

Golden Township Board
Minutes
May 10th, 2005

The regular monthly meeting of the Golden Township board was called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:30 pm at the Golden Township Hall. Members present Connie Cargill, Don Walsworth, Carl Fuehring, Kevin Ackley, Laurie Kolosci.

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Ackley to approve the minutes of the April 12th, 2005 meeting, with correction on the brine contract bid, should say, (26% chloride, \$375.00 per mile.) all yes motion carried.

Motion by Fuehring Support by Ackley to approve the treasurer's report. All yes motion carried.

Presentation of Bills check numbers 11126 thru 11169, totaling \$18,999.06.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Ackley to approve the bills, roll call vote Fuehring, Ackley, Cargill, Walsworth, Kolosci all yes motion carried.

Cargill explained that the Oceana County board of Commissioners on April 28th, 2005 passed the following resolution. RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIROMENTAL QUALITY'S (MDEQ) CRITICAL DUNE AREA APPLICATION FEE INCREASES. The fees are unfair to those along the shoreline and are asking the MDEQ to revise.

Motion by Ackley, Support by Fuehring to have the clerk send a letter of support to the MDEQ. All yes motion carried.

Kolosci report that she had contacted Tim Tariske about setting up the tire clean up that was approved last year. Kolosci and Whelpley will assist Tariske in the project, Tariske will contact the hall.

Kolosci also reported that the permit for the repairs needed on Lighthouse Dr. to replace the steel sheeting along Silver Creek/ Light house Dr. had come to the Township.

Zoning administrator Jake Whelpley reported 12 permits issued this month and 23 junk complaints filed. He also stated that a warrant will be issued for Gil Lake; do to his lack of accessibility to the officer trying to serve the court order.

Lound Land division was discussed; Whelpley explained how Powers and Lound had swapped land to make the division possible. Whelpley feels that the 4 to 1 ratio on size was close but does it meet all the requirements.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Fuehring to approve the Lound Land division 64-006-034-100-04, all yes motion carried.

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Robert Gravlin lot split was discussed Whelpley stated that Mr. Gravlin had not filed the application and asked that the request be removed from the agenda.

The Master Plan was discussed; Whelpley explained the separation of the Ag zone and the residential zone. The maps needed for the Master Plan have been found and that we need to finalize the Master Plan. The Planning Commission is preparing a Township survey to get a little insight as to how the residents would like to see Township develop. It was said that the commission would go ahead with the revised survey to be mailed with the tax bills.

The website goldentownship.org was discussed. The .org site is still owned by Mr. Roseman. A letter sent by Mr. Roseman was read, see attached. Chatterbox inc. a local website design company discovered that Mr. Roseman had purchased the .net for Golden Township on 2/19/2005 but, will purchase the .com for the Township. The Township will have to wait for Mr. Roseman to either not renew his hold on the Townships name or release it to the Township. It was unclear as to which he will do. The board's thoughts on information on the site were that all information must be approved by the board or website committee, and that it should only be those things that have been approved formally or finalized to insure people receive correct information. Meeting dates, blank applications of all kinds, voter registration and where and when any one can stop by the Township Hall and request to see any public information they wish. Chatterbox ask the board to pay ½ of the expense for the creation of the new site to be paid in advance, total cost not to exceed \$875.00 see attached.

Motion by Ackley, Support by Cargill, to approve contracting Chatterbox inc. to create, maintain and host the goldentownship.com website, not to exceed \$875.00. Roll call vote, Walsworth, Cargill, Ackley, Fuehring, Kolosci all yes motion carried.

North Star Cable/LiteWave Communications was discussed. Charlie Lathrop owner of the company was present at the meeting and asked the Township to approve the name change and to follow it with a resolution or new franchise. Kolosci stated that a registered letter had been sent to North Star Cable in accordance with section 14 of the North Star Cable franchise agreement to take care of their obligation with Golden Township with a 60 day window before further action would be taken. Mr. Lathrop satisfied the agreement except the issue of the Name change/tax id number. Kolosci had contacted the Township attorney Ed McNeely and reported the following, that because they have a new Tax I.D. number it is not just a name change, that it is in fact a new entity. The Township can approve by resolution the new franchise transfer, but the attorney has asked that we obtain corporate documents from the Lite Wave/North Star Company so that we can see exactly what happened. A complaint letter from Gail and Jim Shulte was read; Mr. Lathrop said he would see to it personally.

No action taken.

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The Silver Lake Canals that lead to the Silver Lake marina and cottage in Silver Village area were discussed, they are badly over run with weeds and could be a health issue according to Township residents Dave and Valarie Swartz. Cargill reported that the County drain commissioner had visited the site and explained that there is no flow and that there was really nothing he could do. It was stated that in the past the weeds had been harvested and sprayed for weeds by the Silver Lake, Lake Board. But it had not been done in awhile. Other ways to have the problem taken care of could be dredging etc. but it would be a special assessment for the property owners involved. Cargill said that it would be brought up at the next Silver Lake, Lake Board meeting. Cargill also reported that Silver Lake will be treated on May 16th, and that the lake levels will be fluctuating while the process takes place.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Kolosci to approve the Silver Lake Apple Fest and 4th of July banner to be placed on Hazel rd and 18th ave from May 15th-Oct.1st. All yes motion carried.

Chairman Walsworth asked for public comment. It was said that the gas co. is removing signs while laying the pipe line, and wonder who will replace the signs. Walsworth will call road commission.

The new no parking signs were discussed and it was asked why we did not place diamond shapes on the bike path instead of the signs.

Ed Johnson stated that the corner of Polk Rd and 56th Ave is a very dangerous intersection and wondered if a no parking sign could be placed. It was thought that now that construction is complete people would stop parking on the grass so close to the road. The board will stay tuned.

It was asked if the Township could look into a place for leaf dumping. Kolosci will follow up.

Assessor Pam Walker has asked that the board go into closed session to discuss her contract.

Motion to go to closed session to discuss assessor contract, roll call vote Cargill, Ackley, Fuehring, Kolosci, Walsworth all yes motion carried. 9:10 pm

Restart regular meeting: time 10:00 pm.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Kolosci to adjourn the regular meeting all yes motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 10:01 pm

Golden Township Clerk

Laurie Kolosci