

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
August 14, 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, Fuehring. Absent: Walsworth

MINUTES from the July 10th regular meeting were presented.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to accept the minutes from the July 10th meeting with the following changes: Separate the paragraph with the motions for the Fire Board Resolution by moving the margin to the left. Also, add in that "Carl Fuehring be directed to request, on behalf of the Township, that the Hart Area Fire Board adopt the following resolution at it's next meeting." All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-None

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$132,296.97 on June 1st, 2012, ending balance on July 31st, 2012 of \$152,442.45. Cargill presented two months of financial records because of auditor's adjustments that had to be made.

-Cargill reported on the Road Fund with the beginning balance of \$319,764.72 on July 1, 2012 and ending balance of \$315,352.67 on July 31, 2012. Two checks were written to different township funds to satisfy auditor adjustments.

-Cargill also reported that the T&A Fund beginning balance on July 1, 2012 was \$86,408.75 and the ending balance on July 31, 2012 was \$83,571.87. One check was written to satisfy auditor adjustments.

-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.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve check numbers 14686 through 14738 from the General Fund totaling \$104,384.32. Roll call vote: Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-absent. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT:

- Organizing a training regarding “How to run an effective meeting” on October 25th at 6pm at Elbridge Township Hall.
- No Planning Commission meeting in August as Whelpley has received no plans for new projects.
- Whelpley will be absent in September as he is on vacation.
- Whelpley presented the Zoning Ordinance Amendments which have been approved by the Golden Township Planning Commission and by the Oceana County Planning Commission.
 - Letter received from the County Planning Commission concerning Section 4.12 regarding manufactured housing. Mr. Debrot believes putting an age limit on the manufactured homes is discriminatory.
 - Whelpley believes it is common to put age limits on manufactured housing in Zoning ordinances.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to table the request to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendments so board members have more time to review the changes. All yes, motion carried.

ASSESSOR’S REPORT

- As presented.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Sprinkler Bid for cemetery
 - Motion by Wiegand, support by Fuehring to approve the sprinkling bid from White Lake Nursury totaling: \$6,385.00 for 55 sprinkler heads. This work will be done at the same time as the spigots and the main line in the new area of the cemetery. Roll Call vote: Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-absent. Motion carried
 - Cargill to contact White Lake Nursery.

2. Painting Bid
 - Painting Bid submitted by That Finishing Touch for painting on the outside of the township hall totaling \$2,825.00.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve the painting bid submitted by That Finishing Touch for \$2,825.00 for painting on the outside of the township hall. Roll call vote: Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Walsworth-absent. Motion carried.
 - Fuehring to talk to Tanner’s about getting repairs done on the township hall before the painting is done.
 - Cargill to contact That Finishing Touch.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Rules for Golf Cart Use
 - Mavis Marsman is requesting information on if golf carts are allowed on the side of roadways.
 - Whelpley referenced Act #451 which pertains to ORV use on the side of the road. Initially it was allowed for disabled persons, then the regulations changed to allow ORV’s on the side of the road in the upper peninsula. Later, it became legal in northern, lower Michigan and

now the state is allowing each county in the lower peninsula to make their own determination. Oceana County has left the decision up to the townships. Golden Township has not made a decision as of yet.

-Enforcement was discussed.

-Public Hearing would be required only if the township would want to allow ORV's on the side of the roadway.

-Coker questioning if the township can designate specific roadways, or portions of roadways, where the ORV's could be allowed. Whelpley stated that this is possible.

2. Election Inspector

-Wiegand requesting Janice Walsworth as an additional Election Worker for the November 2012 General Election.

-Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to appoint Janice Walsworth as an Election Worker for the November 2012 General Election. All yes, motion carried.

3. Telamon

-Fuehring questioning if the Telamon Contract had been returned yet.

-Cargill stated the rent had been received for the amount requested in the new contract, but the new contract had not been received back as of yet.

-Telamon is also requesting use of the small offices in the hallway. Board agreed this would be OK for now as the board room renovations may not be done for a while. Jeanne Henks stated the township would be able to use one of the community group's rooms for storage for the chairs that are currently in the small offices.

-Cargill to contact Telamon regarding the status of the contract and the additional room rental.

4. Tree Removal at Gold-N-Silver Park

-Cargill suggested removing the dead tree at the Gold-N-Silver Park before the Apple Festival in September.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve removing the dead tree at Gold-N-Silver Park before the Apple Festival in September. Roll call vote: Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-absent. Motion carried.

-Cargill to contact a local business to get it removed.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Keith Adams questioned whether there was any progress on resolving the contract with the Fire Department. Fuehring stated there has been no comment from the other entities since the Resolution was sent from this board last month. Fuehring hoped they would meet with the Fire Board again in the next two weeks after everyone has had their township meetings.
2. Jeanne Henks thanked the board for use of the park last week. 200-300 people showed up and it was a big success!
3. Mr. Ashley questioning the township's position on the new state firework's ordinances. Whelpley commented that the state may be reconsidering some of the decisions that were made at that level, so there may be some changes coming.
4. Resident questioning the wood burning ordinance and the sections where they are legal. Cargill suggested not allowing them in platted subdivisions. Whelpley suggested making the separations with the zoned districts.

Meeting adjourned 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk