

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MINUTES  
JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>, 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.  
Board Members present Connie Cargill, Don Walsworth, Carl Fuehring, Laurie Kolosci.  
Absent, Kevin Ackley.  
The pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

Minutes of the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005 had been distributed to the board members prior to meeting.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Cargill, to waive reading of the minutes and accept them as submitted. All yes motion carried.

Kolosci read correspondence from Joyce Levy who sent a Thank you. Kari Beattie, Deputy Director for Govenor Granholm, pertaining to a copy of the resolution passed by the board on the Department of Enviromental Quality's extreme increase on critical dune area application fee increases. Norman Dodds letter concerning the update of the zoning maps and an email from Randy Flood thanking Jake Whelpley and the Township board for efforts to clean up Lake Michigan shores.

Cargill gave the treasurers report, also stating that the delinquent property tax check would be coming in June in the amount of \$15,520.17 for the General fund and \$21503.33 for the road fund.

Motion by Fuehring Support by Cargill to approve the treasurers report, all yes motion carried.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Fuehring to approve the following bills for June checks numbering 11170-11209, grand total \$14343.88, roll call vote, Fuehring, Cargill, Walsworth, Kolosci yes motion carried.

Jake Whelpley zoning administrator gave the zoning report, over all memorial weekend at was quiet and telling of the letter he had sent to property owners in Lake Michigan shores.

The Arnout land division was discussed and found to meet all requirements.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Kolosci to approve the Arnout Land division 006-031-400-05 all yes motion carried.

The Pranger land division was discussed and found to meet all requirements.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Fuehring to approve the Pranger Land Division 006-031-300-05 all yes motion carried.

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Silver Lake Resort & Campground P.U.D. was discussed they could not make any improvements to the camp with the existing zoning. The P.U.D. will have to be reopened at the time they have all their plans in order for the actual improvements.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Fuehring to approve the Silver Lake Resort & Campground P.U.D. property #006-021-300-06, all yes motion carried.

The Silver Lake project was discussed Cargill told how the O.C.R.C had approved \$16,250.00 for the existing conditions study and that the Township had ask that stages 1,2 & 3 of the public participation portion of the project could be stopped at any time whether moving ahead with the project or abandoning the project.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Cargill to approve up to \$11,500.00 for the participation portion of the Silver Lake Project, Roll call vote Fuehring, Walsworth, Cargill, Kolosci all yes motion carried.

Motion by Cargill, Support by Fuehring to approve the Fire Works display set by the Greater Silver Lake Fire Works group. All yes motion carried. (permits on file)

Jack Warfield of Sandy Korners Jeep Tours in Silver Lake explained to the board that he felt the law enforcement in Silver Lake should be consistent. He stated that he had been ticketed for obstructing traffic as he is on a dangerous corner leading to the dunes. He showed pictures of the many obstructions that occur in the area on a daily basis. Fuehring stated that it did seem harsh for example a delivery truck would obstruct traffic etc.. He also stated that the speed limit on North Shore Dr. is actually 30 mph and the sign says 25mph and the officers had actually issued many tickets over the holiday weekend. Concern was also mentioned of how many vehicles can be tow strapped together as private individuals were ticketed but, a few business owners were allowed to do so. He then ask the board to write a letter to sheriff Ken Prince asking for Consistency in the enforcement of the laws in Silver Lake. As a solution he gave an example of a flashing signal or signs again asking to board to investigate.

Motion by Fuehring Support by Cargill to write a letter to the Sheriff asking that he meet with the board to discuss the Consistency of enforcement all yes motion carried.

Kolosci told of the August 2<sup>nd</sup> election for the 911 mileage, new equipment will be needed.

Motion by Cargill Support by Fuehring to order privacy screens and related needs for the election in the amount of \$101.00 roll Call vote Cagill, Walsworth, Fuehing, Kolosci yes. Motion carried.

All board members had reviewed the new cemetery ordinance and were in favor.

Motion by Fuehring Support by Cargill to adopt the Golden Township Cemetery ordinance covering all cemeteries in Golden Township (see attached) Roll Call Vote Cargill, Fuehring, Kolosci, Walsworth yes motion approved.

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A resolution to set the fee schedule for all Golden Township cemeteries was read .

**WHEREAS,**

The Golden Township board shall set the grave space and internment fee schedule for all cemeteries located in Golden Township.

