

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
January 11, 2011  
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: Fuehring, Walsworth, Ackley, Cargill, Wiegand-absent.

MINUTES from the December 13<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting were presented.

Cargill noted one correction: On page 2, change "establishing the rental fee" to "renegotiating the Lease Contract."

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the minutes from the December 13<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting with the above correction. All yes, motion carried.

MINUTES from the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented.

Cargill noted two corrections: Page 3, add a title for the EFT Resolution and on Page 4, add Deputy Treasurer to the list of individuals authorized to initiate transactions.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to accept the minutes from the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with the above corrections. All yes, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

-Letter received from Pat Brower to request that Golden Township sign a Resolution of Support to keep back roads open which have been targeted to be closed by The National Forest Service. The Resolution will be presented to the OCRC for their consideration later this week. Lance at the Road Commission is also in favor of keeping the roads open.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley for Golden Township Board to adopt the following Resolution:

Golden Township supports the initiative to have the Oceana County Road Commission (OCRC) adopt all formerly OCRC roads that were dropped from the Act 51 Certification Map in 2006 back in to their possession. We also support having the OCRC adopt all of the rustic roads located on National Forest lands within our Township (if any). We would like to see these roads open to public use in a rustic, unbladed (two track) condition.

-All yes, Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$70,399.10 on December 1<sup>st</sup>, ending balance on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 of \$153,043.14. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$5,137.12 on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and ending balance of \$93,057.79 on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

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

BILLS were presented for approval:

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

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve check numbers 13948 through 13985 from the General Fund totaling \$42, 832.54. Roll call vote Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-absent. Motion carried.

#### ZONING REPORT:

-Planning Commission continues to work on the Master Plan.

-Getting quote from WMRSDC for maps.

-PC met.

-Submitted written report regarding Zoning Permit History and Land Division History from 1998 to 2010.

-Requested \$2000 for a Title Search and Environmental Impact Study for the new park property at Silver Lake.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to award Land Matters \$2000 for for an Environmental Impact Study which will include a title search for the proposed new park at Silver Lake. Roll Call vote: Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-abstained because she arrived after the discussion. Motion carried.

-Cargill to follow up with contracting with a company who can complete the Title Search and the Environmental Impact Study.

-7:42 pm Wiegand arrives.

-Gebhart Land Division Request. Presented by Whelpley.

-Certificate of Survey was submitted.

-Whelpley states that all parcels will have adequate acreage and all parcels will have road frontage.

-Description of the land split is as follows:

-Parcel being sold: W870.49 ft of N685 ft, NE ¼ of NE ¼ of Sec. 25, Golden Township T15N R 18W Oceana County, MI.

-Parcel being retained: E460 ft. of N 685 ft. NE ¼ of NE ¼ of Sec. 25, Golden Township, T15N R18W, Oceana County except Parcel #200-05 in the NE Corner thereof.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve the Gebhart Land Division request as presented. All yes, motion carried.

#### ASSESSOR'S REPORT

As submitted

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Septic

- Fuehring checking in to cost of improving the old septic system, versus installing a new septic system.
- This is necessary because of the washer that was installed by Telamon this summer in the room to the south of the kitchen.
- Option 1: Approximately \$2,000.00 to improve the existing septic system. This would include tearing up the floor between the kitchen and the boiler room and installing a larger pipe to accommodate the larger water flow from the washer. This would flow in to the existing septic tank and drain field.
- Option 2: Approximately \$6,000.00 to install a new septic tank and drain field on the south side of the building. This system would only accommodate the kitchen and the washer.
- Fuehring and Cargill to submit a proposal to Diane from Telamon to get her input and request financial assistance for the project.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Hart Fire Department

- Discussion regarding budget issues as the requested amount for Golden Township to pay this year was increased from last year by approximately \$25,000.00.
- Terry Haynor from the Hart Area Fire Board presented information related to this issue.
  - Golden Township has a high taxable value.
  - Hart Area Fire Board is not able to borrow money and will be in need of multiple trucks in the next 5-10 years.
  - Haynor explained that previously there was a 7 mil formula that was followed up until 5 years ago. The amount requested for Golden Township for this year reflects this .7 amount. The significant increase for this year is because the formula has not been followed for the last 5 years at the request of the Townships.
- Golden Township Board appreciates the difficult work that the Hart Area Fire Department provides. Board members also stated they appreciate the members of the Fire Department who took the time to be present at the meeting tonight.
- It has been reported that Golden Township pays 52% of the Hart Area Fire Budget and only accounts for 26% of the total fires they are called to.
- Golden Township Board members commented that they support the Hart Area Fire Board, however, they must also be accountable to their taxpayers and ensure their money is spent wisely and frugally.
- Fuehring to research the budget issues more in depth with the Fire Board to attempt to find a formula or a dollar amount that everyone can agree on.
- Golden Township Board recommends a formula that includes the SEV, Taxable Value and percentage of total runs for each Township.
- It was recommended that a standard formula be established for all Townships and a revision of the By-Laws for the Fire Board be created and signed.

### 2. Hazardous Waste

- Oceana County Conservation District requesting funding again this year for the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program. They are requesting \$579.20 from Golden Township.
  - Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to support the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program with \$500.00 from Golden Township. All yes, Motion carried.

### 3. Facilities Guidelines

-Guidelines were revised this month and re-submitted today for final approval, with changes that were requested last month.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve the revised Facilities Use Guidelines as submitted. All yes, motion carried.

4. Channel Park

-No information to present.

5. Hunt Street

-Cargill continues to work with residents in the process to pave Hunt, Shirley and Vachon Streets.

-Coordinators are in the process of requesting residents to sign petitions.

-There will eventually have to be 2 Public Hearings: 1 to approve the project and 2 to approve the Roll.

-Bids have been submitted from 6 different paving companies.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to petition the Oceana County Road Commission to accept the low bid for the Hunt, Shirley, Vachon paving project for \$112,117.40 by Asphalt Paving Inc. from Muskegon. This motion is contingent on an adequate number of residents signing off on the petition. Roll call vote: Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, motion carried.

-Cargill and Wiegand to ensure a letter is sent to the Oceana County Road Commission which includes the above Resolution to award the project to the lowest bidder contingent on an adequate number of signatures from residents on the petition.

6. Gym Floor and Board Room Floor

-Bid submitted for refinishing the gym floor and board room floor. This would improve the look of the floors as well as preserving them for years to come. The bid was \$350 for labor and \$283 for materials.

-After discussion, the Board decided against refinishing the floors.

7. Roads-Butterflies-Pat Brower – as presented above in Correspondence.

8. Auditor's bid

-Hendon and Slate submitted proposed fees, for their yearly audit, for the next three years as follows:

-2011 - \$5250

-2012 - \$5400

-2013 - \$5550

-Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to approve the 3-year contract with Hendon and Slate for the annual Township audit for the above mentioned amounts. Roll call vote: Walsworth-yes, Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes, motion carried.

## PUBLIC INPUT

1. None

Meeting adjourned 9:08 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand  
Golden Township Clerk