

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
May 8, 2018
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Golden Township Board was called to order by Chairman, Carl Fuehring, at 7:30 p.m. in the Golden Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present: Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill, Rachel Iteen, Richard Walsworth, Gary Beggs

Absent: None

Also present: Rob Draper, Zoning Administrator; Ed McNeely, Township Lawyer; Jack White, Fire Chief and 10 guests.

Minutes - Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs, to approve the minutes of last month's regular board meeting and the special board meeting on 4-5-18. All yes, the motion carried.

Correspondence: None

The Treasurer read the Financial Report. The ending balance in the Fund as of May 8, 2018 was as follows: General Fund \$234,200.45; Road fund \$318,425.51; Fire Fund \$52,877.66; Park/Recreation Cash Fund \$5,508.30.

Bills: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mr. Walsworth, to pay check numbers 17370 through 17404 and EFT 99 in the general fund for the amount of \$42,674.79. Roll call vote, all yes, the motion carried.

Zoning Report: There were 39 permits this year so far and 150 rental permits have been received.

Sand Dragway: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve the extension of the noise ordinance 'til midnight for the Sand Dragway 2018 season for the following dates: May 26, June 30, July 6,7,27,& 28, July 27 & 28, August 17 & 18.

Parks Report: Mr. Whelpley talked about a tree grant program.

Reforestation Grant: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Cargill to approve participation in the Reforestation Grant to place trees along the roads in the village, parks, and cemeteries. The financial cost to the township would be the cost to plant the trees. All yes, the motion carried.

Fire Report: Fire Chief, Jack White, spoke about the budget and a long range plan for the department.

Planning Commission: Public hearing on solar was held at the last Planning Commission.

Zoning on Solar: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Cargill, to approve the zoning ordinance amendment for solar. All yes, the motion carried.

Road Report: Railroad got a two layer overlay. 56th Ave to be ground up and reshaped soon.

Sewer Report: Committee meeting on the May 17th to choose an engineer.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Payroll Post Approval: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mr. Beggs to approve payroll check when paid so they may be sent out before the board meeting. All yes, the motion carried.

Tax Foreclosures: Motion by Mr. Walsworth, supported by Mrs. Cargill to decline purchase of tax foreclosed parcels. All yes, the motion carried.

AMAR Procedures: Motion by Mr. Beggs, supported by Mrs. Cargill to adopt the procedures for the Disabled Veteran Exemption and Poverty Exemption. All yes, the motion carried.

Disabled Veteran Exemption Procedure

In order to receive this exemption the veteran must yearly apply to the Board of Review. The application process includes the following:

- Form 5107 State Tax Commission Affidavit for Disabled Veteran Exemption must be filed after January 1st and prior to the close of the December Board of Review meeting.
- Along with form 5107 the Veteran must also file a letter of authority from the Department of Veteran Affairs. All forms that are submitted to the Board of Review are subject to the Freedom of Information Act. To protect the Veteran's privacy Social Security numbers and Military Identification Numbers will be redacted.
- The Board of Review will consider the exemption for the current year only. No prior years will be heard.

Each year the assessor will calculate a new taxable and assessed value for each parcel. These values will be mailed to the Veteran each February on their Notice of Assessment Change. In the event a Veteran sells their property after the exemption has been granted. The assessor and treasurer will determine the new owner's tax obligation and file form 154 with the State Tax Commission accordingly.

Audit Process

The following criteria will be evaluated by the Board of Review to confirm eligibility for the exemption:

- Principle Residence Exemption status of the subject property.
- Veteran's mailing address on the letter of authority from the Department of Veteran Affairs.
- Veteran's voter registration address.
- Utility bills from the subject property.

Determinations

If an applicant is determined to be eligible for the exemption by the Board of Review a written notice will be mailed to the Veteran within 30 days. If granted at the March Board of Review, no tax bills will be generated for that assessment year. If granted at the July Board of Review, a revised summer bill will be mailed to the veteran. If granted at the December Board of Review, revised summer and winter bills will be mailed to the veteran. If any taxes have been paid, they will be refunded to the Veteran after the exemption has been granted.

If an applicant is determined to be ineligible by the Board of Review a written notice, including reasoning, will be mailed to the applicant within 30 days of the close of the meeting. If an exemption is denied by the Board of Review the applicant may appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Poverty Exemption Procedure

A poverty exemption can be a partial or total exemption from property taxes. This exemption must be applied for yearly.

Application Process

To be eligible for a Poverty Exemption, the applicant must own and occupy the subject property as their primary residence. The applicant must apply after January 1st and before the close of the December Board of Review each year the exemption is desired. To apply the applicant must request a Poverty Exemption application from the Township. The application, as well as proof of income, must be returned to the Assessor before the close of the December Board of Review. No previous years will be considered; only the current year.

