

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 9, 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 May 12th meeting were presented. Corrections were made.

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the minutes from the May 12th meeting as amended. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Bob and Connie Bricker thanking the Township for organizing Clean Up Day.

Letter from Oceana Community Foundation awarding the Township \$3,300.00 to be used toward the road/trail project at Silver Lake.

TREASURER'S REPORT was given with the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$187,146.14 and ending balance of \$135,623.86. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$196,855.70 and ending balance of \$199,039.85. Motion was made by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the Treasurer's report. All yes, motion carried.

Treasurer also presented totals from Clean-Up Day. Total cost was \$3,459.80 which is lower than last year. This included the additional assistance provided from Matt Klotz bringing his tractor over to help haul large items around.

BILLS were presented for approval:

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve check numbers 13183 through 13216 totaling \$21,842.26. Roll call vote Walsworth, Cargill, Fuehring, Ackley, Wiegand. All yes. Motion carried.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

As submitted

ZONING REPORT presented by Jake Whelpley.

1. Follow up on park acquisition at Silver Lake. Gary Robinson will be going to St. Ignace to do a presentation for the DNR as requested.
2. Memorial Day was relatively quiet.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Reynolds Road Abandonment

-Presentation by David Byrne, resident who is in favor of abandoning the road. Requested the Township's approval for abandoning the road so the request can be sent on to the Road Commission for final approval. Discussion involved the fact that presently the Township would be gaining property. The possibility for having a road

through the area in the future is still open, however, the road would have to be pushed in to the present Township property. Discussion was tabled until next month. Walsworth will contact Ed McNeely and do further research on the request this month.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lupe Cruz, Director, Hart Telamon Migrant Head Start
Diane Hughes, Michigan Telamon Migrant Head Start
Presented request to use a portion of the Township Hall as a satellite building for their Migrant Head Start program. Stated they plan to work with the State government and the Federal government to research grant money to be able to rent the building. Stated they service children from 2 weeks up to 5 ½ years old. They plan to have between 20 and 30 children and would need multiple classrooms to serve them. Migrant Head Start is governed by three administrative bodies: Head Start, Day Care Licensing and Telamon. All three have strict guidelines by which they have to abide. They plan to work with the Township to help meet these guidelines. Stated they only pay for the months they occupy the building and they usually pay utilities on a prorated basis. Telamon would be willing to pay for improvements that would be required from licensing. Also stated they would be happy to work cooperatively with the Community 4-H group who currently utilizes the building. Stated they will research more details on their end and let us know when they have more information.
2. Fireworks Enforcement
Wiegand left a message with Sheriff Farber, and Cargill spoke with Sheriff Farber regarding Township concerns surrounding the 4th of July celebrations and the fire hazards along the shoreline. Farber stated residents should call any concerns in to dispatch and they would be able to efficiently address the concerns from there.
3. Refrigerator request
Dave Brunais, from Golden Wesleyan Church, presented a request to borrow or purchase the large refrigerator in the kitchen at the Town Hall. They plan to use the refrigerator for the food pantry they have at the church. After discussion, Board was happy to donate the refrigerator to the church food pantry. Dave Brunais will work on picking up the refrigerator.
4. Hart Rec
Wiegand stated the Township portion of Hart Area Rec has been \$10 per child for the last 20-30 years. Hart Rec will be raising the fee this year to \$15 per child.
5. Pay Rates
Wiegand requested pay raise for Deputy Clerk because she has done an exceptional job for the last 6 months, and she is the lowest paid employee in the Township.

Board stated raises in pay should be universal for all employees and done when the annual budget is created. Walsworth stated when next year's budget is created, Deputy Clerk's pay could be brought up even with Deputy Treasurer.

6. Cemetery Foundation Rates

Current charge for a foundation is \$.14 per square inch. This rate is very low for our surrounding area. Hart Cemetery charges \$.20. Board discussed bringing the rate up to the same as Hart Cemetery.

Motion by Walsworth, support by Cargill to raise the cemetery foundation charges in alignment with the Hart Cemetery. All yes. Motion carried.

7. Mears sign

"Welcome to Mears" sign looks really bad. Discussion regarding what can be done to make improvements to the sign to make it look nicer. Walsworth and Fuehring to recruit volunteers to make improvements to the sign.

8. Beach Stairs – Matthew and Jean Costigan

Thanked the Board for their efforts in retaining the beach property at the end of Harrison Road. Requested the Board's help in writing a State Grant to build some stairs down to the beach. Also requested the Township set up a fund so interested residents could donate money toward the beach stairs project. Matthew and Jean would like to start the fund by donating \$1,000.00. Cargill to set up an escrow fund through the Township for residents to donate to. Matthew and Jean to begin to researching actual cost of project. Wiegand and Cargill to research Township files for estimate that was done previously.

9. Schedule Truth and Taxation Meeting

Board discussed scheduling the meeting for Tuesday, July 14th at 7:15 pm.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to schedule the Truth and Taxation meeting for Tuesday, July 14th at 7:15 pm at the Golden Township Hall. All yes, motion carried.

10. Heating estimates

Jake presented heating estimates from Tanner regarding different possibilities for heating the Township Hall. Board will continue to research this giving consideration to current and potential users/renters from the community.

1. Resident requested information regarding additional zoning enforcement and the possibility of hiring additional staff for this. Suggested paying a person per diem to take some of the zoning calls. Fuehring stated he had spoken with Ted Ferwerda and he told him there are local funds available to match Township funds to help enforce these ordinances. Jake to research this issue further.

Meeting adjourned 9:06pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk