

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
APRIL 08, 2008
7:30 P.M. GOLDEN TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:30 p.m. Present: Walsworth, Ackley, Fuehring, Cargill, and Kolosci.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Minutes from the March 11th regular meeting were presented. The parcel number for Mull land split and the amount for Library contract were added to the motions.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to accept the minutes as amended from the March 11th meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Correspondence was presented from the District 10 Health Department regarding Mr. Gill Lake was presented. A letter was also presented from Golden Communication regarding persons installing signs without calling MISS DIG first. Would this be the Townships responsibility because we issued the permit. It was felt that this was the installers responsibility and not the Townships. Jake will insert "Applicant us responsible for contacting MISS DIG" on permit application.

The Treasurer's report was given with the balances as follows: \$189,969.64 in General Fund and \$166,723.81 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 Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve check numbers 12569 through 12609 totaling \$47059.07. Roll call vote Walsworth, Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill, and Kolosci all yes, motion carried.

Zoning report was given by Jake Whelpley. 6 permits were written. The Planning Commission approved site plan for Golden Golf Course to expand the course to include an additional 9 holes and to put an addition on the existing pro shop to include food service and seating. They also approved a site plan for Garth Whitehill to construct a new dune buggy shop on the site next to his storage units.

Jake filled out a survey for the Fire Department regarding distribution of certain categories of land in the Township. The categories were Open & Agriculture – 85%, Commercial & Industrial – 3%, and Residential – 12%. This survey will help the Fire Department in their planning for the future.

Jake had a meeting with Gary Dunham to get an estimate on rent for the rooms of the Township Hall. Gary suggested \$0.50 to \$0.60 per square foot for the rooms as they are. If we were to

finish the rooms so that they were office ready we could charge \$1.00 per square foot. The rooms vary from 528 square foot to 928 square foot.

Another project Jake is working on is for funding options for the empty lots owned by Harvey Berens in Silver Lake. The lots would make an excellent park to be used for open space, special events, and a visitor center. There are grants available for developing such things, but the Township needs to have a recreational plan in place to apply for them. Jake will get copies of other areas recreational plans and try to come up with a workable plan for Golden.

The Golden Township Park has had a problem with traffic flow. Jake has presented a map with proposed changes to help make the situation better. (see attached) There are trees and sand that need to be removed so that the parking area can be blacktopped and lines painted for parking. The road commission will remove the big tree near the road but the others in the lot area are the Township's responsibility. Laurie has spoken to John at the Road Commission and he says they can install a guard rail to keep vehicles off the beach.

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve for Laurie to contact the Oceana County Road Commission about removing trees and sand from the parking lot of Lighthouse State Park, blacktopping the lot, painting parking lines, and installing removable barrier. Roll call vote: Fuehring, Cargill, Ackley, Kolosci, and Walsworth all yes, motion carried.

Jake request approval to attend Michigan Planning and Enabling Act and Zoning Enabling Act seminar. The cost is \$115.00

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to approve the Township paying the fee of \$115.00 for Jake Whelpley to attend the Michigan Planning and Enabling Act and Zoning Enabling Act seminar. Roll call vote: Fuehring, Cargill, Ackley, Kolosci, and Walsworth all yes, motion carried.

The Hart Area Fire Administrative Board has presented their 2008/2009 budget for approval. The budget was set at the same rate as last year's budget.

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to the Hart Area Fire Administrative Board budget at a cost to Golden of \$73,782.00 for the 2008/2009 year. With a quarterly payment of \$18,445.50. Roll call vote: Fuehring, Cargill, Ackley, Kolosci, and Walsworth all yes, motion carried.

The assessor's contract was discussed. The Board had tabled this in order to investigate the rates that assessors of comparable township receive before making an offer to Pam Walker, the current assessor. Pam Walker was presented with a contract offering \$36,250.00 for the first year, \$37,500.00 the second year, and \$38,750.00 the third year. She declined to sign it, as these were the figures she has requested three years ago. She countered with a request for \$42,400.00 per year.

