

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP  
December 6, 2016  
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, Gary Beggs, Richard Walsworth.  
Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; and 8 guests.

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

Correspondence:

General Election, November 8, 2016, Certificate of Election (four year term) for each board member.

**The Treasurer read the Financial Report.** The ending balance in the Fund as of November 30, 2016 was as follows: General Fund \$159,004.35; Road fund \$164,775.34; Fire Fund \$2,118.59; Capital Project Fund \$18,840.98; General Park/Recreation Fund \$2,229.99; Silver Lake Park \$0.14; Johnson Square \$55,165.50; Silver Lake Corridore Construction Fund \$5,335.94.

Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs, to approve **budget amendments** to adjust accounts, all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Iteen, the **Financial Report** was accepted subject to Audit.  
Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Iteen, to pay check numbers 16662 through 16701 in the general fund for the amount of \$133,723.13. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

**Zoning Report:** There were 2 permits for the month of November with a total of 75 for the year.

**Park Report:** The Grant Project at the Golden Township Park at Silver Lake Sand Dunes is completed.

**Fire Report:** Gary Beggs stated that the search for a **new fire chief** has been narrowed from four to two with one of the remaining nominees being a woman.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Walsworth, to purchase a **new flag pole for the Round Lake Cemetery.** All yes, the motion carried.

New Business-

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mrs. Iteen, to appoint to the **Board of Review** for a two year term the following people: Ron Thatcher, Helen Lefler, Gary Gray, Todd Brandel, Sean Carey, Brian Wernstrom, and Monica Owens. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve **the Interstate Glass of Ludington bid to repair of exterior doors** with new sweeps, threshold door stops, and new door stop seals for a total of \$654.26. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

**Amended minutes are in Italics:**

***Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund Discussion** – Mrs. Cargill contacted the MTA about perpetual care funds which were originally set up for private cemeteries. Golden Township would like to stop the perpetual care fund and put these monies into the general fund for cemetery use. Mrs. Cargill will get further direction from the MTA concerning this change.*

Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve **the conversion of 15 street lights from Mercury Vapor Cobrahead Fixtures to LED**. These are the only conversions we want to complete at this time. Roll call vote all yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Walsworth, to approve the **Zoning Ordinance Amendment**, section 4.33(6), "**Parking of a recreational vehicle in the front setback area** in zoning districts resort residential (**RR**) and single family residential (**R1**) is prohibited. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs, to **confirm the appointment of Richard Walsworth** to represent Golden Township Board on the **Planning Commission** replacing board member Carl Fuehring now ineligible as Supervisor. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to appoint for two years to the **Road Committee** the following people: Richard Walsworth, Dwight Fuehring, and Mark Rippee. All yes, the motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Iteen, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve a **gift certificate for Erik Johnson** for his decorating work on the village of Mears. He does such a nice job and Golden Township has received many compliments on how nice it looks. All yes, the motion carried.

**Public discussion:**

-Debbie Borst stated that she would like the road committee to take time for public input before the final decision is made on what roads will be done for that year.

-Mark Borst asked why some things are not in the minutes. Mrs. Iteen stated that only the motions have to be in the minutes.

-Mr. Walsworth stated that Great Lakes Electrical Co-op will be refunding approximately 10 million dollars to its clients.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen  
Golden Township Clerk