

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
March 8, 2011
Budget Hearing 7:15 pm
Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
Golden Township Hall

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Budget Hearing called to order at 7:13 pm.

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

- Presentation by Cargill regarding the 2011-2012 Golden Township Budget.
- This budget is based on a \$155,627,000.00 taxable value and an estimated 1.20 mils to be levied.
- The budget includes the new Fire Millage.
- This budget includes the \$428,000 in grant money from the DNR for the park property at Silver Lake. It also includes the \$50,000 portion the Township will be contributing toward the park.
- This budget includes additional money for buildings and grounds as some improvements may be needed this year including upgrades to the boiler system.
- This budget includes funding to the cemetery to help with the expansion that may be started this year.
- The Road fund budget includes money for the Hunt Street project and money for the road right-of-way project for Polk Road.
- The Fire Fund is taken in and completely paid out to the Hart Area Fire Board.

-No Public Comment.

Public Hearing Adjourned at 7:24pm.

Regular Board Meeting called to order at 7:25pm.

MINUTES from the February 8th meeting were presented.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to accept the minutes from the February 8th meeting as presented. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Copy of a letter from Oceana County to the Director of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission regarding the decision that the County made to rescind their decision from December 9th, 2010 regarding the sale of spirits on Sundays. As of February 24, 2011, the sale of spirits on Sunday will be allowed in Oceana County.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$142,530.36 on February 1st, 2011, ending balance on February 28th, 2011 of \$191,160.44. The Road Fund

beginning balance of \$158,947.54 on February 1st, 2011 and ending balance of \$229,561.44 on February 28th, 2011.

Motion was made by Ackley, support by Fuehring 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 Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve check numbers 14030 through 14063 from the General Fund totaling \$33,975.32. Roll call vote Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT:

- Master Plan language is basically done.
- Updating computer records.
- Attending a Pipeline Safety In service next week.
- WMRSDC is working on maps for the Master Plan.
- PC met.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

As submitted

OLD BUSINESS

1. Rescheduled Hunt Street Public Hearing to Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00pm.
-Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to reschedule the Hunt Street Public Hearing to Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00pm at the Township Hall. All yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Park Advisory Committee
 - Discussion regarding creating a Park Advisory Committee to address future planning for all parks, but specifically the new park at Silver Lake. This committee would be advisory only and would not be earning or spending money. This group would make recommendations to the Golden Township Board.
 - Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to appoint Bob Henry, Jeff Clark, Connie Cargill, Gary Robinson and Gary Dunham to the newly created Park Advisory Committee. All yes, motion carried.
2. Approve 2011-2012 Golden Township Budget
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve the 2011-2012 Golden Township Budget as presented. All yes, motion carried.
3. Approve General Appropriations Resolution

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Golden Township resolves:

SECTION 1. This resolution shall be known as the Golden Township 2011 General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 2. Public Hearing on the Budget – pursuant to MCLA141.412 and .413, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on March 3, 2011 and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on March 8, 2011.

SECTION 3. The Golden Township Board adopts the 2011-2012 fiscal year budgets for the various funds by department.

SECTION 4. The Golden Township Board shall cause to be levied and collected the general property tax on all real and personal property within the Township upon the current tax roll and allocated mileage of 1.2 mill township operations; and voter authorized millage of 1.98 mills for road maintenance and repair, and .499 mills for Fire protection.

SECTION 5. All claims against the Township shall be approved by the Golden Township Board prior to being paid, prepayment will be allowed for Card member Services, Larsons, and any utilities.

SECTION 6. Included in the budget are the following amounts of the salary, hourly and per diem rates for the officials and employees of the Township:

Per Diem – PC and ZBA - \$50 and Chair \$60; Trustees - \$125.

Supervisor - \$11,033

Clerk - \$16,068

Deputy Clerk - \$11.50 per hour

Elections - \$11.00 per hour

Treasurer - \$20,888

Deputy Treasurer - \$12.00 per hour

Assessor - \$40,000

Zoning - \$22,400

Cemetery - \$11.33 per hour

SECTION 7. Estimated revenues and expenditures for Golden Township for the funds are:

General - \$858,341 revenue \$858,341 expense

Road - \$343,810 revenue \$343,810 expense

FIRE - \$77,658 revenue \$77,658 expense

MOTION made by Ackley, seconded by Fuehring, to adopt the forgoing resolution and General Appropriations Act. Upon roll call vote the following voted: Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Wiegand-yes.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted on the 8th day of March, 2011.

Signed: _____ Donald Walsworth, Supervisor

4. Approve Budget Amendments from 2010-2011 Budget
 - Cargill presented Budget Amendments to the following areas in order to balance the 2010-2011 Budget. Money was left over from the Budget last year to make these changes possible.
 - \$1141.00 added to the Assessor's Budget.
 - \$1330.00 added to the Building and Grounds Budget.
 - \$ 668.00 added to the Cemetery Budget.
 - Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve the Budget Amendments for the 2010-2011 Budget as presented. All yes, motion carried.

5. Set meeting dates for 2011-2012
 - Motion by Ackley, support by Wiegand to hold Regular Golden Township Board meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm for the fiscal year 2011-2012. All yes, Motion carried.

