

Golden Township Public Budget hearing, 9 March 2004, Golden Township Hall.
A public hearing to review the budget was call to order at 7:25 p.m. Members present Walsworth, Cargill, Fuehring and Wiegand. Cargill explained the budget for 2004. Motion to adjourn by Cargill support by Fuehring . Motion carried.
Public hearing adjourned at 7:30 p.m..

March 9, 2004, 7:30 p.m. the Golden Township board regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Walsworth. Members present Walsworth, Cargill, Fuehring and Wiegand. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Dep. Clerk Walsworth. Cargill moved to accept the minutes as read, Fuehring supported all yes, motion carried.

Zoning administrator Jake Whepley reported on the Polk road study, he reported it had not been completed last summer as expected. However we have been promised it would be completed this summer. Jake also reported on the progress in the Chapa clean up. He then presented the La Monica Land split parcel 64-006-020-300-01, new parcel 020-300-24. Motion by Wiegand, supported by Cargill to approve, all yes, motion carried.

Land division by Breakaway Bay who requested on parcel 64-006-004-100-01 by Steve Bruce. Mr. Roseman spoke of concerns about the easement being used by the campground. It was decided that that issue did not have anything to do with the land division. Discussion followed. Motion by Fuehring supported by Cargill to approve the land split, all yes, motion carried.

Cargill read a letter about creating a community wide recreational plan. It requested money for a study by Dr. Nelson of Michigan State. Our share would be \$715.00. Wiegand moved and Cargill supported that we participate, Walsworth, yes. Cargill, yes. Fuehring, abstained. Wiegand, yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made to approve money for moving the electric wires over the steps of the townhall, Fuehring moved, Cargill supported. Walsworth, yes. Cargill, yes. Wiegand, yes. Fuehring, yes. Motion carried.

A resolution to raise pay was presented.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP OFFICERS SALARY

BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to MCL 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 1, 2004, the salaries of the township board members shall be as follows:

Supervisor: \$9500.00 exclusive of assessing duties.

Clerk: \$13,000.00

Treasurer: \$16,900.00

The forgoing resolution offered by Cargill supported by Fuehring

Roll call vote:

Kolosci absent

Wiegand yes

Walsworth yes

Cargill yes

Fuehring yes

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Pam Walker requested new software to be used in her assessing. BS&A wanted \$5,565.00 which includes support. Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to purchase. Walsworth yes. Cargill, yes. Fuehring, yes. Wiegand yes. Motion carried.

A resolution to accept the new budget was presented. Wiegand moved, Cargill supported. Walsworth, yes. Cargill, yes. Wiegand, yes. Fuehring, yes. Motion carried.

The Township auditors were discussed. A motion to hire Layton & Richardson, P.C. to do the audit. Cargill moved and Fuehring supported. Walsworth, yes. Cargill, yes. Wiegand yes, Fuehring, yes.

The Drain Commission asked for a resolution to oppose senate bill no. 217-4 that would change the drain code. Wiegand moved and Fuehring supported passing the resolution.

RESOLUTION OF OPPOSITION TO SB 217 VERSION 4 CHANGES TO THE STATE DRAIN CODE OF MICHIGAN.

Moved By Fuehring, Supported by Wiegand, to adopt the following resolution.

WHEREAS, Golden Township is concerned with the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the townships.

WHEREAS, Golden Township has become aware that SB 217-4 was recently presented to the senate floor.

WHEREAS, SB 217-4 contains provisions that threaten to eliminate permit exceptions for maintenance on existing county drains, which will restrict the commissioner's ability to address drainage needs for agriculture of Oceana County.

WHEREAS, contained within SB 217-4 are new requirements and limitations that will encourage Litigation thus increasing costs and restricting the Drain Commissioners ability to address drainage in a timely manner.

WHEREAS, SB 217 contains requirements for preliminary engineering and environmental impact studies which will vastly increase costs to petitioners thus practically eliminating petitioned drain projects in Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Golden Township urges the State Legislature to reject the proposed SB 217-4 version of the State Drain Code. Walsworth, yes. Cargill, yes. Wiegand, yes. Fuehring, yes. Motion carried

The construction on the "snake trail" was discussed it was decided to ask the road commission to seek bids on the work to see if it would be cheaper.

Brining of the Township roads was discussed. Wiegand moved Fuehring supported hiring the Road Commission to apply the brine. Walsworth, yes. Cargill, yes. Fuehring, yes. Wiegand, yes. Motion carried.

A tractor and backhoe were discussed. A motion to purchase one for the Township was made by Wiegand, supported by Fuehring. Limited to \$25,000.00. Walsworth yes. Cargill, yes. Wiegand, yes. Fuehring, yes. Motion Carried

Motion to pay the bills was made by Wiegand, supported by Fuehring that the following bills be paid.

10636 INTEGRITY BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	48.20
10633 MANATRON	2388.60
10612 MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	175.00
10613 TRAVELERS INSURANCE	7195.20
10614 OCEANA HERALD JOURNAL	248.31
10615 PAMIDA	21.69

10616	QUINLAN PUBLISHERS	107.00
10617	STS COMPUTERS	2106.98
10618	SHELL GAS	515.21
10619	SWIHARTS PORT A POTTY	67.00
10620	VERIZON	91.76
10321	WEST MICHIGAN OFFICE INTERIOR	581.73
10322	XEROX	77.44
10323	WILSON, JEANETTE	30.00
10324	PAMELA WALKER	2350.00
10325	TERRY WIEGAND	50.00
10326	FOSTER, ANITA	60.00
10327	WILSON, AVERY	50.00
10328	BRAD WHITNEY	50.00
10329	TERRYN, LEO	50.00
10330	MARCINIAK, STEVE	50.00
10637	PENTWATER VILLAGE	209.58
10638	CARGILL CONNIE	1362.96
10639	CARL FUEHRING	161.61
10640	LAURA KOLOSCI	985.01
10641	DONALD WALSWORTH	789.12
10642	FLOYD WHEPLEY JR.	994.43
10643	CARL WIEGAND	125.00

Walsworth , yes. Cargill, yes. Fuehring, yes. Wiegand Yes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Cargill, supported by Wiegand motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ken Walsworth Deputy Clerk