

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
June 14, 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: Walsworth, Wiegand, Cargill, Fuehring, Ackley.

MINUTES from the May 10th regular meeting were presented.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the minutes from the May 10th meeting as presented. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Letter from Vern Counsellor thanking Board for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Review.

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to accept the resignation of Vern Counsellor from the Board of Review. All yes, motion carried.

-E-mail from Bob and Krystn Matulis, krystnrmatulis@yahoo.com, re: excessive noise from Val Du Lakes concerts.

-Linda Kraak submitted a map with her concerns regarding fast moving vehicles driving fast through the boat launch at the end of 18th Avenue and coming very close to hitting tourists who are admiring the lake. She is requesting posts be put in to protect the tourists. The Road Commission would be willing to install the posts at no charge if the Township would pay for materials. Board members to make a visit to the site

-Request from Greater Silver Lake Fire Works Fund for permission from the township for the fireworks display on July 4th over the Silver Lake Sand Dunes.

Motion by Ackley support by Cargill to allow fireworks to be set off over the Silver Lake Sand Dunes on July 4, 2011. All yes, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$197,412.22 on May 1st, 2011, ending balance on May 31st, 2011 of \$175,649.55. \$22, 134.60 was paid to the Hart Area Fire Board. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$261,163.35 on May 1st, 2011 and ending balance of \$119,440.00 on May 31st, 2011.

-Cargill also presented additional information regarding the Road Fund with estimates for projects for the upcoming year. Walsworth questioned whether road signs, chip and seal, and brining should come out of the Road Fund or the General Fund to allow more money for larger road improvements. Board to research the wording on the Road Millage and determine which

fund to take the money from. Board discussed allowing the Road Commission to do work up to \$150,000 and anything the Road Fund can't cover will be taken out of the General Fund. Motion was made by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. 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 14144 through 14189 from the General Fund totaling \$43,311.65. \$15,000 was for the Hart Area Public Library. Also check numbers 1123-1127 from the Road Fund totalling \$141,723.35.00. Roll call vote Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT:

- 9 permits written this month.
- Discussed the meeting that was held regarding the Outdoor Gathering Ordinance.
- Recommended changing the Outdoor Gathering Ordinance to read that a meeting can be called at any time, rather than the three days stated in the ordinance. Also recommended a Public Hearing to be held before any event that requires an Outdoor Gathering Permit.
- Letter sent to the Sand Drags regarding the newly amended Outdoor Gathering Permit and the fact that they may need one. No response so far from the Sand Drags.
- 2 violations with follow up.
- PC met re 2 public hearings. B&L Sandtoys was tabled because of questions regarding how this property is actually zoned. After research, Jake found that the business is zoned resort/residential and cannot be located at this location. The owners stated they will research other locations for this part of their business.
- The second public hearing was regarding Avery Wilson's Golden Pond Community. The Planning Commission denied the PUD amendment in its present form. Avery submitted a letter requesting a suspension of his application so he can improve his request and clarify some of the concerns the Planning Commission discussed. Avery stated he will have significantly more information when he re-submits his request, if he is given the opportunity.
 - Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to suspend the PUD amendment application from Golden Pond Community for one year and give the owner a second opportunity to submit the plan to the Golden Township Planning Commission at a regular meeting. All yes, motion carried.
- Also attended a marijuana seminar and got up to date information. Also talked to the township attorney regarding this issue. Agreed that the moratorium was a good idea. He believes allowing only a dispensary is a good idea. Also, putting the dispensary in a public location would be a good idea. He will do more research.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

As submitted

OLD BUSINESS

1. Cemetery addition work.
 - Grading and planting has been completed.
 - Bids were received from two contractors:
 - Fishbeck/ Thompson/Carr and Huber- \$2,000, plus \$750 for an updated map of the entire cemetery. This includes major corner marker placement. Additional markers can be placed for \$1,500 per day in labor. Roads to be determined before the survey is completed.
 - Progressive – Approximately \$7,150.00 total including maps.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to accept the bid from Fishbeck/Thompson/Carr and Huber for \$2,000, plus \$750 for digital map of entire cemetery, and the option to have additional corner markers for \$1,500 per day using interest from the Perpetual Care Fund. Roll call vote: Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes.
2. Chip and Seal
 - As discussed in the Treasurer's Report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Duna Vista Parking
 - Concerns from residents regarding boat trailers being parked in a No Parking Zone.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to enforce the No Parking Zone only on the travel portion of the road. All yes, motion carried. Wiegand to submit letter to the Sheriff.
2. Approval of Tax Millage Rates
 - Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to approve Tax Rate Levies for 2011 as follows: 1.2052 for Operations, 1.98 for Roads and .5 for Fire. All yes, motion carried.
3. Workers Compensation Bids
 - 2 bids received:
 - MTA – Newly created, self funded - \$767.83 per year
 - Accident Fund/Burnham and Flowers - \$935.00 per year
 - Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the bid from the Accident Fund and Burnham and Flowers for \$935.00 for 2011-2012. All yes, motion carried.
 - Plan to review the MTA fund again next year.
4. Hazardous Waste Collection Day
 - Scheduled for August 20 , 2011 from 9am – 2pm at the DPW.
5. Campground Licenses
 - Wiegand presented campground licenses that were issued in Golden Township for 2011. To be filed with the Zoning Administrator.
6. Brine Invoice
7. Assessor's Wages
 - Pam has requested a review of her wages from 2010 through 2011.
 - Walsworth suggested discussing it during a closed session after the regular board meeting in July.
 - Motion by Fuehring support by Ackley to discuss the review of the Assessor's wages during closed session after the regular board meeting in July. All yes, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Resident requested status of speed limit signs at Upper Silver Lake. Walsworth explained that he re-evaluated the map and reduced the number of signs to install because of the

enormous cost. It is his understanding that the signs will be at the major corners along Ridge Road.

2. 2 Residents expressed their extreme unhappiness with the excessive amount of noise coming from Val Du every weekend.
3. Resident thanked the board for the great brining job this year. One more brining to be done later this summer.
4. Hunt Street resident thanked the board for a job well done on the Hunt Street Paving Project.
5. Resident questioning the 5 year or newer and 16' wide restrictions on mobile homes. Questioned whether this ordinance could be revised given the economy has changed significantly since the ordinance was created. He also stated mobile homes with these qualities are extremely difficult to find. Whelpley stated the Planning Commission will be making revisions to some ordinances this fall.

Meeting adjourned 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

