

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING

March 10, 2009

7:15 P.M. GOLDEN TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:18 p.m. Present: Fuehring, Walsworth, Cargill, Ackley, Wiegand.

2009 – 2010 Golden Township Budget presented to public.

Discussion between Board and residents regarding specific budget items.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2009

7:30 pm Golden Township Hall

Meeting Called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:30 pm. Present: Fuehring, Walsworth, Cargill, Ackley, Wiegand.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

MINUTES from the February 10th meeting were presented. Corrections were made.

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

MINUTES from the February 25th Special Meeting presented to Board Members and reviewed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT was given with the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$153,992.23 and ending balance of \$218,279.63. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$69,588.45 and ending balance of \$140,082.12. Motion was made by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the Treasurer's report. All yes, motion carried.

BILLS were presented for approval:

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to approve check numbers 13074 through 13103 totaling \$24,946.39. Roll call vote Ackley, Walsworth, Cargill, Fuehring, Wiegand, all yes. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT presented by Jake Whelpley.

1. Val Du Lakes Application for a campground was presented at the Planning Commission meeting. To be presented at the Board level after more research is done by the owners and the Planning Commission.
2. Attended Deposition for Harrison Road at the Road Commission
3. Submitted Rec Plan to the State for approval. Still need to set a Public Hearing before the end of March to present the Rec Plan.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to set a Public Hearing for the Golden Township Recreation Plan on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 4:00pm at the Township Hall. All yes, Motion carried.

4. Requested a raise in fees for the Zoning Board of Appeals to help cover the cost of running the meetings. Presently, the Township covers some of the cost for the meetings. After discussion, Board agreed to keep the fees the same for this year.

5. Silver Lake Resort PUD Amendment presented to Board for Approval. Amendment has already been approved by the Planning Commission.
Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to approve the Silver Lake Resort PUD Amendment as presented. All yes, Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Minch Road
 - Request from the Road Commission to take over rights to property mentioned at February meeting.
 - After discussion, the Board decided to decline the Road Commission's request to accept the property.
2. Mission Statement options presented.
Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve: "To preserve the integrity of the environment, promote sustainable economic growth and assist in implementing programs and services for the benefit of all current and future Golden Township residents" as the new Golden Township Mission Statement. All yes, Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Harrison Road Settlement
 - a. To be discussed in closed session at the end of the Regular Meeting.
2. Silver Lake Corridor and Trail

The Clerk reported that a Petition had been filed with the Township for the Silver Lake Road Corridor Trail Project and Special Assessment District pursuant to the authority of Michigan Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended.

The Treasurer next reported that she had checked the signatures on the Petition, the record owners of land within the township contained within the district in which the above-mentioned project will take place, and that said signatures exceeded fifty percent of the land, by footage, which would be assessed for said project.

Motion was then made by Ackley, seconded by Cargill, and unanimously carried that the Petition be received by the Township Board.

The plans for the improvement and an estimate of the costs of the same, prepared by the consulting and engineering firm of Moore & Bruggink, Inc., having been previously received and considered by the Township Board, were directed by the Board to be filed with the Township for public examination. The total estimated cost was in the amount of \$328,000.

Motion was then made by Fuehring, seconded by Cargill, and unanimously carried that the Township will accept assessment of half of the total estimated cost, which half was estimated to be \$164,000 as an assessment-at-large.

Motion was then made by Cargill, seconded by Ackley, and unanimously carried instructing the Treasurer to give proper notice, by publication and by mailing, of a hearing at which the Township Board shall hear any objections to the Petitions, to the improvement, the estimate of costs, and to the special assessment district proposed to be established for the assessment of the cost of such improvement, shall be had April 15, 2009 at a regular meeting of the Township Board at 7:00pm at 5527 W Fox Road, Mears, Michigan, and to determine the necessity of the project proposed by said petition to establish, construct and/or improve the Silver Lake Road Corridor Trail.

3. Attorney

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to retain Ed McNeeley to represent the Township in all issues related to the Silver Lake Corridor and Trail. All yes, motion carried.

4. Fire Board Budget presented by Fuehring. To be presented for approval with 2009-2010 budget.

5. Michigan Heritage Route/West Michigan Pike presented by Bob Henry

**Township of Golden
County of Oceana
State of Michigan**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HERITAGE ROUTE

US-31 (West Michigan Pike)

WHEREAS THE Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), pursuant to the Heritage Route Act of 1993 (P.A. 69 of 1993), is empowered to designate scenic, recreational, and historic highways in the state, and;

WHEREAS the public highway known as US-31 (West Michigan Pike) extending from the Indiana border to within the County of Oceana area and north to Ludington exhibits exceptional scenic/recreational/historic quality and passes through an area of significant regional importance, and;

WHEREAS a study has been undertaken by the Michigan Beachtowns Partnership and the Michigan Historical Center, a division of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries which assesses the quality of and documents the character and features of the highway corridor, and;

WHEREAS it is intended that the study be forwarded to MDOT in order to nominate US-31 (West Michigan Pike) as a heritage route;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Golden Township Board enthusiastically supports the nomination of US-31 (West Michigan Pike) as a heritage route and authorizes it by this resolution and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Golden Township Board hereby requests and encourages the MDOT to quickly designate US-31 (West Michigan Pike) as a heritage route and;

On the motion to adopt by Board Member Cargill, seconded by Board Member Ackley, and a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays, this resolution was carried and the **Golden Township Board** declared the resolution adopted.

