

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
November 13, 2012
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, Ackley, Walsworth. Absent: Fuehring.

MINUTES from the October 9th regular meeting were presented. Wiegand noted that she will be adding check numbers for checks that were approved from the General Fund, but not written at the October meeting: Frontier - #14803, White Lake - #14806, Bricker - #14822.

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to accept the minutes from the October 9th meeting as corrected. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from MTA requesting contact information for Board Members.
- Updates received from Angela Brennan from US Geological survey and Friends of Silver Lake regarding status of the Lake Quality Study.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$135,567.50 on October 1st, 2012, ending balance on October 31st, 2012 of \$137,378.14. Cargill noted that \$22,000.00 was received in Revenue Sharing.

-Cargill reported on the Road Fund with the beginning balance of \$322,577.43 on October 1, 2012 and ending balance of \$279,190.84 on October 31, 2012. Cargill noted that the Hunt Street fund would be added to the Road Fund as it is now paid off. It was also noted that \$200,000.00 from the Road Fund is already budgeted to Lake Road improvements.

-Motion by Ackley, 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.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to approve check numbers 14800 through 14841 from the General Fund totaling \$36,235.41. Cargill noted that the White Lake check is for the cemetery sprinklers, BS&A is for the Tax program and cemetery support. The Tanner check was for the drains and the County check was for street signs. Also, Road fund check #1145 totaling \$141.34. Cargill also reported on the tax fund which submitted checks totaling \$22,627.57. Roll call vote: Cargill-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Fuehring-absent. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT:

-None presented as Whelpley was absent.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

-Stated that Agricultural will remain nearly the same this year and Residential will go up about 2% over last year. Commercial will go down a little over 2% and Industrial will go up .7%.

-Also submitted the Application for Renewal of Assessment Certification which requires a \$150.00 fee to be paid.

OLD BUSINESS

1.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ORV Grant – Robert Farber

-Discussed summer services that are provided by the extra ORV officer. The grant the Sheriff Office receives from the state only covered half of the cost for this officer. Farber is requesting \$11,643.48 from the township to help cover the cost for this extra officer.

-Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve \$11,643.48 to help pay for the extra officer in Golden Township for the summer of 2012. Roll Call Vote: Walsworth – yes, Cargill – yes, Wiegand – yes, Ackley-yes, Fuehring – absent. Motion carried.

-Also discussed dune line issues. Farber requested ideas from residents as he is always looking for new ideas to make it a smoother process.

2. Rec Board Representative

-Wiegand stated she presently is the Rec Board Representative for Golden Township. New representatives are appointed at the end of the year.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to appoint Tina Wiegand to the Hart Area Rec Board for the coming year. All yes, motion carried.

3. Snow Plowing

-Fuehring is no longer able to do snow plowing for the township. Board discussed the fact that we may need this service soon.

-Cargill will talk to Fuehring to get the list of areas he plowed and how often he plowed. She will also contact local businesses to request bids from them.

4. Computer – Jake

-Whelpley's computer is the oldest one at the township and he has been having several problems with it recently.

-Board agreed to allow Whelpley to order a new computer.

5. Park Presentation – Cargill

-The Park Committee recently met regarding improvements to the Gold-N-Silver Park. It was discovered that in order to request grant money for improvements, a Long Range Plan is necessary. It is beneficial to have an engineer assist with a Long Range Plan. Three

engineers were approached, and the one with the most realistic offer is Harry Wierenga from Fleis & Vandenbrink. His fee would be \$3,750.00.

-After discussion, Board agreed to have Cargill talk to Mr. Wierenga about possibly writing grants to cover the cost of the Long Range Plan.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Jeanne Adams recently had a fire near her house that the fire department responded to. She is questioning the status of the Fire Board negotiations as she is concerned about the fire department continuing to respond to fires in Golden Township if they aren't getting paid.
-Walsworth commented that a new document was presented last week that is slightly closer to reaching an agreement. However, it has Golden Township paying 56% of the total bill which is a problem. Golden Township Board will be meeting to discuss this issue early in December.
-Also discussed leaf burning in the township and it was suggested there be a place to dump yard waste and it could be hauled away once per year.
2. Nancy Pechar is concerned that the Township Planning Commission and Board continues to approve new campgrounds and bring more people in to the Silver Lake area. She would like to restrict some of this as no one is really sure if the infrastructure of Silver Lake can really handle all the extra people these new campgrounds bring in. She is concerned about the extra traffic on the dunes, on the roads and also the fragile quality of the water in Silver Lake.
3. Carl Kaat stated the new park will be very nice, and he understands it is within the zoning requirements, but where does the expanding end?
4. Sally VanAtta stated Silver Lake could really use public bathrooms in the downtown area.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk