

**GOLDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2005**

Supervisor Walsworth called the regular meeting of the Golden Township Board to order at 7:30 in the Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board members present: Don Walsworth, Kevin Ackley, Carl Fuehring and Connie Cargill. Absent, Laurie Kolosci.

The February 8, 2005 minutes were read; motion by Fuehring, supported by Ackley to approve the minutes. By unanimous vote the motion carried.

The February 16, 2005 minutes of the Special Meeting were read; motion by Fuehring, supported by Ackley to approve the minutes as read. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Board received a letter from Lance Malburg, Oceana County Road Commission Engineer, reviewing the engineering bids on the Silver Point Project. The Road Commission requested the Township make a recommendation on which engineering firm to hire. The Township Board suggested the OCRC bring in the top three suggested by Malburg and interview them. (Abercrome, Fleis & Vandenbrink, and Wilcox)

Motion by Ackley supported by Fuehring to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. The motion carried.

Motion by Fuehring supported by Ackley to approve bills numbering _____ to _____ totaling \$ _____. Roll call vote: Walsworth – yes; Ackley – yes; Fuehring – yes; Cargill – yes. The bills stand approved.

Motion by Ackley supported by Fuehring to approve the 2005-2006 Budgets for the General Fund and the Road Fund as presented. The motion carried.

Jake Whelpley gave the Zoning Report. The Planning Commission tabled the application the PUD for Timberlake Terrace until their March 29th meeting. The site plan for Robinson was approved. The Planning Commission appointed Terry Weigand to work on the survey to taxpayers.

Whelpley has talked to Greg Gebhart about obtaining easements from the Gebhart family for the widening of Polk Road. Gebhart said they would be willing to work with the Township on this.

Whelpley requested permission to attend two conferences on Advanced Planning and Zoning, Pentwater Village will share in the cost. The cost to Golden would be approximately \$300.

Motion by Cargill supported by Ackley to authorize payment of ½ the cost for Whelpley to attend the two seminars. Roll call: Walsworth – yes; Ackley – yes; Fuehring – yes; Cargill – yes. The motion carried.

The Planning and Zoning Survey was discussed. Cargill contacted Manatron and reported they will fold and stuff up to 6 sheets of paper with the tax bills. The cost would be ten cents per sheet. Cargill will check into how many sheets can be sent with the tax bills at the standard first class rate (.37).

Mr. Joe Naemeth requested the Board consider lowering the speed limit on Ridge Road (B-15). There are no posted speed limits now, so the speed is considered to be 55mph. Mr. Naemeth suggested the speed be set a 45mph. Since Townships have more say in setting speed limits now than when this was last suggested, the Board will send a letter to the State Police requesting the speed limit be posted from Timberlake Campground to the north township line at 45mph. Yellow advisory speed signs can be posted but they are not enforceable.

Cargill presented bids from Integrity Office Furniture for ten black Managers chairs for \$99.99 each and one oval meeting table 120 inches long for \$439.00.

Motion by Fuehring supported by Ackley to purchase the 120” table and ten chairs for a total of \$1,438.90. Roll call: Ackley – yes; Fuehring – yes; Cargill – yes; Walsworth – yes. The motion carried.

Information on the purchase of the required new Voter Registration Cards was presented. Motion by Fuehring, supported by Ackley to approve the bid for printing and sending the Voter Registration Cards for \$567.40. Roll call: Walsworth – yes; Cargill – yes; Ackley – yes; Fuehring – yes. The motion carried.

Pam Walker requested a “Hidden Drive” sign for Harrison Road east of her drive. Walsworth will contact the Road Commission to install the sign.

The Exhibition Driving Ordinance was presented. Cargill explained Sheriff Prince requested the township pass the Ordinance. Cargill obtained several copies of other ordinances and sent them to Attorney McNeely. McNeely prepared the ordinance and Sheriff Prince reviewed and approved it. There was general discussion about the

ordinance. The Board decided they could pass the ordinance and review it in one year to see if it accomplishes the desired goal.

Motion by Fuehring, supported by Ackley to adopt the Exhibition Driving Ordinance #35 as presented. Ayes, all; the motion carried.

Fuehring ask if something could be done about Log Road, from Gary Worths west to the corner. During the recent warm weather the road thawed then refroze with bad ruts. Dick Walsworth, Road Committee Chairman, will talk to the Road Commission about this matter.

The Supervisor called for Public Input.

Mr. Gill Lake stated he is concerned about the blacktopped storm water diversions placed along 28th Avenue when the road was blacktopped. These diversions take storm water from the road and divert it onto landowner's property. There are no road ditches on 28th Avenue.

Mr. Lake also stated Duck Road, recently blacktopped, is heaving badly, does the township have any warranty on the roadwork?

Mr. Lake stated Hallack has a landfill on Duck Road and is bringing in something and burning it. He did not know what they were burning; he could just see the smoke.

Mr. Lake was also concerned that the locations where the County Road is burying woody debris and stumps should be marked on because these areas cannot be built on.

Mr. Lake also stated the road by the channel on the way to the lighthouse is giving way. Supervisor Walsworth informed Mr. Lake this was a Road Commission matter and the Road Commission is aware of the problem and they are working on it.

Mr. Larry Byl, Oceana County Commissioner, gave the Board information from the annual reports of the Sheriff Department and Building Departments. This information concerned activity in Golden Township.

Windmills, and the meeting held in Weare Township were discussed.

Mr. Lake inquired as to the progress made on cleaning up the "snake trail" and wanted to know why the landowner was not charged with this clean up. Supervisor Walsworth told him the township and the road commission is working on cleaning up the area. We are not going to throw money at the problem. It will be addressed in a fiscally responsible manner.

Motion by Ackley, supported by Fuehring the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Cargill, Treasurer