It was then proposed that the Township offer \$40,000.00 per year for a three year term. There would also be a mandatory twice yearly review to discuss what was done, what needs to be done and the future direction of assessing in the Township. It was suggested that in the third year if Pam wished to retire, the Township would pick up the cost of an assistant to be trained to take over when Pam retires.

Motion by Kolosci, support by Fuehring to offer Pam Walker a three year contract at the rate of \$40,000.00 per year for Assessing services. During the 3rd year an assistant would be hired if desired at the Townships cost. Reviews will be conducted twice a year to determine what has been done, what will be done, and what needs to be done for the assessing of the Township. Roll call vote: Fuehring, Cargill, Ackley, Kolosci, and Walsworth all yes, motion carried.

The Oceana County Road Commission has presented a plan for dust control program. There are several bids enclosed. The Road Commission bid is for \$475.00 per mile. White Trucking bid was for \$373.75 per mile. The concern here is their ability to handle the volume needed. D & B Brine bid was for \$475.00 per mile in NW, \$420.00 in NE & SW, and \$410.00 in SE. The Road Commission would do the road preparation and pay a rate of \$187.00 (1/2 of the White Trucking bid) for whichever company is chosen.

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the Oceana County Road Commission bid of \$475.00 per mile to apply brine to the roads of Golden Township as needed. Roll call vote: Fuehring, Cargill, Ackley, Kolosci, and Walsworth all yes, motion carried.

Don Drum has requested a split of parcel 64-006-010-400-03.

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to approve the split of parcel 64-006-010-400-03 as approved. All yes, motion carried.

The Planning Commission has recommended that the Board approve the amendments to the Val-Du-Lakes PUD. The new owner, Lynette Becksvoort, wishes to change the name of the campground to Cottonwood Creek RV Resort, build a registration/ administration building on the entryway to the campground. They also wish to put in a gated entrance. The new owner plans to adhere to the stipulations of the current Phase I and II of the current PUD. Jake will create a development agreement for the currently unapproved sites for Ms. Becksvoort to sign.

Motion by Kolosci, Support by Ackley to approve Val-Du-Lakes PUD, in accordance with Section 12.11, site plan amendment to be approved upon receipt of Development Agreement. All yes, motion carried.

Patrick and Mary Cassidy have requested a split of parcel 64-006-020-300-04.

Motion by Kolosci, support by Fuehring to accept the split of parcel 64-006-020-300-04 as presented. All yes, motion carried.

All Seasons Porta-Jons has presented a contract for the portable restrooms.

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve the contract with All Seasons Porta-Jons to provide 1 permanent public restroom at the rate of \$68.00 per month, 2 seasonal portable restrooms from 5/1/08 thru 9/30/08 at a rate of \$136.00 per month, 1 portable restroom at Silver Lake restrooms June 15 thru September 15, and to clean restrooms at Silver Lake 2 times per week July thru Sept. 1. (3 restrooms at \$12.00 per week). Also to service restrooms each week. Roll call vote: Fuehring, Cargill, Ackley, Kolosci, and Walsworth all yes, motion carried.

The vault needs file cabinets and shelves for organization. There are several options for shelving. Pam says that there is a lot of excess out of production shelving available at Pentwater Wire.

They are also available at Sam's Club. Connie will look into the cost of these and present them at the May meeting.

There needs to be some cleanup at the Township Hall. Ralph is waiting for direction on where to start. He also feels we should fertilize the cemetery and the front of the Township Hall. Laurie will instruct him to go ahead with the fertilizing and the cleanup in front of the Hall.

Public input: Ed Johnson says it's about tree planting time. Should we put a line in front of the Township Hall? Yes, after the road work is finished we will try to plant trees in the fall.

Residents on 24th Ave. have asked for help. They are asking us to have it widened so that OCRC can plow it. As this is a seasonal road and has been for years, there is nothing we can do about it. This is a road commission issue.

Motion by Kolosci, support by Cargill to adjourn meeting at 9:10 P.M. All yes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Laurie Kolosci
Golden Township Clerk