ADOPTED this 10th day of March, 2009

Donald Walsworth
Supervisor of Golden Township Board

6. Discussion regarding Library Budget. Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to reinstate \$2,500 to Library from the 2008-2009 budget. Roll call vote: Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion Carried.
7. Salary Resolution

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Golden Township resolves:

SECTION 1. This resolution shall be known as the Golden Township 2009 General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 2. Public Hearing on the Budget-pursuant to MCLA141.412 and .413, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on March 5, 2009 and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on March 10, 2009.

SECTION 3. The Golden Township Board adopts the 2009-2010 fiscal year budgets for the various funds by department.

SECTION 4. The Golden Township Board shall cause to be levied and collected the general property tax on all real and personal property within the Township upon the current tax roll and allocated mileage of 1.2 mill township operations; and voter authorized millage of 1.98 mills for road maintenance and repair.

SECTION 5. All claims against the Township shall be approved by the Golden Township Board prior to being paid, prepayment will be allowed for Card Member Services, Larsons, and Consumers Energy.

SECTION 6. Included in the budget are the following amounts of the salary, hourly and per diem rates for the officials and employees of the Township:

Per Diem-PC and ZBA-\$50 and Chair \$60; Trustees-\$125.

Supervisor-\$11,033

Clerk-\$16,068

Deputy Clerk-\$11.00 per hour

Elections-\$11.00 per hour

Treasurer-\$20,888
Deputy Treasurer-\$11.78 per hour
Zoning-\$22,400
Cemetery-\$11.33 per hour

SECTION 7. Estimated revenues and expenditures for Golden Township for the funds are:

General-\$417,255 revenue \$417,255 expense
Road-\$310,060 revenue \$310,060 expense

MOTION made by Fuehring, seconded by Ackley, to adopt the forgoing resolution and General Appropriations Act. Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Ayes: Five

Nays: Zero

Absent: Zero

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted on the 10th day of March, 2009.

Signed: _____ Donald Walsworth, Supervisor

8. Budget Approval

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to approve the 2009-2010 Budget as presented. Fuehring, Cargill, Walsworth, Ackley – yes, Wiegand-no. Motion Carried.

Road Fund Estimated Revenues: \$310,060

General Fund Estimated Revenues: \$417,255

Township Board	\$167,614	Elections	\$ 4,950
Supervisor	\$ 14,955	Buildings & Grounds	\$ 36,775
Clerk	\$ 27,728	Cemetery	\$ 26,900
Board of Review	\$ 5,000	Parks & Rec	\$ 8,000
Treasurer	\$ 40,888	Zoning	\$ 40,660
Assessor	\$ 41,000	Debt Service	\$ 2,785

Road Fund Total Appropriations: \$310,060

General Fund Total Appropriations: \$417,255

9. Approve amended MRS agreement as presented.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to amend the MRS agreement to allow part-time employees to participate and to specify that per-diem employees cannot participate. All yes, motion carried.

10. Two building use requests submitted for approval. US Census Bureau and Jeff Clark. Both were approved.

11. Boat ramp use request submitted for approval. Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to approve the use of the boat ramp by the Silver Lake Sand Dunes Area Chamber of Commerce on the fourth of July for vending. All yes, motion carried. Also recommended they submit the request to the Oceana County Road Commission.
12. Spring Clean Up Day will be May 16, 2009.
13. Estimate for weed spraying at the cemetery, Johnson Square and the Town Hall submitted for approval. Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve the \$281.25 estimate submitted by Bill Ensign. Roll call vote: Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Walsworth-yes. Motion carried.
14. Roof leaking issues presented by Fuehring. He will get estimate from Butch Gale regarding necessary repairs.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. LuAnn Mitteer commended the Board for their participation in the Heritage Route Project and the Silver Lake Corridor Project. Also requested additional information regarding spraying estimate that was approved.
2. Dick Walsworth recommended Golden Township reaffirm in writing, Golden Township's interest in the Polk Road Corridor property that will be beneficial if a Silver Lake Sewer Project is ever approved.

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to enter into Closed Session at 9:01pm regarding Harrison Road Litigation.

Meeting Adjourned 9:28pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

CLOSED SESSION
March 10, 2009
Harrison Road Litigation

Ed McNeely presented Settlement request submitted by Ms. Middlecamp regarding the road end property of Harrison Road. The following is discussion related to her nine requests:

1. Board discussed taking out "recreation" portion of this request.
2. The Road Commission will provide labor and materials for a fence along her property line down to the High Water Mark.
3. Board agreed to place a trash barrel at the top of the hill, to be emptied weekly during the summer, for a trial period of one year.
4. Board would agree to establish an ordinance for no overnight parking, if necessary, but was unwilling and unable to commit to enforcing this issue. This should be a request to the Oceana County Sheriff Office.
5. Board agreed to this request.
6. Board agreed to this request.
7. Board agreed to this request.
8. Board is legally unable to agree to this request.
9. Board agreed to allow her to pay \$1 for 33' of her property, if they are legally able to make this decision. Ed to verify this information.

Golden Township Board gave Ed McNeely the authority to make decisions for them based on the above information.

Present: Fuehring, Walsworth, Cargill, Ackley, Wiegand.