**WHEREAS,**

In accordance with MCL chapter 456. Golden Township board cemetery fee schedule shall be as follows:

TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS, INDIVIDUAL BURIAL SPACE SHALL COST \$100.00

TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS, HALF LOT PURCHASE CONSISTING OF SIX (6) BURIAL SPACES SHALL COST \$400.00

NON-TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS, INDIVIDUAL BURIAL SPACE SHALL COST \$200.00

NON-TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS, HALF LOT PURCHASE CONSISTING OF SIX (6) BURIAL SPACES SHALL COST \$800.00

ALL TRANSFERS OF ONE OR MORE BURIAL SPACES FROM AN ORIGINAL PURCHASER TO A QUALIFIED ASSIGNEE SHALL COST \$50.00.

INTERMENTS FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS;

FULL BURIAL                   \$ 300.00

CREMATION                    \$100.00

¼ OF THE INTERNMENT FEE IS TO PLACED IN A PERPETUAL CARE FUND

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Golden Township board has set the fee schedule for all Golden Township cemeteries, to become effective immediately.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Cargill.

Second offered by Board Member Fuehring.

Upon roll call vote the following voted "aye": Walsworth, Fuehring, Cargill, Kolosci.  
"The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Jeanette LeBlanc PC/ZBA recording secretary was discussed.

Motion by Cargill Support by Fuehring to pay a \$50.00 per diem for attending meetings and the taking of the minutes for the recording secretary along with the \$10.00 hourly rate for processing the minutes. Roll call vote Walsworth, Fuehring, Cargill, Kolosci all yes motion carried.

The cemetery lawn mower was discussed, it is said to be in poor running condition and is continually being fixed, Walsworth will look into the issue.

The Assessment card conversion person was discussed, 3 people were interviewed one was only going to do the drawings, one only the cards, Kathy Genter was the recommended person by Cargill and Kolosci. She came recommended by Pam Walker, and all other sources checked by Cargill. She will perform the duties of the conversion of the assessment cards as well as the apex drawings for \$4.00 per parcel, the board will offer Kathy a 2 year contract with extension available. (Contract on File)

Motion by Cargill Support by Fuehring to offer Kathy Genter the position of the conversion process with full job description to be in contract for the cost of \$4.00 per parcel. Roll call Kolosci, Walsworth, Cargill, Fuehring all yes motion carried.

The assessors contract was discussed, an offer had been submitted to Pam Walker current assessor for a 2 year contract for \$30,000.00 for the first year, \$32,000.00 for the second year. With the thought that after the conversion which should take about 2 years a reassessment could be made.

There was much discussion on the assessor contract.

Motion by Walsworth, Support by Fuehring to accept the counter offer of Walker for a 3 year contract in the amount of \$36,000.00 for each year.

Support by Fuehring withdrawn.

Motion by Cargill Support by Kolosci to offer the assessor a 2 year contract in the amount of \$32,000.00 for both years. Roll Call vote Cargill, Kolosci, Fuehring yes Walsworth No motion carried.

Kolosci will submit a contract to Ms. Walker.

The passing of Bill Lathers a life long resident of Mears was discussed, the board wonders how and what can be done to honor a man who has given more to his community than anyone will probably ever know. Kolosci will check into legal

expenditures and it was also said that possibly we could use Art Fair money to purchase a bench ,plaque etc. in honor of Mr. Lathers.

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Joe Nameth read a letter he had sent to Steve Bruce and Don Walsworth concerning Timber Lake, letter on file.

Dave Schwarz of DuneLand told the board of a neighbor who owns a tire shop out of state and is selling new and used tires road side. Sales tax etc. were discussed. Whelpley stated he had checked it out and there was no signage, he feels it would be hard to pursue legally, but will look into the issue by contacting the Township attorney. Whelpley also stated that No Itinerant merchants were allowed in Golden Township.

Dodie Stark voiced her concerns over the portion of the zoning ordinance which allows Wind turbines in the Township.

She asks for a one year moratorium on Wind Turbines & that a research committee of the public be formed to make recommendations.

Carl Fuehring who also sits on the Golden Planning Commission was outraged as they had spent many hours and many public hearings on the issue asking the question where were you when the commission publicly asked for input on that very issue? Ms. Stark stated that she will ask to be added to the Planning Commissions agenda to discuss The Wind Turbine issue.

Motion by Kolosci Support by Cargill to adjourn motion carried, adjournment 9:05 pm.

Laurie Kolosci

Golden Township Clerk