

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
APRIL 11, 2017
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by Chairman, Carl Fuehring, at 7:30 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present: Carl Fuehring, Rachel Iteen, Richard Walsworth, Gary Beggs

Board Members Absent: Connie Cargill

Also present: Mr. Draper, Zoning Administrator and 19 guests.

Minutes - Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs, to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Mr. Fuehring read a card from the deputies of the clerk and treasurer thanking the board for their very nice increase in wage.

The Deputy Treasurer read the Financial Report. The ending balance in the Fund as of March 31, 2017 was as follows: General Fund \$264,550.10; Road fund \$461,570.21; Fire Fund \$52,011.63; Park/Recreation Cash Fund \$499.13; Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes Fund \$6,383.14; Johnson Square Fund \$59,975.50. Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs the Financial Report was accepted subject to Audit. All yes, the motion carried.

Bills - Motion by ~~Mrs.~~ Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Iteen, to pay check numbers 16813 through 16851 in the general fund for the amount of \$50,304.23. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

Zoning Report: There were 25 permits so far this year.

Noise ordinance extension: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs to approve an extension of the noise ordinance until midnight on five weekends for the West Michigan Sand Drag Way: May 27, June 30-July 1, July 7 & 8, July 28-29, and September 2. All yes, the motion carried.

Lot Division - Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs to approve the Timothy Bonnell lot division, property # 64-006-680-014-00. He owns two lots and is dividing off the 225' of parcel A to sell, and adding the 145.91' to lot B on which his house sits. All yes, the motion carried. **See Attached Papers**

Park Report:

Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Campground: Mr. Bob Henry talked to the board about the **Community Spirit Day Picnic** on May 7, 2017. The DNR requires a public recognition to be conducted at the competition of a project. This will be part of the event as well as a memorial to Jeff Clark, and the Band Shell dedication. Mr. Henry requested that Golden Township share 50% of the cost for this event. Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Walsworth, to approve up to \$875.00 for the Event. Roll call vote, all yes the motion carried. Mr. Fuehring stated that if there was any problem with this motion, the funds are to come out of Mrs. Cargill's pay and to be sure his statement is put in the minutes.

Johnson Square: Dale Lathers spoke to the board. Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs to grant permission for the Johnson Square Recreation Committee to file for a Great Lakes Energy grant. Also to approve the withdrawal of funds for the project expenses as they occur upon signature of Carl Wiegand or Dale Lathers who will provide statements or receipts to Golden Township.

Fire Report: Mr. Beggs stated that changes are being make as the capital improvement fund of 20% needs to be adjusted as part of that 20% is needed for operational expense. Mr. Whelpley stated that collections from fire runs could be collected from insurance companies to help fund the fire department.

Planning Commission: Mr. Whelpley talked about sending a Dangerous Building Ordinance and Seasonal Rental Ordinance Rental ordinance to Mr. McNeely for review.

Road Report – Mr. Walsworth stated that 6-7 miles of Tar and Chip in Upper Silver Lake will be done this year and also Mr. Mark Timmer of the Oceana County Road Commission has agreed to tar & chip Polk Road from 64th to 56th.

Deer Rd. Road Work - Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the new proposal from **Wadel stabilization** for \$313,595.00 for the first mile of **Deer Road from 56th to 48th 26' wide**. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Assessor Report: Mr. Larry Byl stated that the county approved a fly over for high resolution pictures (maps) of the townships, and that a grant was received to help provide 2' segments as well.

New Business-

Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs, to approve all three Resolutions to Establish Township Officer Salaries. All yes, the motion carried. The three resolutions are condensed into one for the minutes.

Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary

This resolution can be used in the absence of an annual meeting and absent a salary commission established according to MCL 41.95(4).

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 41.95(3). Which provides that in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary of officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and

WHEREAS, the board of Golden Township deems it desirable to adjust the salary of the township Clerk to ensure that compensation for this position remains equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office (or provide other rationale for salary adjustment), now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of **April 1, 2017**, the salary for the following township offices:

Supervisor shall be Twelve thousand, eight hundred twenty-five dollars (\$12,825.00).

Treasurer shall be Twenty-four thousand, one hundred sixty dollars (\$24,160.00).

Clerk shall be Eighteen thousand, one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$18,165.00).

The foregoing resolution offered by board member _____ Mr. Walsworth

Supported by board member _____ Mr. Beggs

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted: Aye: Beggs, Walsworth, Fuehring, Iteen

Nay: None

Absent: Cargill

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Rachel Iteen, Clerk

Website: There is to be no redesign at present. Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs to have everyone share the same password. All yes, the motion carried.

Round Lake Cemetery Tree Trimming: Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mr. Beggs, to approve Perez Tree Service Bid of \$5,500.00. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Crack in Gym walls – Mr. Draper will look into this.

New Voting Equipment Resolution: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Iteen, to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase a new voting system from Dominion Voting. All yes, the motion carried.

MTA Training: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Walsworth to approve attendance by Rob Draper and Mike Cook to the MTA training on May 31 in White Cloud for introduction to Planning and Zoning. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Public discussion:

-Jane Thocher asked about tree trimming in the Mears Cemetery. Mrs. Iteen stated that trees were cut and trimmed a couple years ago. Mr. Fuehring said that Golden Township would have Perez look into it while they are at Round Lake Cemetery.

-Tim Bonnell asked about the savings per year if Deerpath was used for the website. Mrs. Iteen stated that it would be a \$100 savings per year after the initial cost for the website design was paid.

-Larry Byl spoke about ambulance service in the county and that there were problems that need to be worked out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk