

**GOLDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14TH, 2006**

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 & Kolosci.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Fuehring to approve the January 10th, 2006 minutes, motion carried.

Motion by Ackley, Support by Fuehring to approve the Treasurers report, motion carried.

Cargill reported on the survey questions which the Township had mailed out with the summer taxes, there were 17 answers received, which represented 20 signers and 4 were unsigned, copy on file and placed on the Township website. Cargill also stated she would send another news letter with the up coming summer taxes.

The 2006-2007 budget was reviewed; the hourly employees are to receive a \$1.00 an hour raise, the budget is being based on the prior year's allocations.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP OFFICERS SALARY

BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to MCLA 41.95(3). In a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board.

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1st, 2006, the salaries of Golden Township board shall be as follows:

Supervisor: \$10,300.00 base salary.

Clerk: \$15,000.00 base salary

Treasurer: \$15,000.00 base salary winter tax collection
\$4,500.00 summer tax collection

Trustee's: \$125.00 per meeting.

The foregoing resolution offered by board member Fuehring.

Supported by board member Ackley.

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

WALSWORTH __Y__ CARGILL __Y__ ACKLEY __Y__ FUEHRING __Y__ KOLOSCI __Y__

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Laurie Kolosci Orig. on file, Clerk

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Cargill, to set the Public Hearing for the Budget on March 14th, 2006 at 7:15pm. All yes motion carried.

The write off of old personal property taxes was discussed dating from 1979 to 2000 some of the businesses are no longer in business or are gone from our Township. The original amount of the write off is \$2733.16, with penalty the total is \$7,192.66.

Presentation of the bills

Motion by Ackley, Support by Fuehring, to approve check numbers 11491-11535 and Journal entry 43 totaling \$21,899.25. Roll call vote, Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill, Walsworth & Kolosci all yes, motion carried.

Zoning administrator Jake Whelpley reported that he had spoke with Ed McNeely concerning the enforcement of the County Junk Ordinance, McNeely has made contact with Brad Lambrix from the Prosecuting attorney concerning the issue.

A workshop for the Planning Commission is set for Wednesday February 15th, 2006 concerning the Wind Power Generator portion of the Zoning Ordinance.

The purchase of Development Rights was discussed and it still looks as though it will be a County wide situation where each Township will have to either adopt the Co. PDR or opt out.

Larry Byl from the Oceana County board of Commissioner was in attendance, he spoke of the PDR Ordinance and also explained that there is going to be a Housing Commission formed in Oceana. Mr. Byl stated that the new commission would be under the control of the County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Byl also gave the board a copy of many of the Counties 2005 annual reports from the different departments.(on file).

A letter received from Towne and Country Cable concerning rural broadband initiative was discussed. Towne and Country ask that the Township sign a certification letter stating that Golden Township is an underserved community concerning broadband internet access.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Ackley to approve signing a certification letter stating that Golden Township is an Underserved Broadband community.
Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill & Kolosci yes, Walsworth abstained from the vote.

Right of Way maps showing the C&O railroad grade were discussed. The maps would help to determine ownership & property lines, which the assessor has had issues with for sometime. Chairman Walsworth thought that the persons with the issues could possibly be asked to share in the cost of each plate, which are \$50.00 a section. There are a few alleys in the Township which persons are asked to have abandoned which is a \$500.00 fee to the Road Commission. Whelpley said that he thought it was a different process for the abandonment of alleys and will research the issue.

The Johnson Square user agreement was discussed Kolosci asked for suggestions, additions or omissions from a sample agreement which was mailed to the board members.

Mr. Hosner asked how the Lathers Memorial was proceeding. The committee Walsworth, Cargill, Phil Dressler and Dale Lathers are still gathering information and are waiting for the Lathers estate to finalize.

Brad Lambrix from the Oceana Prosecutors office spoke telling the board that Judge Urick will be retiring at the end of the Month and that he will be running for the position.

Mr.Lambrix gave information on the processing of the Junk Ordinance citations. There are 3 arrest warrants concerning Golden Township property owners Lynn Ormsby was picked up on Feb.21st. 2006 and Kevin Valentine on March 14th, Gil Lakes warrant is still outstanding as he has moved from the state. How to proceed with Mr. Lake was discussed with ideas of clean up and how to pay for it, salvage companies, bids and grants were a few of the ideas discussed. Whelpley will work closely with the County to make sure all runs smoothly.

The Big Sable Lighthouse Keepers association has signed a contract with the DNR to take over Little Point Sable Lighthouse.

Grants are being sought for the parking lot and boardwalks to the Lighthouse too.

Walsworth a member of the Lighthouse Keepers said that volunteers are needed for tours and sales at the Little Point Sable Lighthouse, and ask anyone interested to contact Mort Wiegand. Kolosci will have the Lighthouse information placed on the Township website.

Ted Beattie reported that the missing signs on Hazel rd. have been replaced.

Motion by Walsworth, Support by Kolosci to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm all yes, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Laurie Kolosci
Golden Township Clerk