

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2007
7:30 P.M. GOLDEN TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting called to order at 7:28 P.M. Members present: Carl Fuehring, Kevin Ackley, Connie Cargill, and Laurie Kolosci. Don Walsworth absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the November 13, 2007 meeting were read

Motion was made by Cargill, support by Kolosci to accept the minutes with correction. All yes, motion carried.

Correspondence was presented from The Starting Block, a company that provides resources for those trying to start their own businesses, asking for donations. It was determined that this was not a legal expenditure for the Township.

The Treasurers report was given with the balances as follows: \$29,838.57 in General Fund, and \$237.25 in Road Fund. Connie Cargill presented budget versus actual expenditure information for the Board's review. Budget needs to be adjusted so that it balances. We need to add \$110,500.00 to other income, \$73218.00 in CD proceeds, \$28,282.00 to fund balance and a capital outlay of \$212,000.00 for township hall.

Motion was made by Cargill, support by Kolosci to adjust budget by adding \$110,500.00 to other income, \$73,218.00 in CD proceeds, \$28,282.00 to fund balance and a capital outlay of \$212,000.00 for Township Hall. Roll call vote Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill, and Kolosci all yes, motion carried. Don Walsworth absent.

Bills were presented for approval:

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to approve check numbers 12403 through 12435 totaling \$22,755.82. Roll call vote Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill, Kolosci all yes, motion carried. Don Walsworth absent.

Zoning report was given by Jake Whelpley. There were 5 permits issued this month. The Planning Commission meeting was canceled in November due to member illness. Laurie and Helen from the Planning Commission will set up a work session later this month to address the zoning issues to be amended. Proposed amendments have been posted on the website and the Planning Commission minutes are now up to date on website.

Jake Whelpley presented data he had collected regarding the Townships participation in a fire Insurance withholding program. The first step is to get the Township on the participation list. Connie suggested we pass a resolution to allow the Township to withhold insurance money in an escrow account on burned out properties until they are cleaned up and to place the Township on the list for the Insurance companies. The Planning Commission will be looking into either a blight and junk ordinance or incorporating the two into the existing Zoning Ordinance.

TOWNSHIP OF GOLDEN
OCEANA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, the provisions of Act 495 of the Public Acts of 1980; as amended by Act 216 of the Public Acts of 1998, and the provisions of Act 217 of the Public Acts of 1998, provide that a portion of certain casualty losses for fire or explosion otherwise payable by insurers may be withheld in escrow by participating municipalities in order to secure repair, replacement or removal of damaged structures which violate the Township of Golden health or safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Golden has determined that participation in said program would protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare and wishes to be included in the list of participating municipalities published by the Commissioner of Insurance; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Golden desires to implement all procedures necessary to administer said program by designating the Township official responsible for administration of the program and establish an escrow account for said purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Township of Golden does hereby become a participating municipality in the program providing for the escrow of fire insurance as established by Act 495 of the Public Acts of 1980; as amended by Act 216 of the Public Acts of 1998, or as established by Act 217 of the Public Acts of 1998, and does declare its intention to uniformly apply the provisions of Section 2845 or Section 2227 to all property with the Township of Golden.
2. That the Township of Golden official responsible for the administration of Section 2845 or 2227 of said Acts and any rules promulgated by the Commissioner of Financial and Insurance Services is hereby designated as follows:

Jake Whelpley, Zoning Administrator
3. That the Township of Golden, official, Connie Cargill shall establish an escrow account with the West Shore Bank for the purpose of receiving and holding deposits of money received from insurers pursuant to Section 2845 or 2227 of said Acts, which account shall be separately maintained from all other accounts and may be an interest bearing account.

