

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 8, 2009
7:30 pm Golden Township Hall

Meeting Called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:33 pm. Present: Fuehring, Cargill, Wiegand, Walsworth, Ackley.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

MINUTES from the November 10th meeting were read by Wiegand.

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the minutes from the November 10th meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Cargill mentioned that she still believed this meeting room should eventually be the Assessor's Office.

MINUTES from Work Session re: Heat on November 30, 2009 also read by Wiegand.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$127,107.11 on November 1st, ending balance on November 30, 2009 of \$98,437.14. Cargill noted that \$100,000 of this is designated to the School Property Purchase. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$6,906.05 on November 1st, 2009 and ending balance of \$6,669.13 on November 30, 2009.

Motion was made by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the Treasurer's report. All yes, motion carried.

BILLS were presented for approval:

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve check numbers 13410 through 13444 totaling \$33,951.57. Roll call vote Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes, Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT: Report from Jake Whelpley.

1. Wrote 4 permits this month.
2. Taking lots of phone calls regarding future building projects.
3. DNR Park grant was not approved. Presently considering applying for funding through the same source next year.
4. Breakaway Bay PUD follow-up

ASSESSOR'S REPORT
As submitted

OLD BUSINESS

1. Business parking at Whistle Station
 - Walsworth discussed parking options with Leo.
 - Leo stated he would have room for 4 vehicles if they were parallel parked.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Library Contract
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve the Library Contract for 2010 as submitted for \$15,000. Roll Call vote: Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.
2. Notice of Intent
 - Cargill read Notice of Intent to apply for a loan. Cargill explained that it is necessary to publicize that the Township is applying for a loan. Also explained that the loan would be used for the sewer project at Silver Lake, however, the sewer project will only go forward with the help of Grant money. If there is no grant money available, the loan would not be necessary.

Notice of Intent Published 12/17/2009:

Golden Township intends to apply for a grant/loan from the US Department of Agriculture, rural Development Utilities Program (RDUP).

Golden Township is located at 5527 West Fox Road, Mears, Michigan, Oceana County, and may be contacted at 231-874-4413; or info@goldentownship.org.

If this grant and loan are received Golden Township intends to construct a public sewer system. Phase I of the sewer system will consist of servicing mainly the central business district of Silver Lake.

Golden Township has received several studies that have indicated the quality of Silver Lake is being degraded by the lack of proper septic systems in this heavily populated area. Silver Lake is an extremely popular tourist destination in the summer months and is important to the economy of Golden Township and Oceana County.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to publish the Notice of Intent as submitted. All yes, motion carried.

3. Section 218 Agreement
 - Cargill explained that presently the Township does not have a Section 218 Agreement, and does not have to pay Social Security for its employees who are part of the Pension Plan. Golden Township can enter in to a Section 218 Agreement at any

time. Also explained that if the Township has the Section 218 Agreement, that all employees would have to pay in to Social Security.

-Option I: Don't sign the 218 agreement. Golden Township can do paperwork to get money from the last 3 years for employees who have been paying. Go forward with no employees paying Social Security.

-Option II: Sign the 218 Agreement. Required to do employee survey, and educate the employees about their options. If agreement is signed, all employees would pay in to Social Security.

-Wiegand commented that if we agree to initiate the Section 218 process, there will be time and paperwork involved to complete the agreement with Social Security. If we agree to stay out of Social Security, paperwork will have to be done to refund the employees who have been paying for the last three years.

-Cargill to contact Mr. Pennington from Social Security and MTA regarding more information about educating employees and getting more information.

4. Planning Commission Appointments

-Kolenda and Lefler still need to be approved for their 2008-2011 terms.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to reappoint Lefler and Kolenda for the 2008-2011 term on the Planning Commission. All yes, Motion carried.

-Wilson, Terryn and Whitney's terms are all up for reappointment this year.

-4 applications were submitted as being interested in serving on the Planning Commission as new members. Steve Prudhomme, Mike Henderson, David Roseman and Ted Hosner

-Ackley recommended talking to the current members to see if they were actually interested in continuing their terms on the Planning Commission.

-Board agreed. Plan to keep nine members on the Board, and fill three positions at the January meeting, after talking to the current members about their interest. Wiegand and Ackley to follow up with Whitney, Terryn and Wilson.

5. Dumpster at the Town Hall

-There is a problem with access to the dumpster at the cemetery during the winter which makes it difficult to get rid of garbage during the winter months. Estimates for a dumpster near the hall for the winter months would cost \$90 per dump for a 6-yard dumpster and \$55 per dump for a 4-yard dump.

-Fuehring stated he would move the dumpster from the cemetery to the Town Hall for the winter, and move it back to the cemetery in the Spring.

6. Assessor Pay

-Fuehring stated that after a discussion at the County MTA meeting with Walt Wheeler, it may not be necessary to pay her as an employee because she works for other agencies and sets her own hours.

-Cargill to contact MTA and get their opinion.

7. Land Appraisal

-DNR Grant for park property at Silver Lake was denied, despite the fact that our grant scored in the top eight requests. Committee members have been told that one of the board members there believed the property was priced too high. They encouraged getting a second appraisal to help determine an accurate value for the property, and to reapply in 2010.

-Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to spend approximately \$5,000 toward an appraisal for property at Silver Lake, owned by Harvey Berens, that the Township is interested in owning with the help of a DNR Grant. Wiegand-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes. Motion carried.

-Appraisal to be completed in time to be submitted at the February 3rd State DNR meeting.

-Michigan Coastal Management Grants will become available again in 2010. Cargill researching if the Bike Trail at Upper Silver Lake would qualify, and also the steps to Lake Michigan at the end of Harrison road.

8. Ruth Ann Hackett-Mears signs

-Ruth Ann continues to research funding for the signs in Mears. She left samples of what the signs will look like. Money from the Lathers fund at the Foundation is not available for 2010, but they encouraged applying and perhaps being funded from another source there. Northwood's Signs will offer a discount until the end of February.

9. Three phase electricity

-Fuehring confirming that we do not want to pursue 3-phase electricity with Consumers Power. The Board agrees that this will not be necessary.

10. Envelopes purchase

-Cargill requesting purchasing double window envelopes at a cost of \$347.80. Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to purchase 10,000 double window envelopes at a cost of \$347.80. Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes, Fuehring-yes. Motion carried.

11. Resolution presented by Cargill regarding confirmation of special assessment roll; lien; payment and collection of Special Assessment. *

*Resolution can be viewed at the Golden Township Hall in the Resolution Book.

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to approve the Special Assessment Roll as presented. Roll call vote: Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.

12. Resolution presented by Cargill to authorize purchase of lands, property or equipment and the financing thereof by installment purchase agreement.*

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Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve the Resolution as presented. Wiegand-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Fuehring-yes, Ackley-yes.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Dick Walsworth discussed road projects for 2010. He plans to recommend fixing 56th ave. from Mears to Polk Road, instead of just doing the intersection. He will look in to how this would affect drainage. Walsworth stated there should be \$17,000 available for next year. He stated if they do not agree to the whole road, he will recommend doing just the intersection.
2. Dr. Roseman commented that the neighbors of Timberlake are very disappointed and angry with the Board's decision to approve the expansion of the campsites. Dr. Roseman promised that if his group does pursue a law suit, it will not be frivolous. Also stated that they plan to meet with owners of Timberlake to attempt to reach a mutual agreement that will satisfy both sides. If they are unable to reach an agreement, they plan to initiate the law suit process.

Meeting adjourned 8:46pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

