

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
September 13, 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: Wiegand, Cargill, Fuehring, Ackley, Absent-Walsworth.

MINUTES from the August 9th regular meeting were read by Wiegand.

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to accept the minutes from the August 9th meeting. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-Received letter from Oceana County Planning Commission regarding Medical Marihuana issues and recent ORV Legislation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$107,385.37 on August 1st, 2011, ending balance on August 31st, 2011 of \$108,117.11. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$150,023.81 on August 1st, 2011 and ending balance of \$145,686.65 on August 31st, 2011.

-Cargill also presented additional information regarding the T&A fund which had a beginning balance of \$48,763.01 an ending balance of \$41,101.01. This fund is a holding account. \$7,812.00 was house insurance money that was paid to a resident after they cleaned up their home that had been burned. Cargill also presented the Silver Lake Corridor Construction Fund which had a beginning balance of \$10,244.24 and ending balance of \$11,546.42.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Wiegand to approve 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. Hendon and Slate was for the audit this year, Collins Construction was to fix the locks on the doors and Fishbeck was the surveying for the cemetery addition.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Wiegand to approve check numbers 14273 through 14301 from the General Fund totaling \$30,140.94. Roll call vote Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes, Walsworth-absent. Motion carried.

-Cargill also presented an Oceana County Parcel Update Analysis from the Equalization Department. Cargill stated that Equalization is working with InfoGeographics to create a program that will match parcel maps with parcel numbers for the entire county. This company will put all updates in to the program as changes in parcels occur for a small fee. The initial fee to start Golden Township and update all the parcels would be \$3,504.44. The County is requesting that all townships pay half of their fee. This would be \$1,752.22 that the township would have to pay.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to pay \$1,752.22 to participate in the InfoGeographics parcel update program through the Oceana County Equalization Department. Roll Call Vote: Ackley-yes, Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Wiegand-yes, Walsworth-absent. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT:

- 5 permits issued this month.
- Has not heard from the lawyer regarding the illegal land split.
- PC did not meet last month and will probably not meet this month.
- Working on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.
- Resident questioned whether there was any new information on the Grace Adventures Campground, Whelpley stated that he had no new information.
- Whelpley will be gone this coming month on vacation.
- Commented that Golden Township already has a marijuana moratorium.
- Submitted written information and discussed information regarding the Downtown Development Authority. The area can include only one business district and would need a governing body to administer the DDA. The governing body could be the Planning Commission and they would be able to levy taxes, sell bonds, buy and sell property, sue and be sued.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

As submitted

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Channel Signs
 - Resident spoke with office staff regarding their concerns with signs at the Township Park Beach. Pictures were submitted.
2. Road Commission
 - Cargill presented information from the Road Commission regarding the roads they plan to work on in the coming year. They are as follows:
 - Lake Road from 44th to Ridge
 - Taylor Road West to 56th
 - Hazel Road from Taylor to 52nd
 - Fox Road from Mears to 34th
 - Board also stated they were happy with the tar and chip that was done this year, especially the section that had the Fog Seal added to it.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Mr. Ashley questioned whether there was any new information regarding the Merit Internet Backbone that is supposed to be coming through our area. Cargill believes the backbone will be coming through Oceana County and believes it will be near the expressway.
2. Resident requested the Township Board not support allowing ORV's on the roadways in Golden Township. She believes this could end up being a major traffic problem and would also ruin the roadway edges.
3. Ms. Henk stated that the dune line on holiday weekends is dangerous. Cars were lined up back to Lake Road this past weekend which put the line on a dangerous curve on B15 near Juniper Beach.
4. Resident questioned whether there was any talk about widening B15. The Board is not aware of any such plan.
5. Resident requested that Golden Township Board consider revising their zoning requirements regarding the size requirements on mobile homes. Whelpley stated this issue will be considered as the Planning Commission is revising the Zoning Ordinance.

Meeting adjourned 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

