

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
September 11, 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, Walsworth.

MINUTES from the August 14th regular meeting were presented.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the minutes from the August 14th meeting. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-None

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$152,483.70 on August 1st, 2012, ending balance on August 31st, 2012 of \$121,962.67.

-Cargill reported on the Road Fund with the beginning balance of \$320,684.10 on August 1, 2012 and ending balance of \$316,869.81 on August 31, 2012.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring 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 14739 through 14772 from the General Fund totaling \$38,691.41. Road fund check #1142 and 1143 totalling \$3,814.29. Cargill also reported on the tax fund which submitted checks totaling \$215,424.69. Roll call vote: Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT:

-None to report as Zoning Administrator is absent.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

-As presented.

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hall use request

-Steve Pense requesting the gymnasium and one storage room to support a weekly church service. Mr. Pense stated they would be willing to pay for this.

-Mr. Pense stated they have their own insurance.

-Mr. Pense stated they will take responsibility of setting up and cleaning up each week.

-Wiegand suggested that \$100 per month would be a good price for an administrative fee.

-Motion by Wiegand support by Ackley to approve the Hall Use Request from Steve Pense for use of the gymnasium and a storage room beginning October 1, 2012 until October 1, 2013 for use of their church service for an administrative fee of \$100 per month. All yes, motion carried.

2. Johnson Square Maintenance

-Questions from Mr. Bricker:

1. OK for Mr. Bricker to shut down water lines at the cemetery.

2. Wiegand will put an ad in the paper to request owners turn their own urns.

3. Leaf removal is included in the landscaping contract. Mr. Bricker could do additional small pick ups after the landscaper does their major clean up.

4. OK to pick up barrels at the end of the season.

5. Small trimming is OK for Mr. Bricker to do, any big jobs should be done by a professional tree trimmer.

6. There is no end to the mowing contract.

7. OK to do painting at Johnson Square, but wait until spring.

8. Would like to have fertilizing done in the Spring.

3. Road Issues – Striping in Mears and concerns at 64th and Polk

-Cargill to contact the Road commission regarding the striping in Mears. They will try to coordinate it with another painting job they are having done.

-Mr. Nobel concerned about the low visibility at the corner of 64th and Polk. He believes it is dangerous. Board suggested contacting the Road Commission as it is a Road Issue and includes two different townships.

-Grafitti has been a problem near Silver Lake. The owner of the sign has been contacted.

The other spot reported was on a green address sign that would have to be replaced by the land owner.

4. Additional Road Issues

-Fuehring suggested having a meeting with Dick and Dwight, Sandy and Mike and the Golden Township Board to discuss road issues. Fuehring would like to see a three to five year road plan developed for the township.

-Fuehring to schedule the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Resident reported that a pothole near their home was repaired quickly.

2. Ted Ferwerda questioned the possibility of removing the No Parking Signs from the dunes at the dune turn around moving them to a place on the road. It seems to be a dangerous situation when the signs are partially covered and visitors are running down the dunes.
-Ferwerda also questioned the possibility of purchasing the south half of the 20 acre parcel which sits next to his property.
-Board discussed the fact that the property was purchased with donated money from a benefactor from our township. Stated that it may be possible to use the money from the potential sale of the property to improve the other half of the property. Walsworth suggested that Ferwerda develop some proposals for what should be done with the portion that would remain with the township and Walsworth could take that information to the benefactor.
3. Mr. Beattie stated Hazel Road was graded today.
4. Alan Blohm introduced himself and stated he would be running for Road Commission this November.
5. Resident questioned what the well is on 48th Ave. Fuehring stated there is an exploratory gas well. Believes they are looking for a mineral that can be used to make gas.
6. Keith Adams questioned if the Fire Board had met this month. Fuehring stated the Fire Board Meeting would be scheduled soon.

Meeting adjourned 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

