

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
November 8, 2011
Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
Golden Township Hall

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Regular Board Meeting called to order at 7:32pm.

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

MINUTES from the October 11th regular meeting were presented by Wiegand. Cargill noted one correction from number 4 on page 3 stating that Dick Walsworth made the request to the Road Commission to fix Polk Road, not Cargill.

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to accept the minutes from the October 11th meeting with corrections. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from Sue Ann Johnson, County Administrator regarding the ORV Ordinance.
- Letter from Sue Ann Johnson, County Administrator regarding County Of Oceana's Maximum Allowable Millage Levy for 2011.
- Letter from friendssilverlake@gmail.com regarding the Silver Lake Progressive Engineering Report.
- Letter from friendssilverlake@gmail.com regarding the article, "DNR Detects Koi Herpesvirus in Silver Lake Fish Kill in Oceana County."
- Letter from friendssilverlake@gmail.com regarding What is Wrong with Silver Lake.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$85,454.11 on October 1st, 2011, ending balance on October 31st, 2011 of \$66,221.70. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$24,223.50 on October 1st, 2011 and ending balance of \$14,456.60 on October 31st, 2011. Road bills have all been paid for the year.

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

-Cargill also presented up-to-date budget information. Budget amendments will have to be made next month.

BILLS were presented for approval:

Cargill summarized bills for the month as presented on the report. This included the townships extra Sheriff coverage for the year and a payment to the County Treasurer for tax reimbursements.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Wiegand to approve check numbers 14329 through 14359 from the General Fund totaling \$17,817.44. Roll call vote Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Cargill-yes, Wiegand-yes, Fuehring-absent. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT:

- 6 permits issued this month.
- The building industry seems to be picking up.
- PC did not meet last month, but will meet in November.
- Presented a preliminary copy of the revised Master Plan.
- Following up on possible violations that were discovered by the Assessor.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

- As submitted
- Report included a copy of a letter from Equalization to the Assessors regarding the percentages of the assessed values that can be taxed by the townships.
- Assessor also requested the Township pay for her Assessor Certification as she is an employee now.

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve paying \$125 for the Assessor's Certification Renewal. Roll Call Vote: Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Wiegand-yes, Fuehring-absent. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Cemetery Maintenance/Sexton

-Wiegand has divided the duties in to three separate job descriptions.

1. Mears Cemetery Sexton Responsibilities
2. Golden Township Maintenance Responsibilities
3. Outlying Mowing

-Board agreed that all positions should be advertised.

-Board agreed that the Sexton position and the maintenance position could be advertised soon and the outlying mowing could wait until spring.

-Board to discuss wages/contractual pay/pension eligibility for the Sexton and Maintenance person this month and be prepared to advertise the positions next month.

-Cargill suggested using professional garbage pick-up for some of the locations.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New member for Board of Review

-Walsworth presented Ronald Thatcher.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to appoint Ronald Thatcher to the Board of Review. All yes, motion carried.

2. Road Work for next year

- Board discussed Lake Road from 44th to Ridge being a priority.
 - Board discussed Fox Road, west of Mears being the second priority.
 - Dick Walsworth suggested getting this information to the Road Commission soon.
 - Dick also suggested doing Taylor Road from the expressway to 56th in 2013.
 - Motion by Ackley support by Cargill to request the Road Commission do Lake Road from 44th to Ridge as a first priority and Fox Road, west of Mears as a second priority.
- All yes, motion carried.

3. Maintenance Work

- Robert Bricker did some work on improving the flagpole and cleaning the roof on the township hall. He submitted a written recommendation for preventative work that could be done on the roof and some drains. He submitted an invoice for four hours of work.
 - Motion by Ackley, support by Wiegand to pay Robert Bricker \$44 for services rendered and \$25 for materials provided. Roll Call vote: Cargill-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Wiegand-yes, Fuehring-absent. Motion carried.

4. PA 451 regarding ORV use

- Whelpley discussed information that he researched regarding the ORV on the roadway issue. Whelpley submitted a written report.
- He stated the townships will be able to make the final decision.
- He believes that no action can be taken until July of 2012.
- He believes that if the township does nothing, then ORV's will not be allowed on the roadway.

5. Leaf Blower

- The leaf blower broke last week, and as it is leaf season, another leaf blower was purchased.
 - Motion by Wiegand, support by Ackley to approve \$517.90 for the purchase of a leaf blower. Roll Call vote: Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-absent. Motion carried.

6. Boiler Inspection Bill

- \$130 bill for boiler inspection from 2010 that was made out to Hart Schools, that was sent to the Township and is actually for Telamon.
- Telamon states that they are unable to pay the bill because their books from 2010 are closed.
- Board recommended sending a letter to the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs stating that the services rendered were not requested by Township, they were requested by Telamon and Telamon will be paying the bill. Wiegand to create a letter.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Jean Hanks questioning whether Ridge Road between Fox and Deer can be added to the list of roads to be improved or repaired. Cargill and Dick Walsworth will check in to whether this area is on the Road Commission's list, or whether it should be added to Golden Township's priority list.

2. Resident questioning activity on Mike Fuller's property where he is filling in three ponds on property he is trying to sell. Board states that there is not much that can be done.

Meeting adjourned 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk