

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2007
7:30 P.M. GOLDEN TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting called to order at 7:33 P.M. Members present: Don Walsworth, Kevin Ackley, Connie Cargill, Carl Fuehring, and Laurie Kolosci.

Pledge of Allegiance said.

Minutes from the September 11, 2007 meeting and from October 1, 2007 special meeting were read. Connie asked for a clarification on which Housing Commission ordinance that was passed. Minutes were changed to reflect this clarification.

Motion was made by Fuehring and supported by Cargill to accept the minutes as revised. Vote: All yes motion approved.

Connie Cargill explained that \$57,750 was put into road fund. CD of \$71,318.19 had come due, so it was put into the General Fund to be ready for the purchase of the Golden School. A Profit and Loss Statement was given so that a comparison could be made of where we are compared to the budget.

Treasurers report was given with the balances as follows: \$269,273.57 in General Fund and \$195.80 in Road Fund.

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the Treasurer's Report, all yes, motion carried.

A Planning Commission report was given by Carl Fuehring. Fuehring and Cargill attended the County Summit held October 6, 2007. They had a good discussion regarding the need for a Silver Lake Sewer System. The representatives present felt this was an important issue for the County to get started moving on. Connie is to contact two representatives of Hart, Juanita from Pentwater, and Commissioners who were present at the Summit in regards to a meeting to discuss this issue in more detail.

A seasonal road issue was discussed at length. The homeowners want the road changed from seasonal to non seasonal. Carl Fuehring reported that he spoke to someone at the Oceana County Road Commission and he said that in order for the road designation to be changed to non seasonal, it needs to be widened to at least 18 feet wide and have at least a pressed gravel surface. The Road Commission does not have the money to do that at this time. The homeowner says that he can't get garbage pickup or mail delivery because the road is too narrow and isn't plowed in the winter. He states that emergency vehicles can not get down the road either. Homeowner has approached the Road Commission and told that he needed to start with the Golden Township Board. The discussion was tabled to be looked into in more detail later.

Walsworth spoke to John Frost at the OCRC. They will be laying people off before the winter season starts. This means that road plowing will be slower than normal. Their first priority is the freeway, then primary roads such as Polk Rd. and then secondary roads. This will require at least one additional day to clear all roads.

Various Board members were up for re-election at this time.

For the Planning Commission: Carl Fuehring, Steve Marciniak, and Gail Shulte were up for reelection.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Ackley to accept the re-election of Carl Fuehring, Steve Marciniak, and Gail Shulte to the Planning Commission. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

For the Zoning Board of Appeals: Ted Hosner and Robert Veltman were up for re-election.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Ackley to accept the re-election of Ted Hosner and Robert Veltman to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

For Board of Review: Helen Lefler, William Ensign, and Gary Dunham were up for re-election.

Motion by Kolosci, Support by Cargill to accept the re-election of Helen Lefler, William Ensign, and Gary Dunham to the Board of Review. Vote: all yes, motion carried.

Local input was asked for by Supervisor Walsworth.

It was asked if a "Local Traffic Only" sign could be put up on Harbor St. at Leisure St. Motel traffic uses the road a lot for turning around. It was decided that the Board would talk to the OCRC to see what the rules are regarding this.

It was asked what is happening with the Zoning changes discussed earlier. These changes have been tabled due to the fact the Mr. Whelpley is on vacation. They will be discussed when he returns.

The question was asked if we have ever considered becoming a charter township or incorporating. Mr. Walsworth stated that we didn't have the population numbers to be a charter township. Laurie Kolosci will look into what would be needed to become incorporated.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to adjourn meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Laurie Kolosci
Golden Township Clerk