

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 12, 2009
7:30 pm Golden Township Hall

Meeting Called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:30 pm. Present: Fuehring, Walsworth, Cargill, Ackley. Wiegand absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

MINUTES from the April 15th meeting were presented. Corrections were made.

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the minutes from the April 15th meeting as amended. All yes, motion carried.

MINUTES from the April 15th Hearing of Necessity were presented.

CORRESPONDENCE: None to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT was given with the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$210,891.24 and ending balance of \$187,146.14. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$196,734.49 and ending balance of \$196,855.70. 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 13144 through 13182 totaling \$69,606.60. Roll call vote Fuehring, Cargill, Walsworth, Ackley, Wiegand-absent. All yes. Motion carried.

-Cargill commented that the State Revenue Sharing will be lower this year than last year and that the Township should evaluate it's spending accordingly.

-Cargill also commented that she will be tracking Township expenses related to the Silver Lake Corridor Project.

ZONING REPORT presented by Jake Whelpley.

1. Following up on several zoning violations.
2. Planning Commission has created a sub-committee to review the site plan for Val Du and meet with the owners to develop a plan that will be suitable for everyone involved.
3. Working on re-writing the Planning Commission By-Laws as required by the state.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Renew All Season's Porta-John contract

-Contract was revised to reflect that paying for any damages to the porta-johns will be the responsibility of All Seasons.

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to renew the contract with All Season's Porta-Johns for the 2009 season as corrected. All yes, Motion carried.

2. Reynolds Road Abandonment

- Board discussion involved many potential benefits for keeping the property. Discussed future possibilities with having the property, and the fact that if it is abandoned now, there will never be an easy way to get it back.
- Board agreed to retain the property and not sign the abandonment paperwork.

3. Golden Township Clean-Up Day Reminder

- Saturday, May 16th, from 9am - 1pm at Golden Township Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Beach Sign Request

Mrs. Rickoff from Golden Sands Association requested the Board put a sign at the entrance of the Golden Township Beach at the channel. She requested a sign for “no animals on beach” and also “no glass on beach”. The Board discussed the fact that they could put up the signs but there would be no one to enforce them.

The Board also discussed the water testing performed by the Health Department and the fact that the beach is closed three days after the tests are taken, by that time any ecoli has been long gone.

Motion by Cargill supported by Ackley to erect two signs at the entrance to the beach of the Golden Township Park. The signs will read “ No Glass on Beach – No Animals on Beach” the second sign will read “The Water at this Beach is not being tested or monitored for Water Quality” Ayes all; the motion carried. Cargill will order the signs.

2. Oceana County Sheriff Office Contract

- Request to renew the contract with the Sheriff’s Office to allow them to enforce Golden Township Ordinances.

- Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to allow the Oceana County Sheriff Office to enforce all Golden Township Ordinances for the period of 2009 – 2012. Fuehring-yes, Cargill-yes, Walsworth-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-absent, Motion Carried.

- Cargill to draft a letter to the Sheriff Office.

3. Harrison Road Settlement

- Settlement agreement submitted by Ed McNeely regarding Golden Township et al v. Clara Middlecamp proceedings.

- Board reviewed the Agreement. All items were acceptable.

- Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the Harrison Road Settlement Agreement as presented. Roll call vote: Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Ackley-yes, Walsworth-yes, Wiegand-absent. Motion carried.

4. Township Rooms for Rent

-Discussion regarding how much to charge for rent, and what to do about heat/electric bill, etc. Discussed maybe requiring references, or a deposit? Kevin and Jake will research this issue.

5. West Michigan Sand Drags Request

-Request submitted for the West MI Sand Drags to allow participants to stay overnight on the Sand Drag property from June 11th until July 27th 2009, and extending quiet hours to 12:00 pm. Owner stated that the Board had allowed it last year.

-Board discussed the issue and agreed to let participants stay overnight, but that the quiet hours will remain at 11:00pm.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to accept the request from the West Michigan Sand Drags as submitted, allowing participants to stay overnight from June 11th until July 27th 2009, with the understanding that quiet hours remain at 11:00 pm. All yes, Motion carried.

6. OCD Work Crews

-Letter received from the Oceana Conservation District stating that they have a crew willing to do projects that require manual labor for free this summer. Board will consider some possibilities.

7. Audit Bid

-Bid for the 2009 Township Audit was received from Hendon and Slate for \$5,000.00.

Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to accept the bid for the Golden Township 2009 Audit from Hendon and Slate as presented for \$5,000.00. All yes, Motion carried.

8. 4-H Group update

-8:22pm Wiegand arrives

-Family Fun Night Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 5:30 pm. Also requested to use the baseball fields.

-Group requested outside water for the garden they have planned. Don to help with rota-tilling for them. Carl to work with Tanner's to get water to their room and to the outside faucet.

-Discussed using the bathrooms, and getting them opened up so they can be used.

-Discussed using the rooms in the winter and what to do about heat. Carl to research with Tanner's. Board will consider cost with all options and decide what will be appropriate for winter use at a later date.

9. Doug Kurzer

- Voiced concerns regarding the Silver Lake Corridor Project as it will be taking out a portion of his parking lot at the Bubba Q.
- Cargill stated he will only be losing 3 feet of parking and that it is OK for longer cars to hang over in to the bike trail.
- Kurzer stated that safety may be an issue because of having bikes and cars in close proximity, and not having adequate visibility when cars are backing up.
- Kurzer requested a resolution from this Board so patrons would always be allowed to partly park on the bike trail. He stated he was worried that future Boards may not allow it.
- Cargill suggested Mr Kurzer meet with the Engineer and a member of the Board out at his business to discuss the issue in detail, on site.
- Cargill stated if a resolution was needed after that meeting, we could create it at a later date.

10. Gym Floor

- Bid submitted from Zervas to completely redo the hallway and gym floors in the Hall for \$850.00.
- Fuehring suggested the Board create a list of all upgrades and repairs that are needed for the Hall and prioritize them. The floors could be part of this list.
- List should include bathroom repairs, ADA accessibility, fixing ceiling tiles, etc. Fuehring to check in to this.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Leo Terryn stated that he is spending money to move part of his business out of the way for the new bike trail. He questioned whether this could be considered when charging him his portion of the assessment for the project.
 - Cargill stated he should check in to it because there is a possibility that it could be considered.
2. Resident questioned why Johnson Park lights were on during the day.
 - Walsworth stated he is checking in to it.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

