

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
OCTOBER 10, 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, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Richard Walsworth, Gary Beggs.  
Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; and 19 guests.

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

Correspondence:

Shawn Liebert – Wants confirmation that 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be maintained  
OCRC – Response to Ms. Liebert concerning 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Nancy and Bing Cornett – Short term rental  
Dunning Sanger – Sewer & Silver Lake concerns  
Sue Hendrie – Proposed Sewer plans

**The Treasurer read the Financial Report.** The ending balance in the Fund as of September 30, 2017 was as follows: General Fund \$230,337.30; Road fund \$1,948.64; Fire Fund \$4,584.70; Park/Recreation Cash Fund \$20,015.90.

**Bills** - Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to pay check numbers 17049 through 17122 and EFT 91&92 in the general fund for the amount of \$99,068.54. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

**Zoning Report:** There were 87 permits so far this year.

**Patricia Driscoll:** Zoning Administrator asked for written letter on what she wants changed in the Ordinance.

**Old Morats Bakery:** Should be re-opening with new owners in a few months.

**Park Reports:**

**Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes:** Mrs. Cargill mentioned she is preparing grants.

**Fire Report:** none

**Planning Commission:** In Planning Commission's September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, they passed Mr. Wadel's request to develop his property. Also, approved Mr. Beggs request to expand the Mears Service Center. They formed a committee to look at Fines & Penalties and asked for Township Board input.

**Road Report:** none

**Assessor Report:** none  
Old Business- None

New Business:

**Sheriff Craig Mast:** Passed out a list of complaints with breakdown of Townships. Currently have 51 inmates (66 is max). Talked about a grant they are working on for next year. Discussed their new K9 (Kruger).

**Meeting Compensation:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs. Mr. Walsworth and Mr. Beggs requesting payment for attending meetings: \$100/day or \$50/half-day. Roll call vote, all yes, motion carried.

**Sewer Resolution:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs, to pass a Resolution to add sewer system in Golden Township. All yes, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION OF DECLARATION OF INTENTION TO CONSTRUCT AND/OR TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SILVER LAKE SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM.**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board (the "Board") of the Township of Golden, Michigan (the "Township"), held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

PRESENT: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Gary Beggs, Richard Walsworth

ABSENT: None

WHEREAS, the Silver Lake area has experienced significant development over the past 70 years including home and cottage construction, campground, hotel and business expansion, and operation of one of the busiest state parks in Michigan.

WHEREAS, Silver Lake itself has experience significant degradation of water quality.

WHEREAS, numerous studies have been conducted over the prior forty years to assess the extent of the degradation of Silver Lake's water quality, and to try to determine the causes therefore. One of those studies was recently done by the U.S. Geological Survey Unit and Grand Valley State University.

WHEREAS, the USGS/GVU Study mentioned-above concluded that a sanitary sewer system would relieve much of the nutrient loading currently burdening Silver Lake.

WHEREAS, the Township Board for the Township of Golden considers construction of a sewage collection and treatment system to be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Golden Township as well as of the public which visits Silver Lake.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Cargill, and seconded by Mr. Beggs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Golden, Oceana County, Michigan, as follows:

The Board hereby declares its intention to acquire and/or construct sanitary sewer improvements and facilities in the Township in and around Silver Lake as outlined in Phase 1 of the Proposed Service Areas attached hereto.

1. The aforesaid map of the Proposed Service Area, and Phase 1, shall be filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination.
2. The aforesaid improvements and/or construction shall be known as the Silver Lake Sanitary Sewer Collection and Treatment Construction and Improvement and the special assessment district therefor shall be known as the Silver Lake Sanitary Sewer Construction and Improvement Special Assessment District.
3. The Board further declares its intention to specifically delineate the boundaries of said District and the parcels of property contained therein, to estimate the costs of construction of such a sanitary sewage collection and treatment system, to consider the assessment of such costs to the special assessment district, and to hold a hearing or hearings to receive public input regarding the same.

YEAS: Fuehring, Cargill, Iteen, Beggs, Walsworth

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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I, Rachel Iteen, Golden Township Clerk, hereby certify that this administrative Golden Township Resolution was approved by a regular meeting of the Golden Township Board on October 10, 2017.

/s/\_\_\_\_\_

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk

**Parking Resolution:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to pass resolution: No Parking west of B15 & 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue. All yes, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION OF DECLARATION OF INTENTION TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON ANY ROAD WEST OF, AND INCLUDING, B-15/34<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board (the "Board") of the Township of Golden, Michigan (the "Township"), held on Tuesday October 10, 2017.

PRESENT: Fuehring, Cargill, Iteen, Beggs, Walsworth

ABSENT: None

WHEREAS, the Township has experienced significant problems with traffic and parking in the Township west of, and including, B-15/34<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township, as well as that of the visiting public, would be well served and protected by an ordinance prohibiting parking on Township Roads west of, and including, B-15/34<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The following resolution was offered by Walsworth, and seconded by Cargill.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Golden, Oceana County, Michigan, as follows:

1. The Board hereby declares its intention to pass an ordinance prohibiting parking on any Township road west of, and including, B-15/34<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  2. The Board hereby authorizes communication with the appropriate personnel at the Oceana County Road Commission to facilitate such prohibition through, among other things, placement of signage.
- YEAS: Fuehring, Cargill, Iteen, Beggs, Walsworth

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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I, Rachel Iteen, Golden Township Clerk, hereby certify that this administrative Golden Township Resolution was approved by a regular meeting of the Golden Township Board on October 10, 2017.

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Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk

**Cemetery Worker:** Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs to hire temporary, part-time worker to trim bushes, locate cemetery markers, etc. All yes, motion carried.

**Round Lake Cemetery:** Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mr. Walsworth to hire someone to remove flag pole. Also, to allow Lance VanSickle to repair broken and tipping monuments. Mrs. Iteen mentioned we could use “perpetual care” money. Roll call vote, all yes, motion carried.

**Township Building Rental:** Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs to temporarily rent a portion of the Township to Mr. Cihak. Mrs. Cargill will construct a lease. All yes, motion carried.

**Road Sign:** Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mr. Beggs to approve paying for a requested sign which will be located on corner of Leisure & N. Harbor Street: “Dead End, No Dune Access”. Roll call vote, all yes, motion carried.

**Public discussion:**

-John Bumstead put in bid for Senate Seat.

-Mike Cook asked for Verizon tower update. Mr. Draper said it has been mowed and flags added to property.

-Deb Borst asked if Sewer Resolution would be moving in ‘stages’, Board said yes. She thinks Meeting Reimbursement is a good idea.

-Bob Carr from Road Commission spoke to say he was present; Mr. Walsworth told him that Mr. Timmer is “breath of fresh air”.

-Chris VanAntwerp asked for further explanation of sewer resolution.

-Don Tucker questioned what the next step in sewer research would be. Mrs. Cargill responded: Search grant.

**Mrs. Cargill** read letter from Road Commission inviting Elected Officials to 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner on November 9, 2017 at Double JJ Ranch.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Brenda Draper  
Golden Township Deputy Clerk