Township Board Responsibilities

Each year the Township board will adopt a Poverty Resolution. The resolution must include an asset test as well as current income guidelines. These will be the guidelines the Board of Review will use to determine if they should grant or deny each application.

Assessor Responsibilities

Each year a new assessed and taxable value will be calculated by the assessor. These values will be mailed to the applicant on the Notice of Assessment Change each February. If a poverty application is not timely received no exemption will be given and the taxes will be due as billed. The assessor will also ensure that the application is filled out completely and that proof of income is included when received. Incomplete applications will not be considered by the Board of Review. If an incomplete application is received by the assessor, the assessor will contact the applicant to obtain the missing information.

Board of Review Responsibilities

The Board of Review (BOR) will be able to consider poverty exemptions at any of their regular meetings (March, July, or December). The BOR will review the application and the guidelines set by the Township to determine if the exemption should be granted or denied. After a determination is made the applicant will receive written notice of the BOR decision. If an application is denied the applicant may petition to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Phone Contract: No change made at this time.

Parking Resolution: Pursuant to Golden Township Ordinance No. 17

-Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mrs. Iteen to approve the following No parking Resolution. All yes, the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11

RESOLUTION REPLACING AND RESCINDING PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS NUMBERED 2018-05 AND 2018-10, AND APPROVING ORDER PROHIBITING PARKING ON CERTAIN ROADS, STREETS AND AVENUES NORTH OF, AND INCLUDING, TAYLOR ROAD, WEST OF, AND INCLUDING, B-15 a/k/a 34TH AVENUE

At a regular meeting of the Township Board (the "Board") of the Township of Golden, Michigan (the "Township"), held on Tuesday, May 08, 2018.

PRESENT: Mr. Fuehring, Mrs. Cargill, Mrs. Iteen, Mr. Walsworth, Mr. Beggs

ABSENT: None

WHEREAS, the Township has experienced significant problems with traffic and parking in the Township west of, and including, B-15 a/k/a 34th Avenue.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township, as well as that of the visiting public, would be well served and protected by a Parking Order, issued pursuant to Golden Township Ordinance No. Seventeen, prohibiting parking on certain Township streets, avenues and roads west of, and including, B-15 a/k/a 34th Avenue.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Cargill, and seconded by Mrs. Iteen.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Golden, Oceana County, Michigan, as follows:

1. The Board hereby approves, pursuant to Township Ordinance No. Seventeen, the Parking Order prohibiting parking on the following Township, County and State roads, streets and highways:
 - 34th Avenue a/k/a B-15 from its intersection with Taylor Road to its intersection with Deer Road;
 - Juniper Beach Road from its intersection with Deer Road its intersection with Lakeshore Drive;
 - Ridge Road from its intersection with Taylor Road to its intersection with the north boundary line of the Township;
 - 24th Avenue from its intersection with Fox Road to its intersection with North Shore Drive;
 - All of Edgewood, Vachon, Jean, and Shirley, Beechwood, Hunt, W. Hunt Streets that are within Section 20;
 - North Shore Drive from its beginning in Section 19 to its intersection with Taylor Road;
 - All of Easy and Vacation Streets that are within Section 29;
 - Taylor Road from its intersection with B-15 a/k/a 34th Avenue to its intersection with North Shore Drive;
 - All of Silver Dam, Lakeview, Arrowhead, Whitebirch, Holiday Court, Seapine, Lumberjack, Village and Whipperwill Roads, Streets and Drives in Sections 20 and 21;
 - Lake Holiday Drive in Sections 16 and 17;
 - All of Fox Road from its intersection with B-15 a/k/a 34th Avenue to its intersection with Ridge Road.
2. The Board hereby authorizes communication with the appropriate personnel at the County of Oceana and the State of Michigan to facilitate such prohibition through, among other things, placement of signage and enforcement.
3. The Board hereby resolves to have this resolution replace and rescind the previous No Parking Resolutions numbered 2018-05 & 2018-10.

YEAS: Mr. Fuehring, Mrs. Cargill, Mrs. Iteen, Mr. Walsworth, Mr. Beggs

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

This is to certify the above resolution was adopted by the Township of Golden at a regular meeting held May 8, 2018.

By: _____ Date: _____
Name: Rachel Iteen
Position: Golden Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of the Township of Golden, County of Oceana, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on May 8, 2018.

Name: Rachel Iteen
Position: Golden Township Clerk

Motion by Mrs. Cargill, supported by Mr. Beggs to have this Resolution replace and rescind the previous No Parking Resolutions numbered 2018-05 & 2018-10 and place this action as number three on the above resolution.

Public discussion:

- Tom Hartman asked when the No Parking signs were going to be put up. He also asked about the new cell tower on W. Taylor Rd.
- Mark Borst asked about the ORV/Golf Cart Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm
Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk