

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 12, 2010
7:30 pm Golden Township Hall

Meeting Called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:34 pm. Present: Fuehring, Cargill, Wiegand, Walsworth, Ackley.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

MINUTES from the December 8th meeting and December 8th Public Hearing were presented by Wiegand.

Cargill mentioned that the people who attended should be added to the Public Hearing from December. One correction from the Section 218 portion of the minutes.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the minutes as corrected from the December 8th meeting. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$98,439.77 on December 1st, ending balance on December 31, 2009 of \$144,675.59. Cargill noted that with money coming in from taxes this month, there will be enough to complete the School Property Purchase. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$6,669.13 on December 1st, 2009 and ending balance of \$78,641.08 on December 31, 2009.

Motion was made by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the Treasurer's report. All yes, motion carried.

BILLS were presented for approval:

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve check numbers 13456 through 13495 totaling \$33,951.57. Roll call vote Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT: Report from Jake Whelpley.

1. Report submitted regarding Permit History and Land divisions.
2. December Planning Commission meeting approved a Special Use Permit at Silver Lake.
3. Plans to organize local Planning Commission Education seminars for Planning Commission members.
4. Whelpley will attend a seminar next week in Manistee regarding small renewable

energy sources.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

As submitted

OLD BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission Appointments

-Discussion regarding pros and cons of 7 members vs. 9 members. Decided to stay with 9 members.

Motion by Cargill support by Fuehring to retain the current three members for 3 year terms (Whitney, Wilson, Terry) and add Ted Hosner to the open 2 year term vacated by Helen Lefler. Walsworth, Fuehring, Cargill, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-no. Motion carried.

-Fuehring requested a letter of appreciation be sent to Lefler for her years of service.

2. Section 218

-Cargill spoke with Richard Pennington, Social Security Representative. He recommended a Resolution to offer Golden Township employees the opportunity to participate in Social Security. This would start the long process to initiate communication with Social Security to research whether Golden Township would be interested in participating.

-Motion by Fuehring support by Cargill to offer Golden Township employees the opportunity to participate in Social Security. All yes, motion carried.

-Cargill to contact Richard Pennington to initiate the process which includes educating all employees and completing a secret ballot vote in which all the employees will decide whether to participate or not.

3. Assessor as employee or contractor.

-Discussion included the fact that she has a contract with the Township until 2011. Cargill spoke with Pam and they agreed to wait until April 2010 to make a final decision as this would be the end of the budget year. This would give Cargill time to do more research and possibly find out more information at the MTA Conference.

4. PC Ordinance #45 presented by Jake Whelpley. This Ordinance ensures the Township is complying with new state laws regarding Planning Commissions.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve Planning Commission Ordinance #45. All yes, motion carried.

5. Heating Contract

-Considering bids from Tanner and Hankowitz. After discussion, recommended meeting with the two companies here at the hall to go over the two bids. Heating contract decision tabled until Feb. meeting. Fuehring to meet with companies in February.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BOR School requested by assessor. \$15 for 3 participants (Gary Gibson, Helen Lefler and Ryan Walsworth) was approved with the bills.

2. Ryan Walsworth – recommended for appointment to the Board of Review.
 - Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to appoint Ryan Walsworth to the Board of Review. All yes, motion carried.

3. Census Presentation – Diane Isley, Recruiter for Oceana County Census
 - Contact information: 231-923-6173 cell, 1-866-861-2010 main number.
 - Looking for people to help with the Census this year.
 - Her coverage area is Claybanks, Golden and Benona.
 - Pay rate is \$12.25/hr. plus mileage.

4. Mears Signs update
 - Ruthann Hackett stated she has \$2,000 available from an anonymous donor if the community would be willing to match this amount. So far she has \$1,300 toward a match. Additional money was donated at the meeting. Board agreed to allow Ruth Ann to begin contact with Northwood sign's this month initiate the sign order.
 - Motion by Ackley support by Cargill to allow Ruth Ann to order the signs. Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes, Motion carried.
 - Ruth Ann to collect money from donors and submit to the Township. Also discussed getting reinforced posts.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Fuehring commented that there will be a Wind Turbine meeting on January 18th at the Shelby High School Auditorium to discuss the proposed project to put Wind Turbines in Lake Michigan.
2. Dr. Roseman commented that he has researched this project and read a report from the GLO Commission dated 9-1-09. He believes that it has flaws including the fact that it is in a shipping lane and it is less than 6 miles off shore in some areas. Dr. Roseman stated he has set up a website, lakemichiganpower.org, which will have more information about the project.

Meeting adjourned 8:46pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

