

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8TH, 2005

The regular monthly meeting of the Golden Township board was called to order by Chairman Walsworth at 7:30 p.m.. Members present Walsworth, Cargill, Ackley, Fuehring and Kolosci. Community members present 19. The pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Cargill to approve the October 11th, 2005 minutes, all yes motion carried.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Fuehring to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on October 21st, 2005 all yes motion carried.

Kolosci told of the F.O.I.A. request received for information on Harrison rd.

Motion by Ackley, Support by Fuehring to approve the treasurers report all yes motion carried.

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve the monthly bills. Check numbers 11378-11413, totaling \$14,280.62. Roll call vote, Ackley, Fuehring, Walsworth, Cargill, Kolosci all yes, motion carried.

Zoning administrator Jake Whelpley reported a total of 9 permits this month. He also told of how the County Board of Commissioners was investigating farmland preservation. Whelpley also stated that the Lyons club will repair the damage done to the Johnson Square gazebo, since they were the ones who built it, they would like to help maintain it. Mike Blackmer will repair the broken light post that was also damaged.

Discussion on the removal of the cement street light bases along the downtown sidewalk. Blackmer will disconnect the wiring so that they can be removed. Fuehring will see about the removal.

The snow plowing contract with Hallack was discussed, it was said that we should also have them plow the sidewalk in downtown Mears.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve the Hallack snow plowing contract in the amount of \$22.00 for the Township Hall lot, \$30.00 for the public parking lot (and the sidewalk.) Roll call vote, Walsworth, Kolosci, Cargill, Ackley, Fuehring all yes motion carried.

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MTA conference this year is January 24th-27th in Grand Rapids.

Motion by Walsworth, support by Fuehring to approve Cargill and Kolosci to attend the MTA annual conference 1/24/06-1/27/06 in Grand Rapids, cost per person \$374.00 & meals. Roll call vote Ackley, Fuehring, Walsworth, Cargill, Kolosci all yes motion carried.

The Planning and Zoning workshop is to be held 11/30/05 at MCC, cost \$33.00 per person.

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to approve any member of the Township board and Planning commission who would like to attend at the cost of \$33.00 per person. Roll Call vote, Kolosci, Walsworth, Cargill, Ackley, Fuehring all yes motion carried.

Zoning library reference C.D. was discussed; Whelpley felt that it would be very helpful to be able to see how other area dealt with the different situations that may arise.

Motion by Kolosci, support by Cargill to approve the purchase of a Zoning library C.D. purchase cost \$197.00. Roll Call vote Cargill, Kolosci, Walsworth & Ackley yes, Fuehring no. approved.

The Planning commission secretarial duties were discussed, it was said that we had hired Jeanette LeBlanc to take the minutes and that the chairman had to correct them before distribution. LeBlanc had stated to the clerk that she would rather do the minutes verbatim. It was decided that the minutes should be verbatim and sent to the clerk who would in turn make copies for the Planning Commission and have them ready and waiting for the chairman, so that they may be approved at the next meeting.

Fuehring stated that he thought that the Zoning administrator should have a new computer, the current computer is the treasurer's old computer and is not very reliable. It was said that the treasurer would purchase a new computer and the present computer would be handed down to the Zoning administrator because the tax program is a large program, even though the present computer is newer its capacity is moderate to low.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to purchase a new computer not to exceed \$2000.00. Roll call vote, Fuehring, Kolosci, Walsworth, Ackley & Cargill all yes motion carried.

The alternate zoning administrator Brad Whitney was discussed it was said that he shall be paid \$50.00 for each permit issued.

Motion by Cargill, support by Kolosci that the alternate zoning administrators pay shall be paid \$50.00 for each permit issued. All yes motion carried.

During public input Keith Adams stated that he had heard Towne and Country cable, which have a new franchise with Golden Township, are being blamed for the poor service given by North Star/Lite Wave cable company. He asked if we could include the correct information in the next new letter. Cargill stated that there would not be a

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newsletter with the winter bills, due to the cost but, that she would include the information in the summer newsletter. Kolosci said she would have the information placed on the website. He also stated that the reception is no better than it was. When Mr. Adams calls the cable co. to turn in the problems, it does not help, the reception is still terrible on a lot of the channels.

Dawn Deel asked if anything was done on the WPG Moratorium. Kolosci stated that she had read it in the minutes but nothing formal had been received from the Planning Commission. Fuehring stated that he thought that she was probably waiting for the zoning administrator to return from vacation.

The synopsis of minutes that the board, by law must publish in a local paper was discussed. Kolosci said that only those items the board takes action on are published, but that the cost is still very high. Kolosci said that she would investigate cheaper ways of accomplishing the task.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to adjourn the meeting, all yes motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Laurie Kolosci
Golden Township Clerk