment program.

New Business-

**Master Plan** – Stephen from WMSRD spoke to the board about working with the township on this plan. The cost will be about Seven to Eight Thousand Dollars. The Planning Commission will be working on this with final approval from the board.

Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve **Board of Review rates** increasing to \$20 an hour. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve the Township hall **door repairs** by Interstate Glass in the amount of \$1675. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mrs. Iteen, to approve the **Board of Review Alternate Date Resolution.** All yes, the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**  
**2017 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW ALTERNATE DATES**

**WHEREAS**, Public Act 194, 2003 allows the township board by resolution to select an alternative starting date in March when the board of review shall initially meet,

**WHEREAS**, MCL 211.30 provides the alternative starting dates shall be the Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday of March.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Golden Township board has approved the following Board of Review dates for 2017: March 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member       Mrs. Cargill      .

Second, offered by Board Member       Mrs. Iteen      .

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the Golden Township Board on February 14, 2017.

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Rachel Iteen, Clerk

The **Budget Hearing** opened at 7:59 pm.

-Rent income for the proposed cell tower is \$800 per year until the tower is built. (*Correction in Italics*)

*-Income for the proposed cell tower site lease option is \$800 per year until December 2017 when it expires.*

-Mr. McNeely is proposed to be retained as our lawyer for a fixed monthly amount of \$4000.00 with a revisit on this issue in three months. This does not include out-of-the-ordinary matters (if case is not settled in pre-trial) and also out-of-pocket cost will be billed as extra and separately.

-Zoning position proposed changes in salary to \$50,000.

Budget hearing closed at 8:10 pm

**Public discussion:**

-Deb Borst asked if the new Zoning position included enforcement. Yes, that is the plan. She also asked about the MIOSHA fine for the fire department. It was reduced by 50%.

-Jeff Iteen stated that he thought the proposed zoning salary increase to \$50,000 for three days of work was high.

-Richard Walsworth stated that the Road Committee would be working with Mark Timmer of the Oceana County Road Commission and that the Muskegon County Road Commission may be doing some work for us as well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk