

GOLDEN TOWNSHIP
July 12, 2011
Regular Board Meeting 7:30 pm
Golden Township Hall

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Regular Board Meeting called to order at 7:32pm.

Present: Walsworth, Wiegand, Cargill, Fuehring, Ackley.

MINUTES from the June 14th regular meeting were presented.

-One correction was noted: Under New Business #2, "Truth and Taxation" should be "Approval of Tax Millage Rates."

Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the minutes from the June 14th meeting with the above correction. All yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

-E-mail from Michelle Walla on Beechwood Drive regarding the fact that her road did not get brined. Walsworth has followed up with her.

TREASURER'S REPORT

-Cargill reported the balances as follows: General Fund beginning balance of \$180,062.19 on June 1st, 2011, ending balance on June 30th, 2011 of \$183,597.57. The Road Fund beginning balance of \$251,845.30 on June 1st, 2011 and ending balance of \$148,404.30 on June 30th, 2011.

-Cargill also presented additional information regarding the T&A fund which had an ending balance of \$48,763.01. This fund is a pass through account. Cargill also presented the Fire Fund which has an ending balance of \$54,800.68. This fund is also a pass through fund which holds the Fire Millage money until it is paid to the Hart Area Fire Board.

-Motion by Ackley, support by Fuehring to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. All yes, motion carried.

BILLS were presented for approval:

Cargill summarized bills for the month as presented on the report.

-Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve check numbers 14190 through 14230 from the General Fund totaling \$92,664.70. An additional check was written to Oceana County Equalization. \$22,134.00 was for the Hart Area Fire Board. Also check numbers 1128-1132 from the Road Fund totalling \$6,359.23. Roll call vote Walsworth-yes, Cargill-yes, Fuehring-yes, Ackley-yes, Wiegand-yes. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT:

- Letter from Bill Kolenda requesting resignation from the Planning Commission. Jake has a list of interested parties to fill the position, and will also post it to the public.
- Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to accept the resignation of Bill Kolenda from the Golden Township Planning Commission. All yes, motion carried.
- Cargill suggested sending a letter to Bill Kolenda, as well as Vern Counselor for their service to the Township.
- Site Plan for Val Du PUD Amendment was submitted and will be discussed at the Planning Commission meeting this month.
- Conversations with Grace Youth Camp about possibly converting their development to a PUD. They will present preliminary information at this month's meeting.
- Discussions with the home owner's insurance company regarding the home that was burned down. They will be cleaning up the site and rebuilding.
- Violations as follows:
 - Storage building erected without a permit.
 - Ongoing yard sale.
 - Shed that was constructed without a permit.
 - Illegal land split.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

As submitted

OLD BUSINESS

1. None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Building Use Policy
 - Tentative form presented by Wiegand. Requesting input from board regarding the form, liability and making sure it includes everything.
 - McNeely suggested that if rent is charged we may lose the Governmental Immunity. Board members requested more information on this. McNeely also suggested possibly having 2 forms, one for the Hall and one for Johnson Square.
 - Walsworth suggested using the form for now until additional input could be received from McNeely.
2. Carpenter's Daughters Building
 - This group is requesting at least three days for their event. Requesting input on how to charge them, per day, or per event.
 - Walsworth suggested charging them per event.
 - Wiegand suggested allowing them the per event fee, however, if another group requests the use of the hall on the same day, they would be required to allow the other group in or pay the extra event fee for the additional day. The Board agreed.
3. State Park Site Plan
 - Site Plan presented for renovations to Silver Lake State Park Campground presented by Charlotte, State Park Manager.

- Site Plan has already been approved by the County Road Commission.
 - The plan includes moving Shore Drive as it sits within the recently purchased State Park Parcel. Dick Walsworth explained the existing portion of Shore Drive will be abandoned and an easement will be created on the neighboring property for the new Shore Drive. The Road Commission approved moving the road to the east.
 - Dick Walsworth stated the road will be paved when it is moved and suggested having the township pave the remainder of Shore Drive at that time.
 - Charlotte is hoping the project will be funded in the next five years.
 - Motion by Fuehring, support by Ackley to approve the State Park Site Plan as presented with the understanding that the State Park will rebuild and improve Shore Drive to the property line. All yes, motion carried.
 - Charlotte also explained that the Road Commission had approved a smaller right-of-way of 44' instead of 66'.
4. Juniper Beach
 - Mr. and Ms. Taylor from 3395 N. Lakeshore Drive are requesting placement of a sign near the Silver Ridge entrance to minimize dune buggy traffic on their dead end road. There had been a sign there in the past, but it is no longer there. They suggested the sign say, "No Dune Access" and "No Outlet."
 - Wiegand to order sign from the Road Commission, Bill Taylor to stake the location for the sign.
 5. Drainage Issue at 5408 W. Fifth St.
 - Letter submitted from property owner, Robert Bricker.
 - Two drains seem to drain on to his property. He has done significant landscaping to the property and the excessive drainage is damaging the improvements.
 - Mr. Bricker is requesting a resolve to eliminate and/or significantly reduce the flow volumes onto his property.
 - Walsworth to contact Mr. Bricker and the County.
 6. Telamon Repair Policy
 - Cargill suggested creating a form for building maintenance and repairs so as to better track expenses.
 - Motion by Cargill, support by Fuehring to create a form for building repairs and maintenance to be approved before work is done. All yes, motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Dick Walsworth requested letter be sent to the County for approval for the four road projects. Don Walsworth and Cargill stated the letter had already been sent.
2. Resident questioned whether the second brining had been scheduled for this year. Walsworth stated it should be in the next 1-2 weeks.

Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tina Wiegand
Golden Township Clerk

