

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 9, 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 January 12th meeting were presented by Wiegand.

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the minutes as corrected from the January 12th meeting. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Memo from David Spitler re: meeting with the Oceana County Housing Commission.

Letters opposing the Wind Turbine Project:

- Andrew Plocienniczak, 4905 S. Lakeshore Dr., Ludington, MI 49431
- Thomas Joyce, 8231 N. Perry Ave., Pentwater, MI 49449
- David Cope, 835 S. Point Rd., Shelby, MI 49455
- Amy Bannink-Burmiester, 3425 Lakeshore Dr., Juniper Beach, Mears, MI 49436
- George and Jane Van Scoyoc, 8535 N. Perry Ave., Pentwater, MI 49449
- Kathi Callahan, 5969 S. Birchwood Dr., Ludington, MI 49431
- Julie Arens, 4973 S. Lakeshore Dr., Ludington, MI 49431
- Bill and Retta Brown, Little Point Sable, 544 S. Point Rd., Shelby, MI 49455
- Charles W. Thompson, 500 S. Glen Rd., Shelby, MI 49455
- Joan S. Ryan, 983 S. Bluff Rd., Shelby, MI 49455
- Dorothy Ducker Bailen, North Beach, Pentwater, MI 49449
- Diane Bloem, N. Lakeshore Dr., Mears, MI 49436
- Katherine McKearnan, 8109 N. Perry Ave, Pentwater, MI 49449
- Thomas J. Lord MD, 6215 Ridge Rd, Pentwater, MI 49449
- Daniel and Susan Shullenberger, Pentwater, MI 49449
- David and Pamela Skinner, 5805 Birchwood, Ludington, MI 49431
- Dorothy Shonkwiler, 885 S. Point Rd, Shelby, MI 49455
- Susan Herndon Connelly, 8107 N. Perry Ave., Pentwater, MI 49449
- Mr. George Mikulyuk, 9522 N. Montgomery Blvd., Pentwater, MI 49449
- Ray and Sherry Kloostra, 513 W. Lowell, Pentwater, MI 49449
- Robert L. Noveroske, 5937 S. Birchwood Dr., Ludington, MI 49431
- Judith and Thomas Sherman, 3167 N. Lakeshore Dr., Mears, MI 49436
- Emily Maki-Rusk, 8151 N. Perry Ave., Pentwater, MI 49449
- Quintus and Donna Renshaw, PO Box 98, Pentwater, MI 49449
- Ann and Frank Machek, 6151 Ridge Rd., Pentwater, MI 49449

Letters in favor of the Wind Turbine project: None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$144,675.59 on January 1st, ending balance on January 31, 2010 of \$172,169.83. Cargill noted that after the completion of the School Property purchase in February, the current General Fund Balance is \$23,235.85. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$407,629.92 on January 1st, 2010 and ending balance of \$501,874.21 on January 31, 2010.

Cargill also submitted current updated Budget report through February 2010.

Cargill also noted that the Road Fund appears to have a lot of money available, however, \$300,000 is the loan for the Silver Lake Corridor project.

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

BILLS were presented for approval:

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve check numbers 13496 through 13527 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. Attended renewable energy meeting and learned a lot about outdoor wood heaters.
2. Met with new chairperson for the Planning Commission. Plan to address the By Laws and Master Plan this year.
3. Met with Telamon Representative regarding the building renovations that will be necessary if they are able to rent the building. Also met with mechanical inspector and spoke with Tanner regarding plumbing.
4. Advertised PC Ordinance #45.
5. Beginning to field phone calls regarding summer building projects.
6. Noted that Telamon will not be requiring heat or air conditioning for this first year.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

As submitted

March Board of Review dates are: March 8, March 12 and March 13.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Heating Contract

-Have met with Tanner and Hankwitz separately this past month regarding heating and air conditioning for the building.

Motion by Fuehring support by Cargill to award the heating project for the building to Tanner for their bid of \$12,649.00. Roll Call vote: Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-no, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes. Motion carried.

2. Parking Ordinance

- Don to check with Road Commission regarding Harrison Road signs that may have the wrong times on them.
- Connie to contact Ed regarding Ordinance wording.
- Tabled until March.

3. Section 218

- Connie to continue to gather information.

4. Hart Fire Budget

- Requesting \$88,538.40 for this budget year which is the same amount they requested last year.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve Golden Township's portion of the Hart Area Fire Budget for 2010 in the amount of \$88,538.40. Roll call vote: Fuehring-yes, Ackley-yes, Cargill-yes, Wiegand-yes, Walsworth-yes. Motion carried.

5. Resolution for School Property Purchase

Motion by Ackley Support by Fuehring to authorize Donald Walsworth to sign for the purchase of property in Golden Township, Oceana County Michigan for the price of \$125,000.00 as follows:

The North ½ of the Northwest ¼ of Northwest ¼, Section 28, Township 15 North, Range 18 West, Golden Township, Oceana County, Michigan.

All yes, Motion carried.

6. Hall Rental

- Update on Telamon. Negotiations continue.

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to appoint Walsworth and Fuehring to negotiate appropriate rental agreement with Telamon. All yes, motion carried.

- Telamon will bring a refrigerator and a freezer if we supply a stove.

Motion by Cargill, support by Wiegand to purchase a stove from Larson's for approximately \$379.00. Roll call vote: Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hazardous Waste Contract

- Requesting \$579.20 for household hazardous waste collection day for 2010.
- After discussion, recommended \$500.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to designate \$500 as Golden Township's portion of Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program for 2010. Roll call vote:

Walsworth-yes, Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.

2. Letter of Support for Broad Band

-Walt Wheeler requesting letter of support for grant writing purposes to request funding for Oceana County to receive more wide spread Broad Band High Speed Internet coverage.

-Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to submit letter of support to Walt Wheeler for grant writing purposes requesting funding for wide spread internet coverage for Golden Township. All yes, motion carried.

3. Mr. Castle – Liquor License

-Mr. Castle explained that the State has a program called the Redevelopment Project Area Liquor License which allows for more liquor licenses in a designated development area that has businesses who are willing to spend money to better their business. The Township Board would help designate who would qualify for each license and could also benefit financially from each license that is granted. Mr. Castle is willing to help out financially with some of the initial legal fees.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to allow Mr. Castle's lawyer to contact the Township lawyer in order to further research this idea and bring more information to the Board. All yes, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Joe Namath questioned zoning rules surrounding building a pole barn on a property and not building a home to go with it. Current zoning requires a residence on the property. He believes the owners are staying in the pole barn on the weekends. Whelpley commented that this construction happened before the current zoning laws went in to effect, but he will still contact the owner. Also discussed the possibility of an additional zoning officer for the summer season.
2. Dr. Roseman questioned the Township attorney fees related to the Timberlake project. He hasn't seen it on any checks lists that have been submitted. Cargill will check in to this and let Dr. Roseman know.
Dr. Roseman also requested information regarding how much local government paid for the Harrison Road project. He stated the land owner supposedly paid \$100,000 and wondered what local government paid. Walsworth stated the Road Commission paid most of the legal fees related to this issue as Golden Township was called in at the end of the law suit process. Dr. Roseman questioned whether the Road Commission should be able to pay for this, since

it is not actually part of a road way.

Meeting adjourned 8:44pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