Connie Cargill, Township Treasurer Jake Whelpley, Zoning Administrator

Motion by Kevin Ackley, and seconded by Connie Cargill
Ayes Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill, and Kolosci. Nays 0. Don Walsworth absent.
Resolution declared adopted this 11th day of December, 2007

Connie Cargill reported that she had spoken to Honeywell about the boiler software at the school building. They provided an estimate of \$4500.00 the 1st year and \$3500.00 each year thereafter to monitor the heating system and maintain the boiler. Carl spoke to Tanner's Heating and they felt that for approximately \$200.00 per thermostat, the computerized ones could be removed and manual thermostats could be installed to bypass the computer altogether. Call Honeywell and see if they wish to buy back the existing thermostats to help offset the cost of replacement

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to have Tanner's give bid to remove existing thermostats and replace with manual thermostats. Approval to accept said bid up to \$1000.00. Roll call vote Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill and Kolosci all yes, motion carried. Don Walsworth absent.

Connie reported that in the original bid for carpeting of the school building the Assessors office was mistakenly omitted from the \$5800.00 bid. The company, Great Lakes Furniture says it will honor original bid of \$5800.00 if we will accept a lower, but still good grade of carpet. This was decided to be acceptable.

Laurie contacted Northwood Signs about repainting the existing sign at the school building to reflect the change of ownership. She received an estimate of \$489.00 to totally strip the sign, re-letter it and repaint it to our specifications if we take the sign to them. This issue was tabled until we know more accurately when we will be occupying the new building.

Chairs for the office were eliminated from bid for furniture at the new building as it was felt they were too expensive from Great Lakes and could be found for \$49.00 to \$129.00. Connie and Laurie will look into getting office chairs for the office with a price of not more than \$600 total for the six chairs. The side chairs and chairs for the meeting rooms will be tabled until after the move when we know better what we need.

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to purchase desk chairs for the offices with a cost not to exceed \$600.00 for the six chairs. Roll call vote Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill and Kolosci all yes, motion carried. Don Walsworth absent.

The tree project for 56th Ave. was tabled until next year when we should know more of what the Oceana County Road Commission is doing about the road.

Connie reported that software was available from BS&A Software that would make township accounting much easier as it is designed for townships. The support for this software is also much better than with Quickbooks, which is the current software used. Quickbooks would have to be updated at the end of the year and each year thereafter to continue using it for payroll. The cost of the software is \$3128.33 for the first year, \$4578.33 for the 2nd and \$4578.33 for the 3rd year. On going support will be \$1450.00. This payment plan is interest free for three years.

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve the purchase of BS&A software for a cost of \$3128.33 the first year, \$4578.33 for the second and third year. On going support will be \$1450.00. Roll call vote Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill and Kolosci all yes, motion carried. Don Walsworth absent.

Connie asked that the board approve early payment of the Larson's bill so that the Township could take advantage of the discount offered if the bill is paid by the 10th of the month.

Motion by Ackley, support by Kolosci to pay Larson's bill upon receipt with formal approval at the next regular meeting, all yes, motion carried.

Oceana County Historical Society presented the Township with a Purchase Agreement for the existing

Motion by Cargill, support by Kolosci to accept the Purchase Agreement between the Oceana County Historical Society and Golden Township for the purchase of the existing Township Hall for \$1., with closing to occur within 30 days of signing and possession of building by Oceana County Historical Society to occur 60 days from date of closing. All yes, motion carried.

Appointment of Election Inspectors for the January 15th, 2007 primary.

Motion by Kolosci, support by Cargill to appoint Mindy Whitney, Brenda Draper, Rachel Iteen, Jo VanderWeele and Kathy Carlson. All yes motion carried.

Public input was asked for by Carl Fuehring. Chuck Mason from Cornerstone Community Church asked about using the gym at the school for programs with kids for times such as Christmas break and summer when kids were out of school and parents must work. This would be collaboration between several area churches and they would provide volunteers to man the gym, etc. They also are looking into the ATLAS outreach program at a later date and possibly renting space at the school for this purpose. The Board feels they need some work sessions to address the issues of gym/facility use. They will schedule a work session and get these issues addressed.

Motion by Kolosci, support by Cargill to adjourn meeting at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Laurie Kolosci
Golden Township Clerk