

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
July 8, 2014
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by the Chairman, Don Walsworth, at 7:32 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall.

Board present: Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Kevin Ackley, Don Walsworth, Carl Fuehring.
Also present: Jake Whelpley, Zoning Administrator and 32 guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Mr. Fuehring supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the minutes with corrections of last month's regular board meeting. Corrections: Malcolm Pete *Wood* Memorial Fund, and Mr. Whelpley, *along with the other members of the committee of the Oceana County Planning commission*, submitted a grant application... All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence: 1. Annette Troupe complaining that the junk ordinance in Golden Township is not enforced. (Junk ordinance does not exist) 2. Robert Bricker concerning cemetery care; 3. Bill DeJong concerning Silver Lake Road and bike path striping; 4. Gary Bell concerning the Golden Township Park at Lake Michigan (Channel), wanting the water channeling across the beach to be diverted so that there is a beach again.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Report. The ending balance in the General Fund as of June30, 2014 was \$211,380.81, and the ending balance for the Road fund was \$405,401.02.

Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, the Financial Report was accepted subject to Audit.
Motion by Mr. Ackley, supported by Mr. Fuehring, check numbers 15516 through 15551 and EFT payment 50 approved, Roll call vote, all yes.

Zoning Report: 11 zoning permits were issued. Two violations: camping at the end of a road, and selling of fireworks without being zoned for retail. Mr. Whelpley interviewed Rob Draper for Assistant Zoning Administrator.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Ackley to appoint Rob Draper as Assistant Zoning Administrator. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring to approve the Gary Wendt land division parent parcel #64-006-012-200-14 dividing 10 acres into an 8 and 2 acres parcel. All yes, the motion carried.

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GOLDEN TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION
FEDERAL POVERTY INCOME STANDARDS FOR 2014 ASSESSMENTS

The following are the federal poverty income standards which the United States Office of Management and Budget recommends that federal departments and agencies use. The standards are actually compiled and published by the Bureau of the Census which refers to them as "poverty thresholds." The governing body of the local assessing unit has the option of considering the age of the resident(s)

when establishing their guidelines. This provision applies only when one or two persons reside in the homestead, because there are no age-related thresholds for three or more persons in the homestead.

The following are the federal poverty income standards as of November 4, 2013, for use in setting poverty exemption guidelines for 2014 assessments.

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines
1	\$11,490
2	\$15,510
3	\$19,530
4	\$23,550
5	\$27,570
6	\$31,590
7	\$35,610
8	\$39,630
For each additional person, add:	\$4,020

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the township board; and

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the supervisor and board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under Public Act 390, 1994 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390, 1994 Golden Township, Oceana County adopts the following guidelines for the supervisor and board of review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year; To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the supervisor or board of review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.
- 5) Meet the federal poverty income standards as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget.
- 6) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but before the day prior to the last day of board of review.
- 7) Any additional eligibility requirements as determined by the township board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the board of review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the board of review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these are communicated in writing to the claimant. The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Ackley and supported by Board Member Fuehring. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

I, Rachel Iteen, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Golden Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board of said township at the regular meeting of said board held on July 8, 2014, at which meeting a quorum was present of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Clerk

The Gale Forner Zoning permit was discussed. Neighbors with objections may take them to the Zoning Board of Appeals or to the Circuit Court as the Golden Township Board has no jurisdiction over the matter.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Ackley to adopt the legally enforceable flood plain management measures in accordance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Section 60.3. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Fuehring to hire Matt Klotz to remove Golden Township's old playground equipment. All yes, the motion carried.

Public comments: Sharon Hedinger wanted meetings to be held during the summer when the majority of residents are here. An inquiry into the Silver Lake water study was directed to Friends of Silver Lake.org where the study can be viewed. Ray Hasil from the 911 call center located at 9160 N. Oceana Dr., Pentwater, MI spoke about the August primary millage to recover the declining funds resulting from people disconnecting their phone land lines and switching from monthly cell phone bills to prepaid plans. 911 phone number is 869-7911.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk