

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MARCH 11, 2008
7:30 P.M. GOLDEN TOWNSHIP HALL

The Golden Township Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:20 p.m.

Present: Walsworth, Ackley, Fuehring, Cargill.

Absent: Kolosci

Budgets for the General Fund and Road Fund were presented for review by Treasurer Cargill. The Board discussed the Budgets and opened the floor for public comment.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The Regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Walsworth.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Minutes from the February 19th regular meeting were presented. The check amount for February 19th meeting was incorrect, the gross amounts were picked up instead of the net amounts from the payroll report. Total amount of checks approved for last month was \$37,374.14.

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to accept the minutes as amended from the February 19th meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Correspondence was presented by the Oceana County Conservation District regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Day. Golden Township had 21 cars representing 26 households participate in the 2007 Day. They have requested a donation of \$575.00 toward the 2008 Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve a \$575.00 donation to the Oceana County Conservation District for Household Hazardous Waste Day. Roll call vote Walsworth, Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill all yes, motion carried. Laurie Kolosci absent.

A letter was presented by Chuck Mason about their ongoing attempt to organize volunteers to provide community outreach services for area young people. They are still working on this and would possibly need space in the Township Hall to carry this out. They will keep us apprised of their progress. He was given a copy of the Hall Lease and Use policy and would look into this with others at the church.

The Treasurer's report was given with the balances as follows: \$229,393.38 in General Fund and \$164,645.61 in Road Fund.

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 Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve check numbers 12525 through 12568 totaling \$28,433.74. Roll call vote Walsworth, Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill all yes, motion carried. Laurie Kolosci absent.

Zoning report was given by Jake Whelpley. 4 permits were written. 3 of these were for new houses. Jake and others on the Planning Commission attended a workshop on Smart Growth this month. Jake requests that the Township purchase a Smart Growth Survey at a cost of \$150.00. This survey is to help the Planning Commission with planning future growth.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to purchase the Smart Growth Survey for a cost of \$150.00. Roll call vote Walsworth, Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill all yes, motion carried. Laurie Kolosci absent.

The Planning Commission will be holding several work sessions to get some of the zoning issues addressed. They will also be working on the Master Plan in the near future. Jake is doing a housing study of the last 3 years to determine what the current trend in housing is. There will be a Wind Turbine meeting on April 9th that Jake feels it would be beneficial. The owner of Val-du-Lakes is currently in negotiations to sell the campground, hopefully closing by March 15th. The Planning Commission will have a new site plan from the new owner very soon.

Jake was on the roof of the Township Hall recently to fix a leak in the Assessor's office. The leak was a result of clogged drainage holes and was easily fixed. The roof looks to be in good shape, however some of the drainage basins don't have catch screens on them and this needs to be addressed soon.

Susan Mull has requested a split of parcel #64-006-036-100-04.

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to approve the split of parcel 64-006-036-100-04 as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Several Board members had a meeting with backers for the Silver Lake Sewer Project last week.

The Golden Township General Appropriations Act was read. (see attached).

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to adopt the resolution and General Appropriations Act. Roll call vote Walsworth, Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill all yes, motion carried. Laurie Kolosci absent.

The Planning Commission presented amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. These amendments are required primarily to comply with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act of 2006 or are corrections and clarifications of the existing ordinances. (see attached).

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Carl has spoken to Mike Powers, the Chairman of the Fire Board about the amount requested from the Township. Mike is currently out of town, but Carl will meet with him upon his return. The Fire Board amount had been increasing at about \$3000.00 per year, however this year the

increase was \$21,000.00. This was discussion was tabled until after Carl's meeting with Mike Powers.

A bill was presented from Moore & Bruggink for the work already done on the trail portion of the Silver Lake Corridor road project.

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to request that this bill be paid from the escrow account set up for the Silver Lake Road Project. All yes, motion carried.

Due to the change of address of the Township Hall, new voter registration cards must be issued. The cost of this is approximately \$550.00, which includes the cost of postage.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to order new voter registration cards. Roll call vote Walsworth, Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill all yes, motion carried. Laurie Kolosci absent.

The Library Agreement between the Township and Hart Area Library was presented for approval. (see attached). The Board wishes to amend the agreement from \$15,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve the Library Services Contract at a rate of \$10,000.00 as amended. Roll call vote Walsworth, Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill all yes, motion carried. Laurie Kolosci absent.

Clean up day had been set for May 10th, 2008. This is being changed to May 17th, 2008 to coincide with Hart's clean up day. Don will call Re-Tec Management Service to reschedule the date.

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to change the Township Clean Up Day to May 17th, 2008. All yes, motion carried.

The assessor's contract was discussed. The Board wishes to investigate the rates that assessors of comparable township receive before making an offer to Pam Walker, the current assessor. This discussion was tabled until the April Board meeting at which time a satisfactory conclusion will be reached.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to table the assessor's contract until the April meeting of the Golden Township Board. All yes, motion carried.

Public input was asked for by Chairman Walsworth. The question was raised of how many calls are made to Golden Township in relation to the other areas that help support the Fire Board. Carl will get this info from Dan Liembeck and get back to the Board.

Does the Township have a junk ordinance? No. Will we be getting one any time soon. We are researching this matter.

Dick has spoken to John Foss about the 56th Avenue project. Tree cutting should start in early April. The tree clearing will be completed and then bidding will be opened for the remaining work. As to the Silver Lake corridor project some matching funds are being explored to help defray the costs of this. They want the sewer issue resolved before moving forward with the road portion, as it doesn't make sense to rebuild the road and then tear it up to put in a new sewer system. The Road Commission is still working on the Polk Road Corridor issue. They are

currently waiting for appraisal from Ross Field. When this appraisal is received, John Foss will approach the owners about the land needed for this.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to adjourn meeting at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathy Carlson
Golden Township Deputy Clerk