

**GOLDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2007**

The regular meeting was called to order by Supervisor Walsworth at 7:30 p.m., members present: Don Walsworth, Carl Fuehring, Connie Cargill and Laurie Kolosci. Absent Kevin Ackley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

The minutes from the June 12<sup>th</sup> regular and the June 28<sup>th</sup> special meeting were read.

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to approve the June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup> 2007 minutes.

Treasurer Cargill reported \$208,708.69 in the General fund and \$80,299.76 in the Road fund.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Kolosci to approve the Treasurers report all yes motion carried.

Presentation of the bills:

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Cargill to approve check numbers 12198 – 12241 totaling \$54,336.00, roll call vote Walworth, Cargill, Fuehring and Kolosci all yes, Ackley absent.

Z.A. Whelpley reported 16 permits were issued last month, he also reported that the Oceana County Circuit Court declared the County Junk Ordinance unenforceable. Discussion as to whether Golden Township will reinstate its own ordinance. Jake will consult with Attorney Ed McNeely for advice on this matter. Whelpley also reported that he had sent a letter to Ron Longcore concerning a house he owns in Golden Township which was burned out, Mr. Longcore has promised to have the mess cleaned up by the end of August.

Motion by Fuehring, Support by Cargill to have the Zoning administrator research blight ordinances and Township Junk Ordinances. All yes motion carried.

Zoning administrator Whelpley discussed the Zoning Ordinance amendments, he recommended tabling them until the Planning Commission could hold another public hearing as it seemed many had missed the publicized notice.

Motion by Cargill supported by Fuehring to return the Zoning Amendments to the Planning Commission for amending and more public input, all aye, motion carried.

Chairman Walsworth told the audience of the Townships interest in purchasing the Golden School, there was a question concerning the Golden School whether the property would be part of the purchase or sold separately, it will be sold with the building.

Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to authorize Supervisor Walsworth to sign the purchase agreement for the Golden School and property upon the approval of the Township attorney and clearing of the title. All yes motion carried.

The August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 election was discussed.

Motion by Fuehring support by Cargill to appoint Joann Vander Weele, Mindy Whitney, Brenda Draper, Veronica Owens as election inspectors for the Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 election all yes motion carried.

56<sup>th</sup> Ave. from Fox to Taylor was discussed.

Motion by Fuehring, support by Cargill to send \$4000.00 to OCRC for preliminary engineering for road maintenance on 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Fox to Taylor. Roll Call vote: Cargill, Walsworth, Kolosci Fuehring all yes, Ackley absent. Motion carried.

The Truth in Taxation hearing to be held August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7:15 pm clerk to have notice published.

Discussion of the issue of pets on Golden Township Beach, a suggestion was made to post no pets on the beach another was to post Pet owners clean up behind their pets.

Motion by Fuehring to post the Golden Township Beach no pets allowed. No support motion failed.

Motion by Cargill support by Kolosci to post the Golden Township Beach with signage stating Please clean up after your pets. Walsworth, Cargill, Kolosci yes, Fuehring No.

A fireworks complaint was turned into the clerk and much discuss on the issue. It was stated that the police have stepped up the watch in Silver Lake. Clerk to send a letter to Timber Lake Resort for an answer to the fireworks complaint from their property on Lake Michigan.

Public discussion on rezoning, the planning commission to review and rewrite. The Planning Commission will meet on the last Tuesday of every month. It was suggested by Whelpley that the public should be more involved in the Planning Commission meetings to discuss their thoughts and feelings on the matter. Anyone with comments and or feelings on the matter should write their thoughts down for Whelpley to take the Commission. Persons contributing to the public discussion about the zoning amendments were, Jack Jefferies, Ed Davis, Nancy Husk and others.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Laurie Kolosci  
Golden Township Clerk