

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MAY 13, 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 April 8, 2008 regular meeting were presented. The name of the park listed in meeting as Lake Michigan Township Park needs to be changed to Golden Township Park. The roll call vote was added to the vote for approving the Assessor's contract.

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to accept the minutes as amended from the April 8, 2008 meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Correspondence was presented from Oceana County Road Commission regarding 24th Ave. See explanation attached.

The Treasurer's report was given with the balances as follows: \$183,087.18 in General Fund and \$166,929.36 in Road Fund.

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill 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 12610 through 12669 totaling \$26,843.35. Roll call vote: Walsworth, Fuehring, Cargill, Ackley, and Kolosci all yes, motion carried.

Zoning report was given by Jake Whelpley. 17 permits were issued. The seminar Jake is to attend of Michigan Planning and Enabling Act and Zoning Enabling Act that was approved last month at a cost of \$115.00 was actually only \$105.00 due to his membership in the group. Jake also met with a group about the lots in Silver Lake owned by Harvey Berens. They will meet again on May 28th at 4:00 p.m. All Board members are welcome to attend. He has received information from the state about Recreation Plans. He will look into this further.

We have gotten shelves for the vault room, but they will be difficult to attach. We purchased six file cabinets for the vault at \$59.00 per cabinet. Connie will look into purchasing more file cabinets instead of installing shelves.

Hart Area Public Library returned the contract that was signed last month requesting that we approve their original request of \$15,000.00 for the year. We had counter offered \$10,000.00 for library services for the year. It was decided that Laurie would write them a letter informing them that we have decided to stand firm with our offer of \$10,000.00.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve Laurie to write a letter to the Hart Area Public Library informing them that \$10,000.00 is all that the Township can pay this year. All yes, motion carried.

Laurie spoke to John Foss at the Oceana County Road Commission about the work needed at Golden Township Park. John suggested that we not repave the parking lot, to help improve drainage of the park. Laurie has sent letters to several companies regarding painting lines on the lot to help direct traffic. She has not heard back from any of them at this time. She will continue to try to contact them.

The Oceana County Road Commission has presented an amended bid for the brining of roads in Golden Township, to include Liquid Dust. After consideration of the amended bids, it was decided to stay with the original decision to accept the OCRC bid.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to accept the Oceana County Road Commission bid of \$420.00 per mile to apply brine to the roads of Golden Township as needed. Roll call vote: Cargill, Fuehring, Walsworth, Ackley and Kolosci all yes, motion carried.

Three bids have been received on the 56th Ave. project. See attached. It was felt there were some discrepancies in Hallack's bid due to the form used to present it. Questions were raised regarding the gravel and paving materials to be used. These will be discussed and voted on at a later date. It was decided to accept the bid from Wadel's in the amount of \$167,102.30.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to accept the bid presented by Wadel's in the amount of \$167,102.30 for the reconstruction of 56th Ave. in Golden Township, with the questions regarding the gravel and paving materials to be used to be addressed at a later date. Roll call vote: Kolosci, Walsworth, Ackley, Cargill, and Fuehring all yes, motion carried.

Frank Phaff has been commissioned to create a new sign for the Township Hall. See attached. The sign will be painted on metal and will be installed over the existing sign. The cost of the sign will be \$250.00.

Motion by Kolosci, support by Cargill to commission Frank Phaff to create a new sign for Golden Township Hall at a cost of \$250.00. Roll call vote: Kolosci, Walsworth, Ackley, Cargill, and Fuehring all yes, motion carried.

Dr. David Roseman has succeeded in getting the goldentownship.org website up and running. He is still working on putting information on the site. It is a very nice site.

Susan Mull has requested a split of parcel 64-006-030-100-04.

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to accept the split of parcel 64-006-030-100-04 as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Robert and Holly Holley have requested a split of parcel 64-006-027-300-03.

Motion by Cargill, support by Ackley to accept the split of parcel 64-006-027-300-03 as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Diane Klotz has requested a split of parcel 64-006-017-100-11.

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to accept the split of parcel 64-006-017-100-11 as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Karen Klotz has requested a lot split on parcel 64-006-713-010-00. The east 22 feet will be included with parcel A. (Lots 8-12 of Blk. 3 and 140' by 170' parcel) and the west 44 feet will be included with parcel C (lot 2 of block 4 as an undivided parcel). This will require marking the legal description of Lot 2 and the west 44 feet of Lot 1 to be marked unbuildable.

Motion by Ackley, support by Cargill to accept the lot split of parcel 64-006-713-010-00 as follows: The east 22 feet will be included with parcel A. (Lots 8-12 of Blk. 3 and 140' by 170' parcel) and the west 44 feet will be included with parcel C (lot 2 of block 4 as an undivided parcel). This will require marking the legal description of Lot 2 and the west 44 feet of Lot 1 to be marked unbuildable. All yes, motion carried.

The Township has been approached by Carol Castle about holding concerts at the gazebo in Johnson Square on July 2nd, 16th, and 30th and August 13th and 27th. They have lined up bands for these dates. They are asking the Township to help with advertising and to allow them to use the Township's office equipment to create and copy flyers for the concerts. Laurie will check on insurance and cleanup for these dates.

Motion by Kolosci, support by Fuehring to approve concerts in Johnson Square on July 2nd, 16th, and 30th and August 13th and 27th. All yes, motion carried.

West Michigan Sand Dragway has requested permission to provide thirty overnight parking spaces for out of state guests for the weekends of June 25th, 2008 and July 29th, 2008. These dates would cover their ATV Bash and U.S. Sand Nationals. See Attached request. They are also asking that the 11:00 p.m. noise ordinance be waived on these dates and allow them to be open until 12:00 a.m. on these dates as they need the extra time for the additional participants to compete. As long as they keep it as close to the 11:00 p.m. as possible.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to grant West Michigan Sand Dragway permission for 30 overnight parking spaces on the weekends of June 25th, 2008 and July 29th, 2008. All yes, motion carried.

County Equalization has requested that the extension at the end of Polk Road, which doesn't line up with Polk Road, be renamed to Farm Lane. This is needed because Polk Road may eventually be extended at the original ending and this would clear up any future confusion in this issue.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to change the name of the existing extension of Polk Road to Farm Lane. All yes, motion carried.

The Silver Lakes Sand Dunes Area Chamber of Commerce has requested permission to hang temporary promotional banners across Hazel Rd. and 18th Ave. from May 19th through September 22, 2008 to promote Silver Lake Sand Dunes summer events. They are also requesting approval to close traffic on Silver Lake Road between Silver Point General Store and Parkside Store on September 13, 2008 from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. so they can hold the Apple Festival and BBQ Cook-Off on this section of Silver Lake Road.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to approve the request of the Silver Lakes Sand Dunes Area Chamber of Commerce to hang temporary banners over Hazel Rd. and 18th Ave. from May 19th through September 22, 2008 and to close traffic on Silver Lake Road between Silver Point General Store and Parkside Store on September 13, 2008 from 6:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. All yes, motion carried.

Connie has discovered that the wording of the Road Millage Renewal that was voted on at the April meeting is incorrect. If this resolution is presented as a renewal, the millage will actually be 1.7769 not 2.0 and the millage will go down each year from there. If the resolution is presented as a new millage it would start at 2.0. This millage is a renewal of the 2 mils approved by the electors of Golden Township for road maintenance and improvement which will expire in 2008. The millage will read "Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Golden Township, Oceana County, Michigan be established at 2 mils (\$2.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for the period of 2009 through 2014 inclusive of the purpose of maintaining and/or improving streets and highways with Golden Township; and shall the township levy such millage for said purpose, thereby raising the first year an estimated \$290,000.00?"

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to rescind the prior road millage request and submit a new request, which reads "Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Golden Township, Oceana County, Michigan be established at 2 mils (\$2.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for the period of 2009 through 2014 inclusive of the purpose of maintaining and/or improving streets and highways with Golden Township; and shall the township levy such millage for said purpose, thereby raising the first year an estimated \$290,000.00?" on the August primary ballot. All yes, motion carried.

Four units of the government involved in the Hart Area Fire Department voted to pursue looking into formation of a Hart Area Fire Authority. Up to now money has come from each unit's general fund. Hart area is the only one in the county that is not an authority and therefore is not a taxable unit.

Several people who are running for office in the county were introduced. Gail Schulte who is running for Oceana County Treasurer, Colleen Gebhart-Reyna who is running for Registrar of Deeds, Sue Hendrie and Tina Wiegand who are running for Golden Township Clerk.

Laurie Kolosci has announced that she will finish out her term, but will not seek reelection in November.

Public input: Silver Lake Sewer project was discussed. Gary Voogt has requested payment in advance to get the engineering part of this project started. There was a petition presented from property owners in phase 1 offering a guarantee to pay Gary Voogt for engineering services. Gary Voogt is requesting money up front instead of a promise to pay. The Township has paid bills on this before and the project has stalled. If property owners are not willing to put money in a fund for this, the project will not go any further.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Kolosci that the Golden Township Board will put up \$15,000.00 and that private citizens shall put in \$10,000.00 toward the fund to start the engineering phase for the Silver Lake Sewer Project. Roll call vote: Walsworth, Kolosci. Fuehring, Ackley, and Cargill, all yes. Motion carried.

The sale of Val-Du-Lakes campground has been delayed and the new owner will not be taking over before Memorial Day. There is some concern over the number of reservations they are accepting for this weekend. Golden Township has passed an ordinance several years ago that the owner of the property shall be held responsible for these types of violations, not the persons camping in the campgrounds. The Sheriff's department has said they have to catch the person or persons breaking the rules to make an arrest. Jake has said that if there is a problem on Memorial Day weekend, if he is called he will try to make sure that the Sherriff's Department is brought in and the property owner will be held responsible and arrested. The owner of the bar is also advertising that there will be concerts that weekend with the outdoor concerts lasting until 11:00 p.m. and the indoor concerts lasting until 3:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Laurie Kolosci
Golden Township Clerk