6. Fire Board Budget
 - Fuehring stated that there will be a Public Hearing to discuss the proposed 2011/2012 Budget and what formula to use to decide how much each township should pay. This meeting will be held on Monday, April 4th, 2011 at 7:30pm at the Hart Fire Barn. Fuehring recommended all interested parties attend the meeting.
 - Cargill presented information on the current Fire Budget that they would like the Townships to approve until a formula is established. This Budget is based on a 0.65 mill on the 2010 taxable value for the township which would be \$100,275.00 for the Golden Township portion of the Fire Budget.
 - Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to approve the 2011/2012 Hart Area Fire Administrative Board Budget which includes \$100,275.00 for the Golden Township portion of the budget which is based on a 0.65 mill on the 2010 taxable value. Roll call vote: Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, motion carried.

7. Outdoor Gathering Ordinance #46
 - Currently in the process of revising the ordinance.
 - Val Du would like to submit applications for 15 Mass Gathering Permits for concerts they have planned for this summer.
 - Whelpley stated revisions are being made to the fee schedule, revisions are being made to the number of people necessary to require the permit.
 - Cargill suggested waiting one week to research more information. She also suggested to meet next week to possibly approve the revised Mass Gathering Ordinance.
 - Fuehring suggested having weekly meetings with law enforcement, the Township and Val Du representatives to ensure the events are running smoothly.
 - Ned Timmerman from the HCC Foundation who is working with Val Du to organize the summer concerts stated he cannot attend the meeting next week and wondered if the Board had any questions tonight for him.
 - Wiegand questioned security. Mr. Timmerman stated he plans to work closely with local law enforcement and was willing to do anything they recommended.
 - Cargill questioned how accurate the attendance numbers for the events were. Mr. Timmerman stated they are from a website that figures attendance estimates based on

past performances. Mr. Timmerman stated that they will sell as many tickets as they can and these numbers could possibly be more than what they estimated.

-Walsworth questioned parking. Mr. Timmerman stated there are approximately 4,000 spaces available with two adjoining properties that could also possibly be used. No cars will be parked alongside the road.

-Cargill motioned to approve a moratorium for accepting or processing any applications for any permits, and on issuing any permits, under the golden township Outdoor Gathering Ordinance, sometimes referred to as the Mass Gathering Ordinance, until such time as the Ordinance has been reviewed, and if deemed necessary by this Board, changed. Support by Fuehring, Motion carried.

8. Set Clean Up Day date

-After discussion the Board decided on May 14th as a first choice for Clean Up Day and May 21st as a second choice. Wiegand to contact the three companies involved to schedule the day.

9. Gym Floor

-Fuehring presented information regarding the fact that the finish is completely off the gym floor in several places. He believes it would be a good idea to refinish the floor now before it is completely ruined. Fuehring also mentioned that the weather strips are off of the doors in the gym. Fuehring to contact Tony Collins to repair the weather stripping.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to hire Phyllis Kidder to refinish the gym floor for \$533.23 in materials and \$250.00 in labor. Roll call vote: Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.

10. Facilities Guidelines Clarification

-Wiegand is looking for clarification from the Board to create a fair and consistent policy when renting out the building and deciding when to charge a group and when not to charge a group.

-After discussion the Board decided on the following:

-All groups will pay for building use. If a group would like to be considered to have their fee waived, they may request this of the Board. Approval to have the fee waived would be allowed if at least 3 Board members agree.

-The fee for use of the Board Room will be \$25 with an additional \$25 deposit to be returned after the event if the room is left as it was when the group arrived.

-In addition, if groups would like to use the building on a weekly, or monthly basis, fees for these requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will need approval by at least three Township Board Members.

11. Brining Bids

-Walsworth presented information regarding brining bids for the 2011 season. White Truck Lines LLC was the low bidder at \$325.00 per mile and they have also done the brining for the Township in the past.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to award the brining contract for the 2011 season to White Truck Lines LLC at the rate of \$325.00 per mile. Roll call vote: Walsworth-yes, Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.

12. Medical Marijuana Moratorium

-Cargill discussed the fact that it may be a good idea for Golden Township to establish a temporary moratorium for any business related to medical marijuana. She recommended this in order to give the township time to research the issue more in depth and possibly develop a policy or an Ordinance related to the issue.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to adopt the following Resolution:

1. The Township hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the issuance of permits and all other forms of approval which would permit any land, building or structure to be used for the sale, dispensing or cultivation of medical marijuana, subject to the following terms, conditions and limitations:

a. during the temporary moratorium, no Township officer, employee, agent, contractor, board, agency or commission shall receive, process or review any application for the use of any land, building or structure for the sale, dispensing or cultivation of medical marijuana, or issue a permit, license or other form of approval which would allow any land, building, or structure to be used for the sale, dispensing or cultivation of medical marijuana.

b. the temporary moratorium shall remain in effect until such time as the Township Board has adopted and placed into effect amendment of the Township Zoning Ordinance, regulating the use of land, buildings or structures for the sale, dispensing or cultivation of medical marijuana, and providing for any other requirements for such uses, but in no event shall the moratorium remain in effect after March 8, 2012 unless extended by resolution of the Township Board.

c. The moratorium shall apply only to the land use stated in this resolution, that being the sale, dispensing and cultivation of medical marijuana.

-All yes, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Resident questioned the Township's ability to distribute licenses for medical marijuana businesses. The Board does not have a lot of answers related to this issue and thus is the reason for the moratorium to have time to research the issue more in depth.

Meeting adjourned 8:16 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

