

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2008
7:30 P.M. GOLDEN TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M. Members present: Don Walsworth, Carl Fuehring, Kevin Ackley, Connie Cargill, and Laurie Kolosci.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Minutes from the January 8th regular meeting and from the December 27, 2007, January 3rd and January 14th Special meeting work sessions were presented prior to meeting. The amount of the checks presented at January 8th meeting was incorrect. Check # 12447 should have been \$399.00 not \$349.00 as presented last month and check # 12462 has been voided. Total of checks approved last month is \$53825.01.

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the minutes as amended from the January 8th minutes, and to accept the minutes from the three special meetings work sessions as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Correspondence was presented from Gary Voogt regarding the Silver Lake Sewer issue. He is waiting for our okay for the next stage of the issue. Board will try to set up a meeting with other involved parties to pursue the issue further. Gary Voogt is owed initial fees for the work he has done to date. Laurie will send a letter to parties who had agreed to finance the venture to set up a meeting on March 10th about paying cost incurred to date.

A letter was also received from Paul Inglis regarding updating the Oceana County Comprehensive Plan. They need to know if there are any issues that need to be addressed at this time to ensure that we are current.

A memo was also received from the Oceana County Road Commission regarding a bill from Moore & Bruggink for engineering services on the Silver Lake Business Area project.

The Treasurer's report was given with the balances as follows: \$58,142.08 in General Fund and \$127,612.11 in Road Fund.

Motion was made by Fuehring, support by Ackley 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 12474 through 12524 totaling \$37,374.14. Roll call vote Walsworth, Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill, Kolosci all yes, motion carried.

Zoning report was given by Jake Whelpley. 3 permits were written. The meeting on January 14th between the Planning Commission and the Township Board was very productive. They will try to do that 3-4 times per year. Jake met with representative of BP Petroleum about wind turbines

in this area. It was a very good start. Jake also met with a prospective buyer of the Val-Du-Lakes campground and her attorney. She seems very positive on the purchase. At the last Planning Commission meeting they decided to work on zoning from a neighborhood perspective as opposed to one zoning rule to cover all of township. Jake is working on getting maps to help with this. Due to the resolution passed in December, 2007 as of March 1st the township will now receive up to 25% of insurance up to \$7430.00 to hold in escrow until debris from fire damage is cleaned up, anytime a house is burned.

The guidelines and application for use of the Golden Township Hall have been finalized.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley, to accept the Application for use and the guidelines as presented for the Golden Township Hall. All yes, motion carried.

Tables and chairs for the community center of the Township hall were discussed. There are already several people requesting to use the hall for dinners and we don't have tables and chairs for that area yet. This issue was tabled for further discussion.

Chairs that were purchased for the meeting room were compliments of the Bill Lathers' estate. Thank you to the Lathers family.

Jake Whelpley is working on a development agreement for the Val-Du-Lakes campground as part of their PUD. Jake feels we should wait on this to see what happens with the sale of the campground. If we send one to the current owner and the sale is completed then we would just have to do the agreement again with the new owner. If the sale isn't completed in 30 days, then we can send the agreement to the current owner.

Motion by Kolosci, support by Fuehring to send a development agreement to the current owner of Val-Du-Lakes Campground 30 days from today if pending sale is not yet completed. All yes, motion carried. Roll call vote Walsworth, Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill, Kolosci all yes, motion carried.

A request was received from the Oceana County Road Commission to place the renewal of the current road millage on the ballot for the 2008 Primary election.

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to place the renewal of current road millage of 2 mils (\$2.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) on the August 2008 Primary ballot.

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
ROAD MILLAGE RENEWAL RESOLUTION 2008

WHEREAS, The current road millage of 2 mils (\$2.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for the period of 2004-2008 inclusive for the purpose of maintaining and/or improving streets and highways within Golden Township will expire December 2008.

WHEREAS, The Golden Township board shall under Article IX, Sec 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes shall ask voters to renew the 2 mils (\$2.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) 2009 through 2014 inclusive for the purpose of maintaining and/or improving streets and highways within Golden Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Golden Township Board shall at the August 2008 Primary place on the ballot a request of renewal of the 2 mils (\$2.00 per \$1,000.00

of taxable value) 2009 through 2014 inclusive for the purpose of maintaining and/or improving streets and highways within Golden Township.

Motion by Board member Ackley Support Cargill,

Roll Call vote; Walsworth, Cargill, Ackley, Fuehring & Kolosci all yes.

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Absent 0

Laura A. Kolosci, Golden Township Clerk

Golden Sands Golf Course is requesting local approval for a Liquor License. They plan to expand to an 18 hole course, improve proshop and clubhouse, and possibly put in a bar/grill serving beer, wine, and liquor by the glass. They are currently working on a site plan to present to the Planning Commission in March.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to recommend approval of issuance of a Liquor License to the Golden Sands Golf Course. Roll call vote Walsworth, Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill, Kolosci all yes, motion carried.

RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Golden Township Board called to order by Chairman Walsworth 2/19/08 at 7:30 p.m.

The following resolution was offered:

Moved by Fuehring and supported by Cargill.

That the request from GOLDEN SANDS GOLF COURSE, LLC FOR A NEW RESORT CLASS C LICENSE ISSUED UNDER MLC 436.1531(3) TO BE LOCATED AT 2501 N. WILSON, MEARS, MI 49436, GOLDEN TOWNSHIP, OCEANA COUNTY.

Be considered for Approval.

APPROVAL
Yeas: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

DISAPPROVAL
Yeas:
Nays:
Absent:

It is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be: Recommended for issuance.

State of Michigan _____)
County of Oceana)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and adopted by the Golden Township Board at a regular meeting held on 2/19/08.

Laura A. Kolosci, Golden Township Clerk

Clean up day has been set for May 10th , 2008. The company who handles this each year doesn't wish to provide people to man the event this year, they want to simply place the dumpsters and let people come in and dump trash. Would we like to have our maintenance people do this part of the job and just have the dumpsters placed and removed by the other company. We will look into this further at a later date.

A Budget hearing date was set for March 11, 2008 at 7:15 p.m.to review the budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Motion by Kolosci, support by Fuehring to set a Budget hearing date of March 11, 2008 at 7:15 p.m. Roll Call vote; Walsworth, Cargill, Ackley, Fuehring & Kolosci all yes.

Joe Primovich and Mark Willis presented plans for use of school owned property at Morris Lake. They plan to ask the Road Commission to designate the North entrance as a seasonal road so that it can be blocked off to prevent people from having access in that area for dumping debris and riding off road vehicles through the area. Access will still be available on the south side for fishermen, etc. This would allow the school to use the area for educational activities without concern of danger to the students.

A new Fire Board Budget has been presented for payment. Last year the fire millage was 7/10 of a mil. There was a \$21000.00 increase in the Fire budget this year over last year. Golden townships portion of the bill is \$96,000.00. This is almost one half of the total, greater than Hart and Hart townships portion combined. The amount requested amounts to almost ¼ of the townships total income for the year. Carl is a member of the Fire Board and will approach the chairman to see what can be done about this.

The Planning Commission needs maps to use to work on the zoning issues. Connie has found a company that produces nice sized maps using the plat book for the County. It would be a good idea to purchase one map of Oceana County as a whole and one map of just Golden Township to have for the meeting room so that members of the public can know what area is being discussed at meetings if they are not familiar with the area.

Motion by Kolosci, support by Ackley to order 1 Plat book map of Oceana County and 1 Plat book map of Golden Township at a cost of \$145.00 each. Roll Call vote; Walsworth, Cargill, Ackley, Fuehring & Kolosci all yes

Helen Lefler asked that the bylaws for the Planning Commission be changed from:

The Commission shall prepare an annual budget and submit same to the Township Board for approval or disapproval. The Township Board annually may appropriate and make available funds for carrying out the purposes and functions of the Commission.

To:

The Township Board annually may appropriate and make available funds for carrying out the purposes and functions of the Commission.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to change the Planning Commission bylaws to strike out "the Commission shall prepare an annual budget and submit same to the Township Board for approval or disapproval."

It was suggested by the post office that we do a mailing informing the public of the move of the Township Hall to the school building. The post office has had feedback from people going to the old building to pay taxes and conduct other township business, stating that there is no one at the office and they can't get in. We posted a sign on the door at the old office, but apparently it is hard to see from the road and people aren't noticing it. Jake will paint a bigger sign and put on the front of the building to make it easier to see.

Laurie brought up the issue of cleaning of the building. We do most of the day-to-day issues such as garbage removal, vacuuming as needed, etc. but at least once a month she felt someone should come in and do a more thorough job of it, such as cleaning toilets, dusting, etc. She will contact the person who used to clean this building to see if she is interested in continuing that job.

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve a cleaning person to come in at least once a month to clean the building. All yes, motion carried.

Public input was asked for by Chairman Walsworth. Ed Johnson said that last week when we got all that rain, the road drains were all clogged and the water all ran into his garage. Can we do something about keeping the drains clear?

Gail Schulte of 56th Ave. would like to see the Township put a little pressure on the owner of the burned house across from her. It is an eyesore. Jake has spoken to the owner and there are legal issues to be addressed in court with the previous tenants before he can do anything about the debris.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to adjourn meeting at 9:36 P.M.
Respectfully submitted by,

Laurie Kolosci
Golden Township Clerk